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New Offspace: Affspace for Architecture

At the Affspace at Münstergasse 4, a broad audience will be provided access to contemporary architecture. As from April 2016, Paula Sansano and Nicola Scheller create an offspace for the interdisciplinary exchange on architecture, city development and theme wise related content at the Zunfthaus zum Affen in the Old Town of Berne.

The Affspace obtained its label from „Aff“, the Bernese stonecutters’ and engravers’ name for an undressed stone. In relation to their work as creators of art and passionate imitators, they considered themselves as „Affen Gottes“ (engl. God’s monkeys). The Affspace at the Zunfthaus der Affen thus connects the medieval architectural tradition of the Bernese Old Town with contemporary fields of knowledge in architecture and design.

The project room bids for public exchange on architecture. With four to six exhibitions per year, evenings of discussion, series of lectures, as well as workshop talks, a lot of activities are scheduled. Representatives from the fields of science, design and development as well as product development reflect on the contemporary discourse. The Affspace provides space for experimental formats, especially ideas at the interface between art, design, and film.

The Affspace is situated within striking distance from the inscribed imperative „Mach’s nah!“ (engl. „Imitate it!“) at the main section of the Bern Minster. The demand of the Minster’s master builder is taken serious and the Affspace regards itself as the initial point for fresh impulses. It exhibits architecture as a constituent part of socio-political discussions. It does partly eliminate the authoritarian severity of the latter, places it into cultural context, and thus allows a democratic discourse - right after the creative principle of the old monkeys.

Opening hours: Thu 5pm-8pm and Sat 9am-2pm or on request.