

Abstract

This project was inspired after experiencing police violence during a Pride event in Berlin. As a way to understand this encounter from a personal perspective and provide a participatory, collaborative platform for knowledge sharing, I decided to create a wiki focused on community safety and rejecting police violence. In the process of learning how to create a wiki, researching information and content for pages, and sharing the wiki with my network for feedback, the scope of the project evolved to hold the title “Berlin Community Safety.” In its current state, the wiki defines “community safety” as “anything that contributes to the people around us feeling safe, secure, and able to live their lives in a self-determined way.” The project includes not only reactive responses to police violence, but also preventative community care initiatives to reduce carceral state interactions. The wiki has been shared with individuals, organizations, and loose community networks to be edited and self-created as a resource.