

A place of dreams

The transformation of the world famous Berlin Tempelhof airport into a public urban garden for everybody

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It is a phenomenon that we usually know from films and novels when a territory thought to have been lost, is being rediscovered. Within a few months after air traffic has been stopped in 2010, the Tempelhof airport has become the biggest place of pilgrimage in the city of Berlin, magically attracting people from all over the world, from all walks of life and cultures. At the peak of the Cold War Tempelhof was worldwide the symbol of liberty during the airlift at the time of Berlin's blockade. After 300 years of military and aeronautical use, the field now is open for the people. Suddenly everybody can play on this space, can project his or her dreams and realise them there.



































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