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Session **Gerhard Weber**
WohnRaum (LivingSpace)

This Workshop stems from the teachers book WohnRaum (LivingSpace) ordered by the Swiss Federal Office for Housing, that Petri Zimmermann and I created for the age group 13 – 16. One main problem in Switzerland is urban sprawl.



Today's pupils must learn to vote on spatial planning and settlement development in the future. Switzerland is a direct democracy. Citizens can regularly vote on the built environment, at communal, cantonal and national levels. WohnRaum heightens pupils' awareness of social, ecological, economic, historic, artistic and civic issues.

WohnRaum comprises 6 folders and one DVD on separate themes. WohnRaum makes it possible to teach 36 comprehensive lessons in 10 subjects. Subject-specific, interdisciplinary and in project weeks.

In this workshop's modul the participants create their own minimal flat in one shipping-container, including basic facilities.

Then they try to discuss and to build ways of living together on minimal surfaces by combining two or more containers.



WohnRaum has been published in 2010 by schulverlag plus.
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