

## Premiere at NEW HOUSING: Live podcasts in the expert forum

NEW HOUSING 2023 offers a premiere this year. On the expert forum stage, viewers can be up close and personal when Chris and Caro from "Tiny On" record live podcasts. Fans of small forms of housing will also be familiar with their discussion partner

**Karlsruhe, 08.02.2023** They are informative and entertaining, everyone has them in their pocket and you can consume them if you want - we are talking about podcasts. There are also some about Tiny Houses and two will be recorded live at NEW HOUSING, which will take place from 30 June to 2 July at Messe Karlsruhe.

The hosts of the episodes will be Chris and Caro from "Tiny On". The two Tiny House residents and have been publishing regular podcasts about the mini houses for almost a year. "For us, the decision to live in a Tiny House is more than reduced living. It stands for more awareness and sustainability beyond our 42 square metres," say the two.

At NEW HOUSING, they will tell how the two found their way into the Tiny House in the forum, where experts from the industry will talk about everything worth knowing about the topic. Chris Klerner and Caro Werner will explain the hurdles they encountered on their way to owning a tiny home, what interested parties should look out for and much more.

The NEW HOUSING as a venue for the live podcasts is no coincidence, the two were already guests at the Karlsruhe trade fair last year: "The NEW HOUSING is the perfect opportunity to compare one's often rosy internet impressions with an actual experience of the mini houses. It offers the perfect opportunity to weigh up even better whether a consciously reduced life is an option and what the first step towards it might look like."

Information on when Chris and Caro will be on stage at the NEW HOUSING 2023 Expert Forum and where interested parties can find the two mini-house dwellers before and after the stage appearances is available on the NEW HOUSING websites.

You can find more information about NEW HOUSING HERE

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## **More about Tiny Houses**

**Counter-design:** In a world of excess, in which resources are consumed and the climate is heating up more and more, Tiny Houses are the counter-design. The small houses of 15 to 50 square metres offer everything a person needs -but no more than is necessary.

**Space miracle:** Because of their smaller size, Tiny Houses and their furnishings must be well thought out. Original, individual and sophisticated furniture designs are therefore an integral part of the tiny houses. They thus become real space wonders and masters of multifunctionality.

**Ecological footprint:** While fewer resources are used for the construction of a Tiny House than for that of a conventional house, the ecological footprint of Tiny House residents also remains lower as a result. Also, less land needs to be sealed for Tiny Houses - if at all. In the case of tiny houses on wheels, the sealing is reduced even further. One thing is clear: less surface area means less impact on the environment. Speaking of the environment: nature is naturally part of Tiny Houses. Residents live in harmony with their environment; the garden is virtually a natural part of the Tiny House area.

**Costs:** While the construction of a conventional house in Germany currently costs between 320,000 and 360,000 euros on average, house builders have to spend much less on Tiny Houses. Due to the smaller surface area, land prices and maintenance costs are also lower as a result.

**Mobility and flexibility:** Those who own a conventional house but want to change jobs or do so have to put up with more effort or restrictions. Either the search for a new job is severely limited in terms of location, or the commute to work becomes a regular test of patience. Tiny house dwellers do not know this. Houses on wheels in particular, but also modular houses, impress with their flexibility and mobility. However, there are still legal questions to be clarified.

The question of land: As with conventional houses, Tiny House owners also need a plot of land with a connection to the public road, path, supply and waste disposal network. The prerequisite for this is a development plan. And this is where the challenge lies, because development plans are intended for conventional residential buildings. In development plans, municipalities determine how high a house may be or what the roof shape or type of windows may look like in order to fit into the locality. The minimum floor area is also usually part of a development plan. Those who live in a Tiny House for more than four months of the year must also comply with the Building Energy Act with requirements for building insulation and heating. Some federal states offer options for other ways. In Baden-Württemberg, for example, there is a paragraph 56 that allows "experimental building". In Waldbronn in the district of Karlsruher, for example, a Tiny House settlement could be built. In Mühlacker,



Germany's largest settlement to date is currently being planned with 62 tiny houses. And the municipality of Au am Rhein in the district of Rastatt is also toying with such a settlement.

**Association work:** Since October 2019, the <u>Tiny House Association</u> has been taking care of informing about the topic, serving as a network, supporting research and education and providing assistance on legal issues. Messe Karlsruhe is one of the founding members of the association and has been involved ever since.