

# Memories

# Problems

# Dreams

## Marzahn (Springpfuhl)

### **Knut Mühlmann (technician Horizont Wohnungsgenossenschaft):**

- “The residents in our cooperative are getting older and older and are having more and more problems getting into their apartments. We have elevators, but they do not reach the ground floor.”
- “Our cooperative would like to build more apartments and also has the necessary financial resources to do so. In the immediate environment, we own a large parking lot that we would like to develop.”

### **Renate Müller (neighbour):**

- “Berlin needs more housing and I agree that the area needs to be re-densified. However, a great quality of the GDR urban development are the large, beautiful green spaces between the blocks, these must be preserved in any case.”
- “Since everyone moved in at the same time after the settlement was built, there was a lot of cohesion among us. There was no special common room but we used the hallway on the 10th floor to celebrate New Year’s Eve together.”
- “Now the children have moved out and many men have died off, which means that in some cases large apartments are occupied by only one woman.”
- “It is very pleasant to live in a cooperative because the rent is very low and I am not afraid of being kicked out of my apartment.”

### **Frau A. (neighbour):**

- “There are blackbirds, wood peckers, even squirrels living in this little urban forest. I always enjoy passing through.”