

# BUY BUY ST. PAULI

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## SYNOPSIS

„What’s gone is gone! And will never come back!“, Andreas says vigorously. He has been living in the post-war modernist „Esso-Houses“ since 1988. With the „Esso-Häuser Action Group“ he is fighting against the demolition of his home, planned by one of the biggest players on Germany’s real estate market. For two years the film team has accompanied him and many of his neighbours and fellow campaigners: in the houses, in the flats, at demonstrations and brushmobs, at meetings with architects in Paris, at press conferences and political discussions.

The „Esso-Houses“ are gaining fame far beyond Hamburg – they have become a symbol for gentrification and the resistance against it. After all, in 2014 the houses are gone. Knocked down. Also gone are the name-giving petrol station, the music clubs, the motel and the tenants – in short: many places and people that shaped the face of St. Pauli. But the achievement of the action group remains, the tenants now know how...

## CAST AND CREW

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