



TO HELL WITH PROFIT. LET'S DO SOMETHING WORTHWHILE

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SYNOPSIS

Reiner wanted to do things differently. Both in respect of his political principles and his technical work he wanted to go beyond conventional practices. In 1970, at the age of 21, he enrolled at Berlin's Technical University to study aerospace. In 1978 with two like-minded male colleagues he founded the socialist engineering collective "Wuseltronick" in an old apartment building in Berlin-Moabit. They intended to find out if it was possible to develop small scale, effective production practices outside the parameters of traditional capitalist manufacture. The collective became their family, and they described their work practises as democratic in that they were exhaustive discussions as to which projects should be undertaken. However despite hard work, they made little money. But for Reiner, who despised making money for its own sake, that was not important. It was enough for him to realise his own idea of fusing life and work. It was therefore fortunate that his...

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