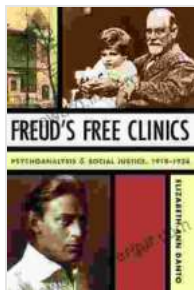


# Freud Free Clinics: Psychoanalysis and Social Justice 1918-1938

In the turbulent years following World War I, a group of radical psychoanalysts in Vienna founded the Freud Free Clinics. These clinics offered free psychoanalysis to marginalized communities, including the poor, the working class, and the unemployed. The clinics were a bold experiment in providing mental health care to those who could not afford it, and they played a significant role in the development of social justice movements in the early 20th century.



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The Freud Free Clinics were founded in 1918 by a group of psychoanalysts who were dissatisfied with the traditional model of psychoanalysis, which was only available to the wealthy. The psychoanalysts who founded the clinics believed that psychoanalysis could be a powerful tool for social change, and they wanted to make it available to everyone.

The clinics were initially funded by private donations, but they soon began to receive government support. By the early 1930s, the Freud Free Clinics were operating in eight different locations in Vienna. The clinics provided a wide range of services, including individual psychoanalysis, group therapy, and child therapy.

The Freud Free Clinics were a popular success. Thousands of people sought treatment at the clinics, and many of them reported significant improvements in their mental health. The clinics also played a significant role in the development of psychoanalysis as a scientific discipline. The psychoanalysts who worked at the clinics developed new techniques and theories, and they published numerous articles and books about their work.

The Freud Free Clinics were closed in 1938 by the Nazis. The Nazis considered psychoanalysis to be a "Jewish science," and they banned all psychoanalytic activity in Germany and Austria. Many of the psychoanalysts who had worked at the Freud Free Clinics were forced to flee the country.

The Freud Free Clinics were a pioneering experiment in providing free psychoanalysis to marginalized communities. The clinics played a significant role in the development of social justice movements in the early 20th century, and they continue to inspire activists and clinicians today.

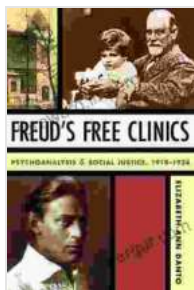
## **The Legacy of the Freud Free Clinics**

The legacy of the Freud Free Clinics is complex and multifaceted. The clinics were a pioneering experiment in providing free psychoanalysis to marginalized communities, and they played a significant role in the development of social justice movements in the early 20th century.

However, the clinics were also closed by the Nazis in 1938, and their work was largely forgotten for many years.

In recent years, there has been a renewed interest in the Freud Free Clinics. Scholars have begun to study the clinics' history and their impact on the development of psychoanalysis and social justice. The clinics have also been the subject of several documentaries and exhibitions.

The legacy of the Freud Free Clinics is a reminder that psychoanalysis can be a powerful tool for social change. The clinics showed that psychoanalysis can be used to help people overcome mental illness and to improve their lives. The clinics also showed that psychoanalysis can be used to challenge social injustice and to create a more just and equitable world.



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