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WE'LL COME UNITED -
CONFERENCE IN FRANKFURT,
26 - 28 APRIL 2024

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ABOUT US

We are an open network of people from different social, anti-racist and political groups. We are a »mixed« initiative with people from different backgrounds and experiences. We are all self-organised and there are no big organisations or parties behind this project.

We are a decentralised network based on local groups that are connected through regular joint activities such as meetings, demonstrations, conferences or camps on a Germany-wide and transnational level.

We fight for the right to stay, for freedom of movement and for equal rights for all. We know that a continuous, long-term struggle is necessary to stop deportations, break through social exclusion and abolish camps and borders.

We have a lot of work to do to organise for our rights, and everyone is welcome to join us and work with us.

WCU WEBSITE

Just in time for the conference we have updated the website of We'll Come United:

www.welcome-united.org/en/

The website contains multilingual materials on the fight for the right to stay, against deportations and for solidarity at the EU's external borders:

www.welcome-united.org/en/materials_eng/

If you would like to provide further materials for counselling and support, please contact us at

mail@welcome-united.org

We collect and publish germanwide events and mobilisations in a calendar:

www.welcome-united.org/en/calender-2/

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WELCOME TO THE WE'LL COME UNITED CONFERENCE IN FRANKFURT

We are delighted that over 350 people have registered for the WCU conference in Frankfurt. We hope to spend three days together with intensive exchange and inspiring discussions.

TO THE PROGRAMME

Over 25 workshops

As you could already see in the preliminary announcement, we have opted for a diverse and »decentralised« programme. There are more than 25 workshops prepared by different groups and networks. In this reader you will find brief descriptions and contacts for each of them. Most of the working groups last »only« 90 minutes and everyone should make sure to start and finish on time so that there are no delays in the subsequent sessions..

Two panels

Two »central« panels will take place: at the opening on Friday evening and on Saturday evening. The first is dedicated to the current struggles against the border regime and after the four inputs we want to get into diverse initial discussions in small groups (Worldcafe).

The second panel will focus on the background to flight and migration movements as well as on cross-over-connections to other social struggles. We will then discuss the four inputs together in the assembly.

Coming together workshops and closing plenary

On Sunday, we want to start with workshops, in which we bring together conclusions from similar topics. Afterwards we will share interim results and proposals in a joint closing plenary. We want to collect all upcoming mobilisations in a calendar and make further arrangements.

ROOMS/MEETING-SPACES

The Studierendehaus is our central conference building. On the ground floor is the Koz, where drinks and food are available (also outside). On the first floor there is a corridor with various information tables and the large meeting room where the two panels, working groups and the final plenary session will take place. We also have three smaller rooms for working groups in this building. If it doesn't rain and hopefully gets a bit warmer again, we could also make good use of the extensive campus grounds.

Only about 500 metres away from the Student House – on Beethovenplatz – is the Christuskirche, where we have 2 to 3 more working group rooms. Also about 500 metres away – at Leipziger Straße 17 – is the Hessian Refugee Council. Working groups can also take place here.

(See also the maps for the rooms on the right page)

TRANSLATIONS

For the large meeting room (i.e. for the two panels and the final plenary session) and for three other working group rooms, we have translation equipment for simultaneous translation using small radios. For other rooms we have so-called spiders, which enable translations for smaller groups. The BLA and Interprise collectives are supporting us at the conference. But we also need the support and patience of all participants so that everyone can speak in their own languages. Please get in touch at the Info-Point if you can help with translating.

(More information on BLA and Interprise on page 7 and tips for multilingual working groups on page 18)

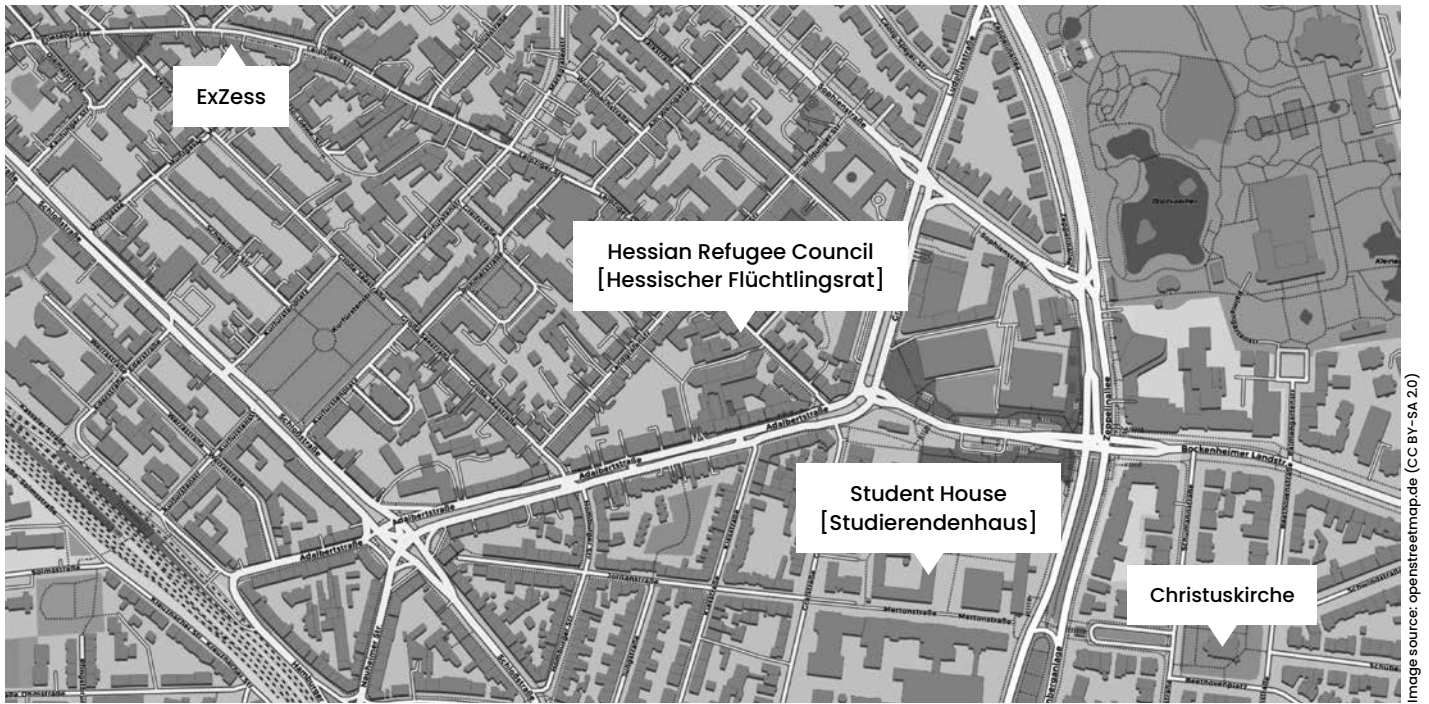


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SLEEPING PLACES

We have endeavoured to find as many private sleeping places as possible, which will be arranged in advance via the sleeping place exchange or then on Friday evening in the anteroom to the large assembly hall.

In addition, we have two collective sleeping areas for which sleeping mats and sleeping bags are required. One of these dormitories is about 45 minutes away from the conference in the Oberrad district (but with a direct tram connection). There are toilets but not showers here.

The second dormitory is the student house itself. All the rooms mentioned above can be used here. There is therefore a relatively large amount of space and there are of course toilets and washbasins, but unfortunately no showers. Anyone who urgently needs a shower can report to the Info Point.

DRINKS AND FOOD

Cold drinks are available in the Koz (on the ground floor) at the bar at reasonable prices. Drinking water, coffee and tea will be provided by the »Food thats left« kitchen, which has also thankfully taken over the entire food supply – warm vegan food in the evening and at lunchtime as well as a vegan-vegetarian breakfast buffet. Anyone who is able to make this possible is asked to put around €3 to €5 per meal in a donation box.

(The reader also contains the self-description of »Food thats left« on page 7)

LOGISTICAL HELP

We will probably need support for the kitchen and for washing the dishes, preparing breakfast and serving drinks at the bar. We will publicise this on wall newspapers/posters or make announcements at the plenary sessions. It would be nice if many people could join in and help to tidy up the premises at the end.

FINANCES/DONATIONS

For people with no or very low income, travel costs are covered and food at the conference is free. Participants with an income are asked to donate 3 to 5 euros each for the meals and – if possible – to pay a small conference fee (approx. 10 euros per day).

With additional income from some applications, we hope to cover the costs of the conference as far as possible.

PARTY ON SATURDAY EVENING

On Saturday evening between 21:00 and 01:00 there will be a small conference party at Leipziger Straße 91, about 10 minutes' walk from the conference venue. There will be a café with a drinks bar and a hall where we can play music and dance.

However, we want to end the party at 01:00 at night so that everyone is fit again for breakfast at 09:00 the next morning :-)

AWARENESS CONCEPT

Awareness number:

will be displayed during the conference

Introduction:

For our conference, we want everyone to feel comfortable and have a good time without being negatively affected by others. This could happen, for example, through intrusive and/or discriminatory behaviour. We will do our best to create a space of mutual respect and solidarity in our WCU conference environment. We want to make the meeting a productive, trustful and valued place for all participants. Any form of discrimination such as racism, anti-Semitism, sexism, trans- and homophobia, ableism or similar attacks and discrimination have no place here and will be addressed critically and actively. We trust in all of us and invite each and every one of us to contribute to a respectful coming together.

What is awareness?

Awareness is a concept that deals with respectful interaction with one another in order to be attentive and sensitive to discrimination and assaults. This refers to any form of discrimination based on gender, social or geographical origin, skin colour, age, sexual orientation and religion. People's boundaries can be transgressed anywhere. Everyone brings their own experiences, socialisation, language and culture, and we need to be actively aware of this when we interact with each other. As individuals, we may unconsciously reproduce discrimination in one way or another. We realise that we need to continuously and critically reflect on our own behaviour.

Crossing boundaries/discriminatory behaviour:

- The definition of whether a boundary has been crossed lies solely with the person concerned.
- Every person affected by e.g. racist/sexualised violence can say for themselves what they perceive as violence and when violence is experienced, classified and evaluated by the person affected based on their personal history, present and experience. For example, unwanted touching, dancing on people or even consistent verbal harassment can be perceived as assaultive behaviour.

Awareness structure at the meeting:

There will be an awareness team during the days of the meeting. We want to have a mixed team in terms of languages and backgrounds. The awareness concept as such should help to recognise, reduce and prevent violations and discrimination and raise awareness among all of us. This is important because the awareness team is not a special authority that is supposed to stand for safety and order. Rather, everyone present is called upon to make their contribution to mindfulness so that everyone can feel comfortable.

- Be attentive! Respect your personal boundaries and those of others.
- If you see that another person needs help: Ask the person concerned if you have the opportunity to do so. If necessary, contact the awareness team or the organising crew.
- If you feel uncomfortable or threatened dealing with a situation alone, you can always speak to the awareness team or other people.
- You can always contact the awareness team. We will respond if you ask us to.

How to find the awareness team:

You will find a telephone number posted everywhere where you can reach us. The people at the info point will also know.

TRANSLATION- AND KITCHEN-COLLECTIVES

(BLA)

[bla] is a non-profit autonomous collective formed and maintained by political activists who live in different countries in Europe.

We consider that every person is involved and actively part of different power systems which lead to oppression and privilege, based on social categories (such as class, race, gender, age, culture, language abilities, ...). We believe neutral positions do not exist in such power systems and that these dominations are present and active in group discussions.

Language is power

Because some languages were, and still are, brutally imposed by colonial power relations (like English, French, Spanish, ...), these languages and people who speak them still dominate in multilingual transnational meetings. People who speak other languages often don't understand well and/or don't feel confident enough to contribute to assemblies which use dominant languages.

[bla] wants to help fight domination linked to language abilities by making them visible and make equipment for simultaneous interpretation in different languages available.

bla.potager.org

INTERPRISE

We are a group of people with interpreting experience. Our aim is to support groups and initiatives that are politically, socially or culturally opposed to power relations.

We do this by organizing interpretation and by interpreting ourselves for events, meetings and the like.

In doing so, we want to raise awareness of the importance of this work.

We also want to emphasize that language and structures of oppression are connected. Hierarchies can be identified between languages and they can reproduce discrimination.

We try to expose these structures and counteract them with your help.

Working for and with InterpRise is not our paid work. We see ourselves as an activist collective with a political intention.

interprise.nirgendwo.info/who-we-are/

FOOD THAT'S LEFT

Food That's Left is a political and social action-KüfA (Kitchen for All) from the Rhine-Main area. We are not a classic KüfA that is only set up in one place, but we go where we are needed, usually cook together with the activists and serve the food on the spot. We see our KüfA work as a political action within the climate justice movement.

Food That's Left mainly processes rescued food from various sources and adapts daily to what is rescued or donated. We are therefore extremely flexible when it comes to the food we offer. With Food That's Left, we live a piece of climate protection and position ourselves vehemently against food waste and its wasteful industry, which contributes enormously to climate change by fueling the exploitation of nature, animals and people alike.

foodthatsleft.de

PROGRAMME-OVERVIEW OF THE WCU-CONFERENCE IN FRANKFURT

in Studierendenhaus in Frankfurt-Bockenheim, Mertonstraße 26, 60325 Frankfurt am Main

FRIDAY, 26TH OF APRIL 2024

13:00 – 18.30 kritnet meeting

17:00 Welcoming Workshop for Newcomers

18:30 Food/dinner

19:30 Opening Panel I

Selforganized Struggles against the EU Border Regime

With four Inputs:

- On the ambivalences of recent mass mobilizations in Germany against the extreme right (*by antifascist platform*)
- On the power of flight and migration movement and the informal, invisible but strong solidarity structures (*by We'll Come United Network*)
- On the struggles against deportations and social exclusion (*by Abolish ABH Campaign*)
- On daily solidarity structures against the externalization of borders in North Africa (*by Refugees in Libya – www.refugeesinlibya.org*)

After the inputs we will split into a world cafe with the opportunity to re-discuss the respective four inputs in smaller groups.

SATURDAY, 27TH OF APRIL 2024

9:00 Breakfast

10:00 – 11:30 Workshop Session I

- I.1. Exchange of experiences on support for people in deportation prisons;
- I.2. Freedom of Movement Struggles: what is happening along the routes;
- I.3. Federal Reception Programme (BAP) for Afghanistan and the current situation in Afghanistan with a focus on women's rights;
- I.4. Stop Racial Profiling! (Part 1)

- I.5. War and migration as cause and effect: a historical and current perspective and activist strategies;
- I.6. How do we move from »against the right« to the antiracist migration society?

11:30 – 12.00 Break

12:00 – 13:30 Workshop Session II

- II.1. Soli-Asylum. Solidarity structures against deportation
- II.2. Solidarity on the Routes: structures of concrete support on a daily level
- II.3. Transnational Local Struggles: Their Impact on Migration from Sudan, Ethiopia and Eritrea to the EU
- II.4. Stop Racial Profiling! (Part 2)
- II.5. Challenges and struggles on the routes of refugees and migrants from Guinea via the Sahel-Sahara routes, the Sahel, the Maghreb to Europe;
- II.6. An open society for all. Joint campaign and manifesto;
- II.7. Criminalisation of Flight(support) in Germany: so-called »smugglers«, border controls, raids – and support for people on the move: an invitation to exchange ideas;
- II.8. We'll Come United Summercamp 2024 (in Thuringia) – For a culture of resistance;

13:30 – 15:00 Break/Lunch

15:00 – 16:30 Workshop Session III

- III.1. Monitoring Charter Deportations
- III.2. European border externalisation – current developments and dynamics in the struggle for freedom of movement
- III.3. Genocide of Hazara people in Afghanistan
- III.4. Campaign against the foreigner's authority: Why ABH must be abolished
- III.5. Recent decade of Refugee Struggles – reflecting break isolation campaign to marches for rights.
- III.6. Racism and anti-Semitism in Germany. How do we experience this?
- III.7. Empowerment-workshop for women» – How to do self-organisation.

16:30 – 17:00 Break

17:00 – 18:30 Workshop Session IV

IV.1. Does the right of a migrant end after their deportation?

IV.2. Women on the move – breaking borders to build bridges – 20 years of women in exile;

IV.3. Self-determination despite payment cards – exchange on practical solidarity;

IV.4. Workshop about the campaign and network abolish the foreigner's authority (Abolish-ABH) – Fight racism / Planning the next nationwide action;

IV.5. Archive project: re/assembling antiracist struggles;

IV.6. Dance and theatre workshop;

IV.7. Empowerment for Refugees Workshop – Examples from the work with refugees in the everyday struggle against institutional racism;

18:30 – 19:30 Break/Dinner

19:30 – 21:00 Panel II

Wars, exploitation, climate crisis – why people fly and migrate? And how to interconnect social struggles?

Four Inputs on

- Wars and Migration (by *We'll Come United Network*)
- Women on the Move (by *Women in Exile* – www.women-in-exile.net)
- Climate Crisis and Migration (by *Debt for Climate* – www.debtforclimate.org)
- Labour and Migration (by *Transnational Social Strike/Transnational Migrants Coordination* – www.transnational-strike.info)

Afterwards open discussion.

21:00 until 01:00

Music, party, dancing in Cafe ExZess, a nearby social center in Frankfurt Bockenheim, Leipziger Str. 91.

SUNDAY, 28TH OF APRIL 2024

9.00 Breakfast

10:00 – 11:30 Workshop Session V

V.1. Conclusions on Anti-Deportation Workshops

V.2. Conclusions on Solidarity on the Route Workshops

V.3. Conclusions of other workshops...

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12:00 – 14:00 Final Plenary

Conclusions, Calendar and common Mobilizations, Networking and Communication structures...

Exhibitions in the corridors and at the walls of the plenary space

- Women in Afghanistan
- Refugees in Libya

SHORT DESCRIPTIONS OF ALL WORKSHOPS, CONTACTS AND WEBSITES

SATURDAY, 27TH OF APRIL 2024

10:00 – 11:30

WORKSHOP SESSION I

I.1. Exchange of experiences on support for people in deportation prisons

In this workshop, we want to share our experiences of supporting people in detention pending deportation. We want to shed light on different perspectives, such as legal matters, enforcement, making contact and support after detention. We would also like to discuss with you which forms of action and protest can be used to support people in detention pending deportation and to work towards their release.

Group: *Community for all*
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pia-hessendarmstadt@riseup.net
Website: *communityforall.noblogs.org*

I.2. Freedom of Movement Struggles: what is happening along the routes

We are living in a period of strong contradictions: while in Europe every day new repressive methods of migration control are announced, the movements of migration seem strong and unbroken. In this workshop we want to share experiences from the struggles for freedom of movement along the different routes people use to migrate and flee. We will have some first inputs and impressions on the current situation in the different areas. Afterwards we will invite all of you for a round of sharing and exchange, to speak about challenges and impressions and to collect also experiences with structures that are supportive with the aim to make this all more concrete in a second round in the following workshops, especially in II.2. Solidarity on the Routes.

Group: *kein mensch ist illegal Hanau*
Contact: *kmii-hanau@antira.info*
Website: *w2eu.info*

I.3. Federal Reception Programme (BAP) for Afghanistan and the current situation in Afghanistan with a focus on women's rights

This workshop on the BAP (Federal Reception Programme for Afghanistan) is organised by the Pro Asyl Afghanistan Project. Since the Taliban took power, people who have been committed to humanity and equality are in great danger and must leave the country quickly. That is why the coalition agreement of the coalition government on 17 October 2022 set up BAP to bring 1000 people a month from Afghanistan to Germany. Unfortunately, however, the programme never went as planned. We would like to give you an overview of what has happened so far and how many people have already come to Germany as a result.

An important item on the programme of the workshop is the presentation of the current situation in Afghanistan. We would also like to give you an insight into the situation, how the people there are doing and what challenges they have to overcome on a daily basis.

As the title of the workshop indicates, we would like to focus specifically on the situation of women, as they are often particularly affected by conflict and insecurity.

Group: *Flüchtlingsrat Bayern*
Contacts: *hakimi@fleuchtlingsrat-bayern.de,*
haidary@fluechingsrat-bayern.de

I.4. Stop Racial Profiling! (Part 1)

The workshop is about finding strategies for action together to combat racial profiling. Firstly, we want to share our knowledge and our definition of racial profiling and racist police violence and its social anchoring. We also want to talk about rights in contact with the police. In addition, we want to consider together what solidarity can look like in different situations and sensitise people to what those affected need and which interventions can also have negative consequences. Finally, we would like to talk to you about ways in which we can abolish racist police checks and the police as a whole and discuss how we can develop alternatives together.

Important note: The workshop is open to everyone, which means it is important that we look out for each other and are aware that participants have very different experiences with the police. No one has to share experiences!

Note: The workshop lasts 3 hours.

Group: CopWatch FFM
Contact: info@copwatch.org
Website: copwatchffm.org

I.5. War and migration as cause and effect: a historical and current perspective and activist strategies

The Workshop on War and Migration will be divided in the following three sections:

1. Historical look at the war as one of the root-causes of people's migration
2. A critical look at western countries roles in wars in the global south, specifically with the focus on the following topics:
 - Direct invasions
 - Creation and/or supporting the oppositions for a military coup or resulting in an internal war
 - Weapon and military industry
3. What are the activists perspectives:
 - Anti-war movement: how to Re-Empower it? E.g. addressing and resisting against military and weapon industry

Note: The Workshop is an introduction to the workshop on transnational local struggles (II.3), where the aim is to talk about concrete local cases and develop strategies from this case-study.

Group: WCU Network

I.6. How do we move from »against the right« to the antiracist migration society?

The anti-AfD protests that began after the Korrektiv investigation are a glimmer of hope for many that society is not prepared to accept the shift to the right in Germany. Nevertheless, the demonstrations are largely supported by a white middle-class centre and the parties of the traffic light government are also mingling with the protests. While they see themselves as a »firewall against the right«, they contribute significantly to the racist mood in the country and to the tightening of migration legislation in Germany and Europe. For example, immediately after condemning the AfD's deportation plans, they passed the so-called »Repatriation Improvement Act« in the Bundestag. What is needed is a strong anti-racist movement that opposes all forms of marginalisation, unequal treatment, detention and deportation policies.

We therefore want to work together to develop ideas on how political mobilisation on the streets can be made more aware of the issues of racism, exclusion and migration policy. The antifascist platform has developed 8 theses that will be discussed together.

Inputs from: Britta Rabe (Grundrechte Komitee), Sabine Hess (kritnet), Bernd Kasperek, Tarek Al-aows (Pro Asyl) and Hannah (Stop Geas)

Moderation: Valeria Hänsel (*medico international*)

Groups: antifascist platform,
medico international

Contact: kontakt-plattform@posteo.de

12:00 – 13:30

WORKSHOP SESSION II

II.1. Soli-Asylum. Solidarity structures against deportation

Preventing deportations in a very practical way; creating spaces in which people can find time to calm down and make decisions – how can this be done?

There is already a nationwide network of solidarity asylum structures, as citizen asylum <https://aktionbuergerinnenasyl.de/> and as church asylum. We would like to present our work, exchange ideas, develop further strategies and become more.

Depending on the prior knowledge of the participants, it will be more about an exchange or more about information.

Groups: Network Soli-Asyl Würzburg,
WCU Darmstadt

Contact: soliasylwue@riseup.net

Website: soliasylwue.noblogs.org

II.2. Solidarity on the Routes: structures of concrete support on a daily level

Alarm Phones, kitchens, showers and info-guides: in various ways activists support people on the move along all the routes. In this workshop we want to exchange on different experiences of solidarity on the routes. The workshop should also offer space to speak about how to find access and how to strengthen the support for all the manifold structures of daily struggles. What are their needs and what can we do in solidarity?

Group: kein mensch ist illegal Hanau

Contact: kmii-hanau@antira.info

II.3. Transnational Local Struggles: Their Impact on Migration from Sudan, Ethiopia and Eritrea to the EU

Join us for an exciting workshop exploring the complex dynamics of transnational local struggles in regions such as Sudan, Ethiopia and Eritrea and their profound impact on migration patterns to the EU, particularly to Germany. These struggles often arise from political instability, social injustice and economic insecurity, leading individuals to seek safety and better livelihoods elsewhere.

In this workshop we will explore the following: The background of transnational local struggles, including political instability, social injustice and economic challenges, and the role of human rights violations and oppression.

The direct impact of these struggles on migration to Germany, driven by factors such as flight from violence and political persecution, the search for economic opportunities and a higher standard of living, as well as family reunification and social networks.

Activist measures to show solidarity with migrants, including awareness-raising campaigns, support for refugee shelters and integration programmes, lobbying for fairer migration policies, and combating stereotypes and prejudice through media campaigns and intercultural education initiatives.

Through interactive discussions, case studies and practical exercises, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the complexities of migration and learn concrete strategies to support migrant communities, promote integration and advocate for more just migration policies.

Join this important conversation to make a difference in the lives of migrants and contribute to a more inclusive and compassionate society.

Groups: WCU Berlin Brandenburg;
Asmaras World

Contact: mail@asmaras-world.de,
nugud@riseup.net

II.4. Stop Racial Profiling! (Part 2)

Description see I.4.

II.5. Challenges and struggles on the routes of refugees and migrants from Guinea via the Sahel-Sahara routes, the Sahel, the Maghreb to Europe

Solidarity practices against the border regime, raids, deportations and refoulement, police violence, the dangers of the desert and the sea, etc., as well as against racist and discriminatory asylum and migration laws.

Group: Alarm Phone,
Afrique Europe Interact

Contact: info@afrique-europe-interact.net

II.6 An open society for all. Joint campaign and manifesto

In view of the increasingly aggressive right-wing extremism in Germany and the worsening situation for migrants and refugees, we must join forces to take joint action against it. In the workshop, we want to build a nationwide campaign together with other people, initiatives and organisations that are committed to a progressive society. An important part of this will be a manifesto, which we want to discuss with you. We also want to talk about building common structures and plan a big action in Berlin. The workshop will be held in German. It is primarily aimed at more experienced activists, but everyone else is also welcome.

Group: Roma Center
Contact: info@roma-center.de
Website: roma-center.de

II.7. Criminalisation of Flight (support) in Germany: so-called »smugglers«, border controls, raids – and support for people on the move: an invitation to exchange ideas

The criminalisation of refugee aid is a central point of European isolationist policy. In Germany, too, the supposed protection of refugees from »unscrupulous smugglers« serves to expand state measures, most recently through the so-called Repatriation Improvement Act.

But the problem is borders, not »smugglers«. The more entry is criminalised and borders are militarised, the riskier and more dangerous the service of smuggling becomes.

In this workshop, featured by the Captain Support Network, we want to discuss legal and political aspects of the criminalisation of flight (assistance) and counter-strategies. What do the terms »smuggling« and »smuggling« mean? Why is assisted flight morally and legally accepted in some cases, but condemned in others? Who is hit hardest by this criminalisation? Which activities are criminalised as »aiding and abetting illegal entry«? What support structures already exist? What are the possibilities for networking and action?

Group: Captain Support Network
Contact: captainsupport@proton.me
Website: captainsupport.net

II.8. We'll Come United Summercamp 2024 (in Thuringia) – For a culture of resistance

For August 2024, we are planning a summer camp for 150 people in the community of Waltershausen (www.kommune-kowa.de) in Thuringia. From Wednesday 21 August to Sunday 25 August, we want to dedicate our gathering to a common culture of anti-racist resistance. In discussions and exchange rounds on everyday anti-racist struggles, in encounters and in the celebration of our resistance, we will turn We'll Come United into a living process of mutual encouragement and empowerment. In Thuringia, locally, nationally and Europe-wide.

Group: WCU Jena
Contact: wcu_jena@riseup.net

15:00 – 16:30

WORKSHOP SESSION III

III.1. Monitoring Charter Deportations

In 2023, the number of mass-deportation flights increased dramatically, numbering a total of 220 separate charter flights. This is an increase of around 30% compared to the previous year. At the same time, we can observe a growing number of failed deportation attempts. This is mainly due to the ongoing efforts of affected people resisting their own deportation. In this workshop, we give an overview of recent developments of the racist deportation regime in Germany, focusing especially on the role of airline companies. We also want to reflect upon how the monitoring of charter-flights might facilitate resistance against deportations and to jointly discuss ways of effectively targeting the airline companies involved in the organization of mass-deportations.

Group: noborder assembly
Contact: noborderassembly@riseup.net
Website: noborderassembly.blackblogs.org

III.2. European border externalisation – current developments and dynamics in the struggle for freedom of movement

The struggle against the European externalisation of border and migration control has been part of our trans-Mediterranean struggles for freedom of movement for years. In this workshop, we will focus on North Africa and provide an overview of the situation in the respective region. We will further introduce the migration-control.info network, whose website can be used as a research tool for information on externalisation. We want to discuss how we can improve the usability of the site for activist purposes.

Group: Migration Control
Contact: contact@migration-control.info
Website: migration-control.info/de/

III.3. Genocide of Hazara people in Afghanistan

Hazaras are one of the major ethnic groups in Afghanistan. Distinguishable by their Asiatic appearance, they speak Farsi and mainly practice Shi'a Islam in a predominantly Sunni Muslim country. Hazaras have endured numerous mass atrocities throughout Afghanistan's history, and, emboldened by a longstanding culture of impunity, perpetrators have escalated assaults on this community in recent years.

The persecution of Hazaras in Afghanistan is not a new development. Rather, it has been a grim reality for centuries. The Hazara people have been oppressed and marginalized under various regimes throughout Afghanistan's history. This Part offers a historical backdrop to contextualize the ongoing atrocities perpetrated against this ethnic group. As will be discussed in this section, Hazaras were not only targeted with overtly violent acts such as massacres, but also forced displacement and starvation.

Hazara people have been genocided and still it is going on. Regarding it, many protests in every part of the world have been done to convince the international Community to be the voice of these people.

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III.4. Campaign against the foreigner's authority: Why ABH must be abolished

The workshop of the network Abolish Ausländerbehörde – Fight Racism will focus on the presentation of the network, which was founded in summer 2023, and the campaign of the same name as well as its main content.

The nationwide network was founded around the thematic focus of the immigration authorities and their everyday racist harassment of people who are made dependent on these authorities.

It is about confronting and exposing the brutal harassment, racist structures, mechanisms and concrete behaviour of the immigration authorities, which makes the lives of thousands of people unbearable and leads many people to despair, anger and depression and even suicide. In most cases, this happens in invisibility. The Abolish ABH – Fight Racism network wants to change this and illustrate it with individual experiences and various actions that have already taken place against the immigration authorities. It will also address the question of what it means when we call for the immigration authorities to be abolished.

In December 2023, there was a first and powerful nationwide campaign day, which can be built on and built upon.

The workshop will also provide a space for exchanging experiences and strategies. And by getting to know each other, there can be hope for an expansion of the network and joint resistance against the racist harassment of the immigration authorities.

Group: ABH-Network

III.5. Recent decade of Refugee Struggles – reflecting break isolation campaign to marches for rights

The last decade of refugee struggles – from the Break Isolation campaign to the marches for rights. In this working group, we want to reflect on various experiences of self-organised struggles by refugees. What have they achieved and at what level? Where could broader dynamics develop and why? How can these experiences be passed on to newcomers, how can we learn from them for the future? Could a multilingual archive of the experienced cycles of struggle help?

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Website: refugees4refugees.org

III.6. Racism and anti-Semitism in Germany. How do we experience this?

The images of the ongoing cruel and massive violence in Palestine and Israel as well as the humanitarian catastrophe in the Gaza Strip are shocking. These images have accompanied and preoccupied us for months. At the same time, we are observing a massive increase in the number of racist, anti-Muslim and anti-Semitic attacks, discrimination and attacks on freedom of expression in Germany.

Many migrants and Muslims are being labelled as terror sympathisers or anti-Semitic and thus placed under general suspicion. Right-wing populists of all parties in particular are using the events to strengthen their anti-immigration and racist agenda and politicians are calling for the deportation of migrants. Olaf Scholz is in favour of »deportation on a grand scale« and we are calling for solidarity on a grand scale.

The current events and the public debate about them have had a (re)traumatising effect on many. At the same time, Jews are increasingly experiencing anti-Semitism and have to fear for their safety due to attacks on Jewish institutions and people perceived as Jewish.

How do we experience anti-Semitism and racism in Germany? What experiences do we have with friends, at work and in everyday life?

We would like to exchange ideas and learn from each other. We want to talk about it, listen to and support each other, show sympathy and share our experiences over the past few weeks. Let's think together and out loud and be there for each other.

Note: This is meant to be a safer-space and all languages can be spoken.

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III.7. Empowerment-workshop for women – How to do self-organisation

From personal problems to political action: As refugee women, we are confronted with problems on a daily basis. In this workshop we open a space for exchange and realise that our problems are not only personal. We often don't have the power, the contacts or the information on how to deal with these problems. And the camp system is designed to discourage us and isolate us from the rest of society.

Group: Women in Exile
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Website: www.women-in-exile.net

17:00 – 18:30

WORKSHOP SESSION IV

IV.1. Does the right of a migrant end after their deportation?

Since several years different projects started to support people after the deportation. Since 2019 Refugees4Refugees runs a flat near the airport of Lagos/Nigeria to give first support for those who end up after they experienced a deportation. There are similar projects of support in other countries. In this workshop we would like to speak on the one handside on how to support these very precarious structures in a better way. Even more important for us is a debate on how we can strengthen the connections to the countries of origin to fight back bilateral agreements and other means of the deportation-regime by creating strong bonds of solidarity and of information exchange that connects the struggles against the deportations here with struggles in the countries of origin.

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IV.2. Women on the move – breaking borders to build bridges – 20 years of women in exile

With this book, we make space for voices that are often silenced. Voices that speak from the experiences and struggles of 20 years in a self-organized initiative of refugee women*. It is collectively written by Women in Exile and includes different contributions by members of group, our friends, sisters, children and supporters. The publication delves into the history of how we came together as a group. How we have built intersectionally within our group and beyond. These are bridges of solidarity that keep on building through our own differences, similarities and diversities.

The book gives insights on issues that have been accompanying the group over the years: Reasons to live home, the discriminatory asylum process, the situation in the refugee camps and thus our struggle for the abolishment of camps, the right to health care, freedom of movement, empowerment, self-reflection, cooperation with friends, the challenge of building intersectional bridges and about renting our own safer space for refugee women*.

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IV.3. Self-determination despite payment cards – exchange on practical solidarity

How can we organise solidarity-based responses to the payment card – with the aim of enabling people to access their money as independently as possible (based on the voucher exchange model)? How can we adapt the system under »digitalised conditions«?

IV.4. Workshop about the campaign and network abolish the foreigner's authority (Abolish-ABH) – Fight racism / Planning the next nationwide action

The workshop organised by the network Abolish Ausländerbehörde – Fight Racism will focus on planning another nationwide action. The network was founded to draw attention to the everyday racist harassment of people who are made dependent on the immigration authorities. In December 2023, there was already a first and powerful nationwide day of action for the campaign, which will be followed up and built upon during the workshop.

There will be space for collecting different forms of action and for an exchange of experiences and strategies. In addition, the question of how the network wants to organise itself in the future will also be discussed.

Group: ABH-Network

IV.5. Archive project: re/assembling antiracist struggles

Anti-racist struggles challenge power and domination relations in many different ways. However, the history of anti-racist organising is often lost, silted up in basements and rarely discussed. The project »Ver/ammeln antirassistischer Kämpfe« (Collecting anti-racist struggles) attempts to counter this and aims to create collective spaces for collecting, archiving and criticising. Ver/sammeln began with an assembly in 2022 and is currently creating an open and decentralised digital archive for anti-racist historiography. But the journey raises many questions: How do we talk about stories of resistance when everyone has a completely different narrative position? Who tells whose story? And who listens to these stories? Who interprets, who sorts and categorises? And can this even be done in a power-sensitive way? We want to work on these questions together with you in the workshop.

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IV.6. Dance and theatre workshop

Dance and theatre touch people in a place in their soul that is hidden. Through a theatre or dance scene, people can come into contact with their feelings and get in touch with their soul. Art can touch people where words alone often cannot.

Together we want to dance out all our everyday tensions and just have fun! We'll dance; maybe dabkeh, maybe something else, be silly and try out various improvisational theatre games and exercises. Throw on some comfy clothes, bring water and energy if you want or need to move. Our focus is on fun, self-expression and emotions. In a safe space, we also want to leave our comfort zone from time to time.

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IV.7. Empowerment for Refugees Workshop – Examples from the work with refugees in the everyday struggle against institutional racism

Asmara gives the participants a direct insight into what it means to accompany people in the long term and what that means and what it means to organise yourself.

Important note: this workshop is aimed directly at those affected, places should be prioritised for refugees in the asylum process and with a negative asylum procedure.

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SUNDAY, 28TH OF APRIL 2024

10:00 – 11:30

WORKSHOP SESSION V

V.1. Conclusions on Anti-Deportation Workshops

V.2. Conclusions on Solidarity on the Route Workshops

V.3. Conclusions of other workshops...

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EXHIBITIONS IN THE CORRIDORS AND AT THE WALLS OF THE PLENARY SPACE

Afghanistan Women Exhibition

Afghan girls and women over time – the past and present situation of Afghan women by showing pictures.

With a presentation in the Sunday morning slot

Mobile Exhibition from Refugees in Libya: »Evacuate Human Rights Defender from Libya!«

»They wanted to silence us. But [...] we do not want to be silent. We keep fighting and defending our rights and the rights of others until we will be in a safe place.«

Three Human Rights Defenders from Refugees in Libya tell about their activism in one of the world's most dangerous countries: they describe the organisation of the 100-day protests in Tripoli, the violent crackdown by EU-supported militias, the 18 months of imprisonment and forced labour, the violent repression and their resistance to it. They talk about hunger strikes, poisoning, loyalty, hidden documentation, mutual support and their current situation in Libya. They are united by their collective struggle for protection and freedom, but also by the severe reprisals they face for their human rights activism, which also seems to exclude them from current evacuation processes. This exposition is part of the Human Rights Defenders Evacuation campaign. It aims to contribute to the visibility of their legitimate human rights work and invites you to get involved.

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SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS IN MULTILINGUAL SITUATIONS, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

DOS

- Send all the material you have (even if it is incomplete), e.g. presentations, notes, pictures, videos, in advance so that the interpreters can prepare.
- Always speak into the microphone, otherwise the interpreters will not be able to interpret.
- When you speak, announce the language you will be speaking before you start.
- Speak clearly, form simple sentences and pause regularly after you have finished a sentence/ thought.
- Explain abbreviations and give context to names, groups, places, etc. that you mention.
- Maintain eye contact with the interpreters during your contributions: Can they follow you?
- Be patient and understanding if you are interrupted or if the technical preparations or interpreting are more difficult or take more time than you expect.

DON'TS

- Don't use overly academic and complex language, it is difficult for your audience and a challenge for the interpreters.
- Do not read out written text, poetry or long quotations, this is extremely difficult or even impossible to interpret.
- Avoid anecdotes, jokes or allusions that not everyone can understand without explanation.
- Do not switch back and forth between different languages when speaking (this is very tiring for the interpreters).
- Thank you for helping us to ensure that your words are understood by everyone.