

No Border Camp 2012 in Cologne/Düsseldorf

From the 13th to 22th of July a No Border Camp will take place in Cologne. The Camp is prepared by an open network of groups and activists fighting against racism.

The Camp is supposed to be a place in which racism can be fought collectively, with actions, demonstrations, discussions and workshops. We want to actively deal with: everyday racism, institutionalised racism, migration control, antiziganism, living conditions of refugees and migrants, root causes for migration, colonialism etc.

Many people who are part of the preparation process of the No Border Camp are not personally affected by racist exclusion. They did not experience flight or know what it is like to live in an asylum-seeker-camp, to live a life under racist laws, racist harassment and police brutality. But they don't want to accept this racist status quo. A state from which they all too often even personally profit. They know, that change does not just happen, it always has to be fought for.

People who are discriminated against racially consistently fight against the racist system of abasement and isolation. Resistance by Refugee-activists, People of Colour (PoC), Roma etc. happened and happens in many places throughout Germany. This resistance is a huge problem for the German racist policy and it shall become an even bigger problem!

These anti-racist struggles have to be strengthened even more. The No Border Camp in Cologne can be a place to get to know a lot of different people, to network, to exchange experiences and perspectives, and a place of solidarity.

Not everyone has the same possibilities to organise and to participate in such a camp. That's why the No Border Camp in Cologne provides:

Legal Help

In case of repression during the Camp and actions, i.e. "violation" of Residenzpflicht or the right of assembly. There will also be addresses to visit. If you have any questions regarding the Residenzpflicht, contact (in any language): **residenzpflicht-nbc@riseup.net**

Financial support

For train and bus tickets, food etc. Tents and sleeping bags can also be provided on the camp.

Empowerment spaces

Spaces which are only open for people who experience racism and/or have experienced migration.

Awareness group

Structures which support a respectful and sensitive mutual interaction.

Actions

There is a common agreement on how much risk will be taken during the actions. It is important that everyone can participate and can feel safe doing so. Absolute safety can never be guaranteed.

Communication and Decisions

There will be translations into many different languages. It has to be possible to discuss and to make decisions collectively.

A day of action against deportations will take place in the context of the No Border Camp on the 21th of July at the Düsseldorf Airport. It is also possible to only come to this action.

If there are questions or if specific support is needed, contact (in any language): **noborder-ol@riseup.net**

More information regarding the camp: **<http://noborder.antira.info/>**

Fight Racism!

For a world without borders!

Refugees Rights Right here, Right now!

Some people from the preparatory circle of the No Border Camp 2012 in Cologne/Düsseldorf