

كرنفال اللاجئين و اللاجئينات

CARNIVAL AL-LAJIÏN_AL-LAJIÀAT
CARNIVAL OF REFUGEES

20 MARCH



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AGAINST RACISM

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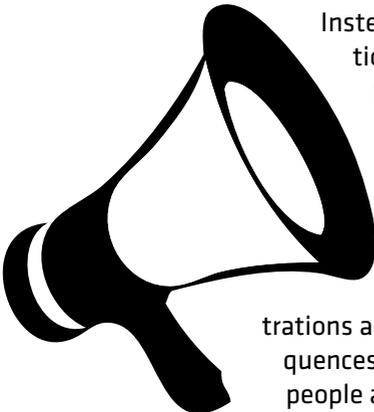
Why carnival?

Carnival has a longstanding tradition of resistance: Carnival was once a place where societal structures were revealed and confronted. Carnival creates a culture of laughing and creative resistance that confronts the ruling system. With performances, dances, masques, costumes, flash-mobs, music and spoken word, we want to do exactly that. We celebrate our various struggles, demands and ideas! We take to the streets to show that we are here to fight for a real change in our society! The right to stay is freedom of movement is a human right!

Loudly and clearly we say: No to EU and German asylum laws!

Against new old walls and fences! The EU is at war against refugees and migrants. The border agency Frontex pursues its murderous, fear-inducing policies well beyond the borders of the EU. Selection procedures at the national borders and inhumane living conditions continue these policies within the individual EU countries and the countries bordering the EU. At the same time, it is the destruction Germany and the EU cause through (neo)colonial politics, military interventions and economic exploitation in many parts of the world that are a driving force for people to flee. Germany poses as a country with a "You're Welcome Culture" (Willkommenskultur), while planning and financing fences, deportation centers and the export of weapons. With which legitimacy do governments divide people into "right" and "wrong" and decide who gets to stay and who does not? Migration is as old as humanity. No fence in the world will ever stop people from migrating. The freedom of movement and the right to asylum are basic human rights! It is my right and it is your right!

For the right to choose one's place and style of life!



Instead of degrading, inhumane mass accommodations, we demand life in dignity for everyone! The unbearable conditions at the Berlin Landesamt für Gesundheit und Soziales (LaGeSo) and in the mass accommodations all over Germany do not only show the incompetence of the Senate of Berlin and other federal administrations. They most of all demonstrate that there is no will to change that situation. The federal administrations are directly responsible for the devastating consequences of this denial of assistance. These policies scare people away, oppress and dehumanize them. The Senate of Berlin is planning to isolate up to 10,000 refugees at the

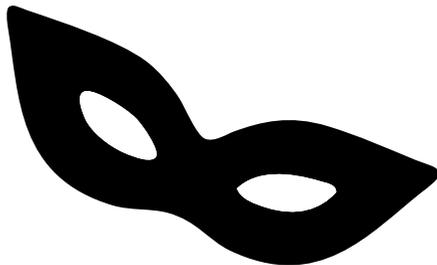
former Tempelhof Airport in hangars and newly erected warehouses, with only 2 m² of space per person. We do not accept these obvious violations of human rights. Everyone must have the right to live in dignity. It is your right and it is my right!

Solidarity in the fights against racism and hatred!

Politicians and the media legitimize the dehumanizing asylum policy of the EU and Germany with racist statements. They fuel hatred and fear. They instrumentalize violence against women to legitimize racism and cover up their own sexism. We stand up against the racist mob that is currently on the streets of Germany, setting refugee accommodations on fire, and remaining uninterrupted in doing that. How can it be that these houses are burning, in this country? How can it be that racist murders are going unsolved? Racism in Germany has a long history and everyone has to be accountable. The equally long history of the fight against racism is not yet visible enough. We are taking to the streets to join forces in our multifaceted fight against racism and against sexism, in institutions, in the media and in everyday life!

Join the Carnival Al-Lajiin_Al-Lajiät and get active!

We take our destiny into our own hands. Together we can make a strong political statement. With masquerades and costumes we become visible and thereby make social injustices visible as well. We are who we want to be! The carnival is alive if we all join and prepare for it, be it in the official meetings of the alliance or independently.



Who we are?

The Carnival was brought to life by the self-organized theater collective Refugee Club Impulse (RCI). My Right Is Your Right! joins RCI's call for the Carnival Al-Lajiin_Al-Lajiät. My right is your Right! is an alliance of refugees, creative artists, activists, lawyers, freedom fighters, clubs, unionists, neighborhood initiatives, and many other groups and individuals who started working together in November 2014. The protests of Oranienplatz and Ohlauer School in Kreuzberg were our starting points.

