

A humane life is only possible without constrained accomodation

"No Lager for women! Abolish all Lagers!" Is the central motto of the Women In Exile campaign since 2011. This demand is more acute then ever.

Regarding the trend to accept the housing in Lagers as the alleged only option, we ask:

Are we fighting for a worthy life for all refugees or are we trying to arrange within the inhumane structures. We say:

It is impossible to pass the time in the Lagers without being harmed by the violence and harassment. There, it is impossible to escape the aggressions of the asylum system.

Many people that position themselves critical against racism, consider how to support refugees, many volunteers went to the Heime over the past months. Luckily they were and are there, their actions are an important gesture. They show an opposite standpoint, stand against all those who applaud as the refugee homes are burning.

We hear it again and again: In times when so many people come here, there is not enough living space for all.

We say No! Our demand is up to date, it suits even more then ever. Because what is actually happening? Refugee policies, especially their accomodation, is becoming a lucrative business, that concerns only profit - at the refugees expenses. People living in open spaces are being evicted, eg. Wagenplatz Kanal, to make space for refugee containers.

While owners of appartements and hostels and the Lager operators are making profits, people are being forced to live in confined spaces. At the same time, the rights of refugees are being restrained more and more: As of 17.3. the "Asylpaket II" is legally valid. Posttraumatic Stress Disorder is no longer a reason to prevent deportations, at the same time the Lager system continues to traumatise the people. They are being traumatised by the constrained accomodation in the Lager, by the concrete violene they experience there, by the structural violence of the asylum system and by the every-day-racism, that is very present in Germany. This is not acceptable! Why do volunteers have to provide food, when instead conditions could be created, that enable refugees to earn their living by themselves in a dignified way?

Because the asylum system isn't designed to integrate reugees, it is designed to isolate them instead, to profit from them and to deport a great part of them.

Even if there are efforts to improve the life in mass accomodations for women and LGBTI*s, it still only happens inside a constrained system. A system in which I'm not free to chose who can visit me, what I want to eat, when I come home and whom I bring with me, a life on 6 square meter, a life inside a container.

We demand: Free choice of residence! A housing policy that creates living space for all!

That is why we still say:

"No Lager for women and children! Abolish all Lagers!"