

## **Free spaces for free meetings!**

Free spaces are areas in which political resistance and sub cultures can be developed. That means that discussions, plans and beginnings for an another community and for a free life are made possible. They are areas which are social basis for resistance, and not a “castle” to be protected from the “evil” society. These free spaces are important for meetings between different social layers, cultures, lifestyles. The uncommercial and self organised culture centres, housing projects, neighbourhood/initiatives, wagon-places, different collectives we need for our life. These projects are important steps toward the alternative to the present capitalist system. Community and solidarity are our resistance.

The existing and future projects are in danger because of politicians, investors and the consumer orientated middle-class who want to expand the so called “Inner-city” from Mitte into Friedrichshain, Kreuzberg und Neukölln. In this area should only live and work people with money to buy. For others who don`t fit in o this category there is no space. Poverty self seems to have meaning lesser and lesser than its signs that are noticed as a problem. The poverty and its resulting methods of surviving like the so called “criminality” and “homelessness” are not seen as consequences of the circumstances of the society but as own choice or own fault. “Security” in the districts means not to have to confront it in any form and to minim the contact to the “others”.

Also the wagon-place Scharzer Kanal threatens this “security”. It is fifteen years old and one of the oldest wagon-places in Berlin, and again threatened with eviction. The Schwarzer Kanal considers itself as a political, cultural and queer meeting place and is the only wagon-place in Berlin for women, lesbians and transgender. After judgement it minim the value of the surrounding properties and the area will turn into a slum. The Schwarzer Kanal is one of a lot of projects which are threatened by the new structuring of the city.

Our resistance for another life is not limited to so called “days of fighting”. It have to be active in daily life also as a resistance against the closing of social and cultural organisations, charges for studying, compulsory work, racist laws and criminalisation from he red-red senate of Berlin.

Our politics are further not appealing, we are not asking for a better leadership, for more money or more tolerance. This is an appeal to act, an appeal for resistance against the dominant circumstances. Lets take what we need – lets take Berlin!

No more racism and discrimination!

For a life which is not standardised!

For a society without senseless and artificial forces!

Solidarity is our weapon!