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*Press Release*

## **NO LAGER - BREAK ISOLATION!**

**Anti-racist conference on the struggle for equal rights**

More than 300 people from over 60 cities and more than 50 self-organized and anti-racist groups and initiatives met from June 10-12, 2022 in Göttingen for the *NO LAGER - BREAK ISOLATION!* Conference to exchange experiences, challenges, strategies and actions against Lager and against the racist deportation practice in Germany.

**The central message: We are ready to fight against the Lagersystem and for housing for all. Against any deportation and for the right to come, to go and to stay.**

The goal of the conference was to come together again after almost 2 ½ years of Corona pandemic, to connect anti-racist struggles, to network and to seek an expression for common actions and strategies. For this purpose, there were workshops and working groups for the abolition of all Lager, anti-deportation struggles and the networking of self-organization of refugees and migrants.

One thing is certain: Against the background of racist continuities, the exclusion and unequal treatment of refugees in Germany, the continuing deadly policy of foreclosure in Europe, from the Mediterranean and Belarus to Suhl, the problem is racism.

The reception of refugee Ukrainians shows that a different policy is possible. No Lager is not only a critique of a form of accommodation, but also stands symbolically for the protest against Lager structures – against politics that are characterized by isolation and deterrence.

"Everywhere in Germany we are already resisting this racist exclusion. We prevent deportations, organize sleeping places and put political pressure on those responsible. Just the fact that we are meeting today with over 300 people from all over Germany shows that we exist," said Emmanuel from Freiburg in his opening speech.

"We have come together here to find solutions and strategies for the problem of pervasive racism. Racism in Germany and Europe is systemic and the Federal German Lager system has a long and brutal history. But we will not tire of fighting against this racism and for equal rights," explains Behnam Blumengarten about the situation in German Lager and announces: "See you at the commemorative events and the demonstration on August 27th. on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the racist pogroms in Rostock-Lichtenhagen. We'll come united!"

More information about the nationwide antiracist Lager-Watch-network:

<https://lager-watch.org/>

More information on the nationwide demonstration in memory of the pogrom Rostock-Lichtenhagen 1992:

<https://gedenken-lichtenhagen.de/>

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