

Congress against Racism in Forst

10th of November 2007 | 12 noon to 7.p.m.

Kultur- und Begegnungszentrum Parkstraße Forst e.V. - Park 7 | Parkstraße 7 | 03149 Forst

The congress is about racism as a construction in the mind and a social phenomenon which is linked to the institutions of the state, the civil society and the laws of Germany. We find it necessary to discuss these different forms of racism and to encourage as many people as possible to join us in the struggle. This racism has led to the attack of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in Forst, in the Jurisdiction of Spree Neiße and in the state of Brandenburg as a whole.

We think it is high time for self organised initiatives of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants, NGOs, Trade Unions, German self organised initiatives to develop solidarity within themselves and to network to eliminate this killer disease.

We should work out a theoretical and practical perspective with one another to answer the questions how to address the racist sentiments in Forst, in the jurisdiction of Spree Neiße, in the state of Brandenburg and in Germany as a whole. Which persons can we attract in the jurisdiction of Spree Neiße to address the racist situation the asylum seekers, refugees and other migrants do undergo, and how can we create an early warning system to intervene in case of any racist behaviour?

We think it will be helpful for all our organisations to introduce their works to one another and to use their expertise in addressing the situation in Forst and other jurisdictions in the state of Brandenburg. And we should develop discussions that can have a positive effect in the society.

In this light, we are inviting everybody, initiatives and organisations to participate in the anti-racist conference in Forst. This conference takes place on the 10th of November 2007. It is a one day conference starting from 12 noon to 7.p.m.

Program of the Conference

12.00. - 14.00._

The Situation of Asylum Seekers in the state of Brandenburg what is expected and what is the reality and what are the perspectives (*Flüchtlingsrat Brandenburg*)

The Living Conditions of Asylum Seekers in Forst Lausitz (*Flüchtlingsinitiative Brandenburg*)

14.10. - 13.45. _

What are vouchers and smart cards? How many jurisdictions still practise it in Berlin and what strategies were used, how these strategies can be brought to the state of Brandenburg? And what are some experiences of Voucher System in Forst / Lausitz?

(*Initiative gegen das Chipkartensystem und Flüchtlingsinitiative Brandenburg*)

16.00. - 17.45._

Structural Racism in Germany, Racism in the state of Brandenburg. How it functions, what has been done, what is the present situation and how can one bring this to the jurisdiction of Spree Neiße

(*Opferperspektive Brandenburg, FeIS*)

18.00. - 18.45._

Racist deportation by the use of an illegitimate delegation to interview asylum seekers, failed asylum seekers for Deportation. What experience in Forst Lausitz?

(*Initiative gegen Abschiebeanhörungen und Flüchtlingsinitiative Brandenburg*)

Demonstration from the conference place to the train station supported by the Samba Band, Berlin

Organisers of the Conference_

FeIS, Flüchtlingsinitiative Brandenburg, Flüchtlingsrat Brandenburg, Initiative gegen Chipkarten, Opferperspektive Brandenburg, Samba Band, Berlin