

Invitation to a German-wide Meeting Against Enforced Appearance at
"Embassy Hearings" / "Collective Interviews" in Berlin on 01/12/2007

Dear friends,

In our fight against deportations we are confronted with embassies, corrupt officials and home countries' institutions actively supporting the German deportation policies. Again and again, the German authorities try and force refugees to attend so called "collective hearings / interviews" (Sammelanhörungen) where they have to appear before embassy staff or dubious government delegations from their (alleged) countries of origin - so that papers for their deportation can be issued. Over the years, we all have gathered all kinds of different experiences protesting and resisting these deportation hearings.

Therefore, we'd like to invite you to a German-wide meeting in Berlin on 1st of December in order to talk about / collect our experiences of resistance against the embassies' (and governments') collaboration regarding deportations and to collectively develop ideas for future action and strategies.

We look forward to seeing you in Berlin in December!

Time: Saturday, 1st of December, 10:00 a.m.

Place: Berlin, OUBS - Offene Uni BerlinS, HU-Campus-Nord (Haus 20),
Philipstr. 13, 10115 Berlin

(near S-bahn station Friedrichstrasse, U-bahn station U6 Oranienburger
Tor, see directions)

Phone (in case of questions regarding the way, etc.) (only available
from 30/11 to 02/12/07): +49-(0)30-2093-6076 (office)/-78 (oben)

Directions / map: <http://www.offeneuni.tk/kontakt#wege>

Public transport: * [*http://www.offeneuni.tk/kontakt#anfahrt*](http://www.offeneuni.tk/kontakt#anfahrt)

To participate, please contact:

Phone contact: +49-(0)151-50011457, +49-(0)30-61626958 (in the evening)

Email: ini_gaa@gmx.net (Initiative against Deportation Hearings)

Food and sleeping places will be provided for in the "Offene Uni" - in
any case, please don't forget to bring sleeping bags / blankets and
camping mats.

Inviting organisations: Initiative against Deportation Hearings
(Berlin), Caravan for the Rights of Refugees and Migrants (Munich local
group), Brandenburg Refugees Initiative, International Alliance for
Action (Dortmund), Hamburg Refugee Council

Agenda (in case of proposals for changes / additions, please get in touch)

Proposed time frame: from 10:00 a.m. until about 05:00 p.m.

1. Background and Practice of "Collective Hearings" (about 1 hour)

a) political and legal background on the national / international levels
b) reports on collective hearings that already took place / will take place

2. Evaluation of Counter Strategies Used (about 2 hours)

- a) on the individual level - regarding those concerned
- b) on the political level
- c) experiences with repression, criminalisation and coercive measures (could also be discussed as a part of point a. and/or b.)
- d) legal means

3. Networking and Future Counter Strategies (about 2 hours)

- a) Local activities and German-wide networking
- b) Transnational cooperation against deportation practices, focussing especially on the connection between EU migration policies on a worldwide level, readmission agreements, and economic interests / dependencies

From 05:00 p.m. onwards: conclusion and joint supper

Breaks will be taken as appropriate.