

Home sweet home - call for convergence



role and purpose of Convergence Centers

• Convergence Centers (CC) are as a support part of the infrastructure and logistics for the anti-summit protests the CCs are available before the G8 summit starts as basis for international activists to find and gather usefull information and offers for earlier arriving and long-travellers places to sleep

- in this spaces there will be the option to figure out the local situation and to get first contacts
- the rooms of the CCs will offer a platform for discussion, information, coordination and action. They should function as a tool for international exchange and networking beyond the protests.
- workshops about the politics of the g8 and their influence - racism and war against migrants - global agriculture and GMO - policy of war - global privatisation - energy rессources and ecology - policy of education - local political issues in different regions of the world
- in the CCs you should get information about actions, places, dates or tips for finding affinity groups, etc.
- practical orientated workshops, f.e.: infos about situation in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern - Infoworkshops about german laws - Repression - Trauma - actionworkshops and trainings - communication methods in complex situations - find decisions in hughe groups as well as first aid during demonstration specially

the plan

As you may have noticed with joy, the different working groups to organize the CCs to support protests against the G8-summit in 2007 have started. The planings schedule that there are three CCs in different cities:

- Berlin° 21.5. - approx. 1-2 weeks after the summit
- Hamburg° 25.5. - 10.6.2007, in the „Rote Flora “
- Rostock 25.5. - 2.6.2007 °

We think it is helpful to have CCs already before the big protests are starting and also after the actions in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, so that there are contact points, rooms to prepare and also for retirement to other bigger cities nearby. For this reason the CCs in Hamburg and Berlin will stay open also during the protests near Heiligendamm.

We need support to support you!

How you can contribute? It is important, that the local working groups on the CCs get help and support also in the months before the protests from groups of other cities and interested people, which are responsibly caring for different parts such as:

- organizing and coordinating the kitchens and translators
- enquire, do and coordinate the workshop programm
- buildup of the technical infrastructure et. al. electrical equipment, Computer-Pool with Internet
- traffic, transport and logistic, that means organisation of materials and activists
- collecting material such as bikes and other things to go to or do actions and manage distribution of it
- contacts and communication between infopoints, camps, legal team structures etc.
- giving first information to newly arrived activist * security of the CCs against police and nazi attacks
- and of course – umpteenth money! At the moment there is a financing gab of several thousand Euros, that means every Euro, that you can donate now, is helping a lot to build up a useful infrastructure for the protests. A special call goes to all of the international activists to put forth their ideas, creativity and ideas for the CCs before and during the actions. What else can you do:
- Hosting soliparties and –festivals – Celebrating against G8 and for the resistance
- collecting donations at events and presentations, infotables, parties etc.
- Merchandising – T-Shirt, Badges, Broschures – d.i.y. or (just) selling them
- If you are well served with money as a political group or know groups that are, show them the CC concept and ask for financial support or if they can provide material.

Donations to the Convergence Center

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IMPORTANT – reason for payment: Convergence Center

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- Hamburg: convergence-hh@nadir.org
- Rostock: cc-rostock@riseup.net
- to all of the three Convergence-Centers:
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Local action for global resistance!

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