

NEWS[★] FROM THE FIELDS AND BEYOND

newsletter for a global anti-g8 process

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OUR TEARS AND OUR RAGE

So many people wake up daily on the wrong side of capitalism – and so many people wake up on the wrong side of a brutal police eviction. The struggle against the eviction of Ungdomshuset, an autonomous youth centre in Denmark, has become a global symbol for our struggles for the commons and free spaces, and against the commodification of our daily lives through neoliberal capitalism. Yet, it has also become a practical reality, a laboratory for resisting collectively and internationally, for creating momentum for a counterinsurgency in Europe. We won't leave you in peace this year! And there are many Ungdomshuset to be defended yet, and many corporate projects to be confronted and resisted! And while constructing the final battle against the G8, we meet so many comrades around the globe that share our tears and share our rage. We are far beyond the fields already, and through our networks struggles are circulating daily already. June is not a deadline anymore, but just another beginning... We are all pink mermaids!



INTERNATIONAL GATHERING AGAINST G8 IN WARSAWA

Between 9-11 February 2007, a network of people from over 20 countries, traveling from as far away as Siberia, the US, Palestine, Romania & France, met in Warsaw, Poland to discuss and plan strategies & actions against the G8 summit 2007. A huge international mobilization is expected to protest the meeting of the world's richest countries and confront them at Heilingendamm.

Activists came from a variety of different political initiatives such as the international Dissent Network, Network Against G8, Anarchist Federation (Poland), Food Not Bombs, Indymedia, Accion Global and a host of other anti-authoritarian, radical left and anarchist initiatives. There was unanimous support to orientate the protests against global capitalism. All agreed to associate and co-operate in a process of living direct democracy and work to abolish hierarchies. Friday saw the many groups gathering and introducing themselves and their movements. The info tour, who have done some amazing work across Europe, gave a presentation on the current position of the mobilisation in Germany.

High on the agenda for Saturdays discussion was the issue of strategy and infrastructure as well as giving updates on current mobilizations, working groups and projects. How to create a flexible structure to collectively decide about the various plans for blockades and actions during the protests? How to effectively combine the

different preferences? More discussion will take place at the next meeting in Rostock - so make sure you are there if you have an opinion. Additionally you can send discussion papers, proposals, etc. to g8-int@lists.riseup.net for direct international discussion as well as to dissentnetwork.org. They will translate the texts and feed them into discussion in Germany.

Various groups expressed support for the global action days which will lead up to the G8 summit, such as the call for anti-war actions on 19-20 March, International Day of Peasants' Struggle called by Via Campesina on April 17 and Mayday worker protests.

Our next international anti-G8 meeting will take place at April 13th in Rostock-Evershagen - nearby but not organizationally within the Rostock III Action Conference of the whole spectrum (13th-15th of April). Place and date were chosen like this to give the opportunity to introduce positions and actions of the international meeting to the wider movement. Also you can have a look at the area of protest.

The weekend on many levels was a huge success, our Polish hosts were wonderful and they saw that everyone was accommodated and superbly fed. It's with thanks to everyone for making the meeting happen and a success. The onus is now upon us to go forward and make it what we believe it can be.

SHUT DOWN SIKO, OPERNBALL AND G8

In Munich this year's demonstration against the war conference was strongly connected to actions against G8. Police raids of 11 projects and activists' houses, a spontaneous anti-repression demo of 200 people, as well as local media coverage of the militant actions against two ThyssenKrupp-managers in Hamburg had made the upcoming anti-G8 protests well known in Munich, so in the most favoured slogans of the demos of 9th-11th February activists promised to meet again in Rostock-Laage. Besides public discussions, a bike demo and an ironic manifestation celebrating war, the organizing groups emphasize the offensive spirit in the Internationalist Block, counting up to 1000

activists. Despite this powerful signal police again arrested far too many people, creative protest was often portrayed as unpolitical in the local media afterwards. For the next years the groups in Munich would like to think more about actions apart from demos way too much controlled by the police [<http://www1.autistici.org/g8/deu/sikoneWS/nachbereitung-siko-07>].

In Frankfurt/Main the local mobilisation against the G8 was kicked off with a demo against the elite festivity Opernball at the 24th of February. Declaring their determined will to strive for a beautiful life for everybody, 1000 students, anti-globalists, antiracists and social activists assembled in

the inner city and marched towards Alte Oper. When stopped, people tried to get police out of their way with bottles and stones, encountering truncheons and pepperspray. Some barricades were built, then things went on in surrounding streets as angry activists smashed windows and a police car. Near university the cops were attacked again later in the evening, an ugly GM hummer jeep was set on fire. Even though the authorities were successful in keeping activists away from the Opernball and made some arrests (most were released next day), the demo can be seen as a powerful start into this year's actions.

+++ NEWSTICKER +++

+++ 5.2. berlin: 70 activists enter the tv-tower with a sound system and call to boost away G8 +++ 6.2. berlin: activists welcome the atomforum meeting in Berlin with stones on the nuclear company Vattenfall & call to attack G8 [interim 651] +++ 8.2. berlin: stone and colour attacks on catholic military bishops' office, the software company SAP, Bertelsmann Foundation and the house of a consultant of the ministry of defense. the group „autonomous antimilitarists“ protest against the profiteers of war and arms trade and mobilize against the G8 [interim 651] +++ 12.2. padua, mailand, turin: after raiding more than 80 places police arrests 15 people for reactivating a wing of brigade rosse +++ 12.2. berlin: fire on a police building +++ 14.2. santa rosa, argentina: the „pueblo nación mapuche“ takes back the land stolen from them by the Benetton-group before [selvas.org/newsAR0107.html] +++ 17.2. vincenza, italy: 100.000 demonstrate against the extension of a nato military

GATE TO GLOBAL RESISTANCE

International Demonstration against the ASEM - Foreign Ministers Conference of EU and Asian states as an approach to the G8 summit in Hamburg 28th May 2007

Just before the G8 summit the largest international conference under German EU presidency will take place in Hamburg on the 28/29 May. 1500 high ranking delegates and the Foreign Ministers of all EU and ASEAN members and other Asian states will hold that conference to push economic cooperation forward. Security Forces declared that they are expecting massive protest and announced the largest security forces deployment in the city's history. A security cordon will be erected in the city centre in order to protect the delegates.



Undogmatic radical left groups are mobilizing for an international demonstration at 28th of May 2007, which is to be understood as a run up to the protest activities against the G8 summit. It is directed against the EU as one of the main actors of global exploitation. The demonstration is strongly connected with the Days of Action and the Convergence Centre, which is to be the point of contact and communication for all international activists. Different caravans are expected in Hamburg for that time. We call on everyone to take part and to join the demonstration and to obstruct the Hamburg summit. [summitblock@nadir.org]

FILLING THE GAP - AG TRANSPORT PROTEST TAKES OFF

Taking care of an extremely essential part of the protests' infrastructure a transnational transport working group was founded in Warsaw. The AG wants to organize transports of all kinds of camp-, protest- and convergence center materials before the summit as well as during the summit itself. To bring materials, water & food to the activists and to bring the activists themselves from convergence centers and train stations to the relevant regions as well as immediately to the actions.

To achieve these goals the Transport AG is looking for 20 to 30 drivers owning absolutely legal drivers licences, at best also for driving bigger trucks. Additionally there is the need for more people to help out so-

metimes, as well as for some mechanics willing to offer their skills. Another possibility to join the group is to help organizing and coordinating transports.

The Transport AG moreover is calling for vehicles of all kind: busses, trucks, cars... If you know sympathetic bus companies willing to give us smaller or bigger buses for a cheaper tariff or even for free - or if you can think of other ways to contribute to the concept, please do it. Maybe you could also lend your car to others or to the transport group sometimes. [transportprotest@riseup.net - e-mail-list: transportprotest@lists.riseup.net - WIKI: <http://wiki.dissentnetwork.org/wiki/Transport>

PARENTS IN ACTION

Some parents want to organize spaces and conditions collectively to be able to participate in the protests together with the kids. First idea is to do a big wall-painting near Heiligendamm in the week before the protests together with the kids, to express

protest against the G8 in a relaxed atmosphere. More actions compatible to activist parents and kids are thought to take place on the bombodrom at the 1st of June. More parents, kids and ideas are always welcome. [szenarium@gmx.de]

JUNE 8 CLIMATE ACTION DAY

Friday, June 8 will be the 2007 International Day of Direct Action against Climate Change and the G8. After pledging in 2006 to invest trillions of dollars worldwide to expand oil, coal, gas and nuclear energy production, this year the G8 wants people to believe that the planet's richest countries are committed to reducing the 21st century's climate chaos by making an „orderly transition“ to „low carbon economics.“ We are not fooled! While the capitalist business of raping the

Earth's mineral and natural wealth continues on and on as usual, the G8 is scheming to implement global „carbon trading“ so that polluters can profit from the climate crisis too. But while the G8 talks their talk, we will take direct action against the fossil fuel industries responsible for manifesting this mess of global warming. Join the world's biggest day ever of anti-capitalist climate action this June 8th! [risingtide.org.uk]

FIRST CAMPSITE FIXED

Weeks after a first unacceptable campsite in Bützow was rejected by almost everyone but the unions, a first camp proposed to the authorities by the camp07 working group was accepted now. It will be situated in Reddelich at the road B 105, right between Bad Doberan and Kröpelin, only a little more than 10 km away from the red zone. Negotiations about further camps persist. [camping07@listi.jpberlin.de]

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

As in the previous years Via Campesina, a worldwide network of small farmers organizations, calls for actions against the destructive policies of global AgroBusiness at the 17th of April. The anti-g8 „Action Network Global Agriculture“ wants to support the struggles of small farmers, agricultural workers and landless people for free access to land, seeds and water, for food sovereignty and a self-determined life in dignity. Up to now there are actions planned in Berlin, Bremen and Witzhausen. You are called to support this idea and think about what you can do in your city or region. The network can provide you with two short videoclips for public viewings and a brochure to distribute. If you want, your action can be mentioned on the website as well as by the press group that will try to reach a wider public. [aktionstag17_4@yahoo.de]



FEMINIST RESISTANCE

Join the feminist woman/lesbian/transgender resistance against the G8 summit!

On the summit we protest patriarchal, capitalist, racist and any means of oppression as well as their internal links. We are opposed to categorisations such as men/women, black/white, poor/rich. We do not accept that membership of these groups, as well as norms of ideal bodies and heterosexuality, determine quite considerably one's status and prospects in this world. In the week of action we will organise a women's, lesbian and transgender area on camp and have blocs on the demos June 2nd and June 7th. Let's fight sexist conditions. Let's fight for a self-determined life without oppression. [fem-g8@riseup.net]

base +++ 17.2. berlin: „burn berlinaline, burn“ posters ridicule intellectual property rights [www.copiepirate.com] +++ 20.2. köln: 100 antimilitarist no-g8-jesters embody the deadly cynical self-righteousness of those in power under the motto „g8 - we burn out the world“ in the traditional carnival procession. in rostock and heiligendamm the group carnevala spreads propaganda-sweets and holds holy-lympics at and through the fence +++ 22.2. big fat riots in athens after a demo of 25.000 against privatization of universities and to defend the right that campuses in greece are no-go-areas for police [indymedia.org] +++ 23.2. bil'in, palestine: 1500 activists celebrate the 2nd anniversary of resistance to the wall in the village with a demo. some manage to cut the fence, 4 activists get severely injured by teargas projectiles, rubber bullets and concussion

★ BLOCKADE THE G8 - STOP THE WARS! ★

June 5th, 2007, at Rostock-Laage Airport (Germany)
Against Militarism, War and Torture

The Rostock-Laage Airport is part of the infrastructure of the G8 Summit Conference and the militaristic policies of the G8 governments. Here the next war is being prepared with Euro-fighter military jets. From here the military jets will soon fly to the „Bombodrom,“ and here is where the participants in the G8 conference plan to fly in. But we, too, will be here in large numbers, because they can't land here with their war policies. We will express our opposition to war and to the G8 through many forms of protest and active resistance.

Behind many wars being waged every day in places all over the world are the G8 governments. Germany is a direct participant in ten wars worldwide and supports other wars by, for example, providing supplies or intelligence. Rostock-Laage Airport is part of the militaristic policy of the G8 governments and their Summit Conference in Heiligendamm.

The participants in the Summit Conference represent the world's eight mightiest governments, which help create the problems -- for which they then decide upon the so-called solutions. They speak of „global governance“ and of „humanitarian intervention“, of „strengthening civil society“ and of „steps to peace“, but in reality they mercilessly use „might makes right“ methods to make a world order serving the continuation of their own power and their capitalistic profits - as can be seen today in

Afghanistan and Iraq. But the logic of war does not begin when the bombs fall and the shooting starts. Usually suppression and exploitation can be maintained without using weapons. It is sufficient to threaten exclusion from world trade or cuts in „development aid.“ A worldwide network of military bases adds to the perceived threat. In neo-colonial and imperial systems



of dependency, there are few choices: often, to the national elites, it seems better to open up their countries to foreign investors and to let the oil wells flow – even to the disadvantage of their own people – rather than to risk being considered a member of „the axis of evil.“

All over the globe, in the North and in the South, militarization begins in everyday life. Everyday war in the South is neo-conservative restructuring by the IMF and the World Bank; in the North, it is gradual milita-

rization of the domestic policy: camera surveillance of inner cities coupled with comprehensive collection of private data; military surveillance from the air, as during the World Soccer Championship; militaristic guarding of borders against would-be immigrants; the calculated promotion of culturally manipulated images of „the enemy“ - all this is promoted as being in the interest of

„our security.“ The real sources of the conflicts – having to do with injustices, with a worldwide imbalance of power, with attempted cultural domination – are never addressed. While the apparently simple solution of „the war against terror“ was supposed to provide security in the North, instead it produces terror and insecurity, whether in Iraq or in the London subway.

The Bundeswehr (the German Military) is taking advantage of the growing economic insecurity, poverty, and the pressures on

the unemployed. Working together with employment agencies, the Bundeswehr ever more aggressively advertises the benefits of the soldier's „job.“ Precisely those who are excluded from our economic system are the ones designated to enforce the same economic relations globally.

Militarization and war (re)produce patriarchal gender relations in both the „allied countries“ and the „enemy countries.“ The supposedly „male“ virtues are promoted by military institutions. Sexist exploitation, violence and (forced) prostitution escalate wherever the Military goes, on so-called „peace missions,“ in which they aggressively intervene in people's everyday lives. The self-chosen „fighters for freedom and democracy“ also create lawless places all over the world in the form of prison camps, torture prisons, and refugee camps. The permanent state of war in „the era of terrorism“ creates the means for abolishing ever more democratic rights. The threat of torture and its increasingly open use has the goal of intimidating the opposition, creating a feeling of powerlessness, and undermining all resistance. The state of emergency becomes normal.

But what we most have to fear are the strategies for securing global power and profit opportunities. This is what the G8 politicians in Heiligendamm and elsewhere want to be able to discuss behind security fences.

Occupy the Bombodrom – Stop the War Games!

War requires practice. This is to take place, as the Military wishes, in the so-called Bombodrom in the Kyritz-Ruppin Meadows near Wittstock. Supposedly this is the only place spacious enough for sophisticated joint surface-to-air war games, practicing dropping nuclear bombs, and test-firing remote-controlled rockets. Since 1992, the initiative FREIE HEIDE („Free the Meadows“) has been

organizing regional resistance. On June 1st, 2007, there will be a Bombodrom action there, as part of the anti-G8 Action Days. The place to be used in war games will be occupied and reclaimed for peaceful purposes.

Beginning on May 31st, caravans and marches from all over Europe will arrive in the Kyritz-Wittstock Meadows to launch the beginning of the Action

Days against the G8 policies.

On June 5th, we will be at the Rostock-Laage Airport in large numbers, with a multiplicity of actions, to demonstrate our opposition to the G8 Summit Conference, to militarization and war policies, and to capitalistic, patriarchal, and racist social relations.

We do not want these self-appointed rulers of the world here or anywhere else.

At this G-8 Summit Conference, they shall neither have a secluded meeting, nor will they be able to peacefully land with their planes here.

Ya Basta! We've had it!

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[www.g8andwar.de]

grenades [http://www.awalls.org] +++ 23.2. hamburg-niendorf: four cars of the catering company dussmann melt away in fire as a contribution to the militant campaign against the g8. dussmann is profiting from selling bad food to asylum seekers +++ 24.2. big anti war demo in london [indymedia.org.uk] +++ 24.2. bilbo, euzkadi: despite brutal attacks of the police thousands demonstrate and build barricades in solidarity with the political prisoners and for the release of Inaki de Juana Chaos, who is on hungerstrike for 112 days at that time +++ after 1.3 copenhagen: no peace no more. riot after riot responds to the eviction of ungdomshuset, supported by solidarity actions all over europe. firms involved in the eviction loose cars in flames of revenge [indymedia.org.uk/en/2007/03/363973.html] +++ 8.3. colour to sex shops in nürnberg on feminist action

ALERTA ANTIFASHISTA!

At the last Dissent meeting in Germany an ANTI-FASCIST WORKING GROUP was established by anti-fascist activists from Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. The aim is to organize powerful and creative resistance against the fascist demonstration in Schwerin at the 2th of June, when the „nationaldemocratic party of germany“ npd is planning a march of 1500 fashists. From the point of view of regional activists there is big necessity to blocade this demonstration and to point out the anti-fascist character of the anti-globalisation movement. Although at the same time there is the big anti-G8 demonstration in Rostock we are going to mobilise against the nationalist march in Schwerin. Antifascists in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern are confronted with a strong fascist scene, they gained 6 seats in parliament, their infrastructure is well developed. It's highest time to show fascists in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern that there are lots of people who won't tolerate them on the streets of Schwerin on the 2th of June, as well as anywhere else anytime. Let us show them that we are more powerful, than they can possibly imagine. [aag@systemausfall.org]

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BANK ACCOUNTS

Infotour | International Workinggroup | Convergence Centers: Netzwerk Selbsthilfe e.V., IBAN: DE 13 1009 0000 7403 8870 00, SWIFT-BIC: BEVODEBB, Berliner Volksbank, Purpose: „Infotour“, „International“ or „ConvergenceCenter“

Lawyers Emergency Service: RAV, IBAN: DE 17 2501 0030 0009 0043 01, BIC/SWIFT: PBNKDEFF, Postbank Hannover, Purpose: „Anwaltsnotdienst G8-Gipfel 2007“



FEED RESISTANCE

Support the Vokü!

to coordinate public kitchens coming to the anti-g8-protests there is a contact adress out now: "cooktheg8@gmx.net". use it if you are a group of people willing to help with cooking or equipment, if you know cooking-teams that have not yet heard of the great idea to come to heiligendamm! As we expect around 20.000 people on the camps, around 30-40 voküs will be needed. every helping hand is welcome.

CONVERGENCE CENTERS & SPACES

Posters are out, places are clear! In Hamburg the Rote Flora will funktion as a Convergence Center from 25th of May till the 10th of June [convergence-HH@nadir.org], in Rostock an old school in Evershagen serves as the place to come together, to make plans, to gather and to share information. some comrades already moved in, you're welcome to visit, to help preparing and protecting the place [cc-rostock@riseup.net]. In Berlin a slightly different concept is pursued by the idea of a Convergence SPACE, that will not only provide rooms to talk and prepare in well-known libertarian centers, but also wants to open up the process for not-yet-activist people, e.g. by having the daily plenaries in parks or plazas. It will be open from 21th of May till 16th of June [mail.cc_berlin@nostate.net].

WEBSITES & MAILING-LISTS

+ international mailing list: g8-int@lists.riseup.net [en]
+ dissent website & wiki: www.dissentnetwork.org [ge, en, it, ro, ru, sp, fr, gr, nl, pl]
+ interventionist left: g8-2007.de [ge, en, sp]
+ revolutionary alliance: antig8.tk [ge, en, sp, it]
+ blockade trainings: www.blockaid.org [de, en, fr, sp, cz]
+ ngo coalition: www.g8-germany.info [en]
+ on all g8 summits: www.gipfelsoli.org [ge, en, sp, ru, it, fr]
+ help on visa: visaquestions@riseup.net

WORLDWIDE AGAINST G8

+++ BELGIUM www.stopg8.be +++ CATALONIA www.endavant.org/groups/noticies/juny2007/antiG8-crida +++ CZECH REPUBLIC www.antig8.wbs.cz/index.php?flash=ne +++ ESTONIA punamust.org/forum/viewtopic.php?t=501 +++ EUSKADI sareantifaxista.blogspot.com/2007/02/smash-g8-2007-en-alemania-desde-el-4.html +++ FRANCE anti-g8.effraie.org | www.campus.attac.org/rubrique.php3?id_rubrique=42 | www.intergalactique.lautre.net/rubrique123.html | french mailinglist: g8-heiligendamm@lists.riseup.net +++ GREECE www.2007-g8.tk | athens.indymedia.org/thematics/G8/index.php | www.freewebs.com/autonomosaction | www.resistance2003.gr +++ ITALIA www.globalproject.info/art-10950.html +++ MEXICO contrag8.revolt.org +++ NETHERLANDS www.dissent.nl +++ PORTUGAL geito2007.blogspot.com +++ ROMANIA nog8romania.wordpress.com +++ RUSSIA spb8.net +++ SLOVAKIA www.protesty.org/protesty/g8-nemecko-heiligendamm-2007 +++ SERBIA kontra-punkt.info/index.php?module=CMpro&func=viewpage&pageid=65 +++ SPAIN www.nodo50.org/accionglobal/heiligendam.htm | info-g82007.tk +++ SWEDEN se.dissentnetwork.org +++ UK wombles.org.uk/actions/g8/g82007 | dissent.org.uk +++ USA rtc.revolt.org | mailinglist: lists.riseup.net/www/info/g8-usa

AGENDA

24./25. March

demo in berlin against european summit & treaty of rome celebrations

26. March

G8 ministers of development in Berlin

13. April

next international gathering of anarchist/dissent/antiauthoritarian activists in rostock-evershagen to organize against the g8

13. - 15. April

rostock III action conference of all groups mobilizing against g8 2007

17. April

International Day of Peasant's Struggle, called out by Via Campesina

1. May

International Day of Classwar

18. May

G8 ministers of finance in Schwielowsee

23. May

G8 ministers of justice and interior in Munich

21. May

Convergence Space kicks off in Berlin

25. May

Convergence Centers open in Hamburg and Rostock

30. May

G8 foreign ministers in Potsdam

CHOREOGRAPHY OF RESISTANCE

1. June – Friday

Activists settlement on the bombing range Bombodrom

2. June – Saturday

Anti-G8 opening Demos in Rostock - Antifashist Demo in Schwerin

3. June – Sunday

Actionday on Global Agriculture

4. June – Monday

Actionday on Migration

5. June – Tuesday

Actionday against War & Militarization - Blockades at the Airport Rostock Laage - Beginning of the Alternative Summit

6. June – Wednesday

Blockades around Heiligendamm - Beginning of G8 Summit

7. June – Thursday

Demonstrations to Heiligendamm - bad-conscience-concert „Music and Message“ miles away from the fence

8. June – Friday

Climate Action Day

day +++ 8.3. oaxaca: women hold the first rows of the manifestation of 100.000 to demand freedom for the prisoners of the uprising 3 month ago +++ 8.3. berlin: autonomous groups set on fire a dussmann building, protesting against the inhumane catering the company provides to asylum-seekers in a local camp. They call to „Fight Fortress Europe - Fight G8“ +++ 8.-14.3 america latina dice fuera a bush! massive protests accompany the u.s. president on every step of his south america tour. in montevideo cracking glass and fire greet welcome, in mexico riots push towards the embassy [entodaspartes.org/fuerabush] +++ 11.3. athens: as a reaction to police repression of the students demonstration against the privatisation of universities two days before, the bureau of the conservative government party and a bank are attacked with molotovs, a police squat gets beaten up [athens.indymedia.org/?lang=en]