

# The refugeewomen\* festival from 20th to the 22nd of September in Hamburg

**United against isolation! For a life in solidarity,  
freedom and self-determination!**



## **Dear friends\* and sisters\*,**

five years ago we had the second conference of the CARAVAN-refugeewomen\*movement. Five years ago we came together, to have an exchange and to give each other energy. Energy that we need for the daily struggles against deportation, isolation, separation and racist attacks. Still war and expulsion is a part of our daily life. Again people are being hunted in Germany, refugee camps are attacked. Many of our friends are deported into an uncertain future full of danger. Many of us are dying in the Mediterranean sea on their way to Europe. Some succeed to flee but have to live in overcrowded camps in Italy or Greece, on the streets or find „illegal“ ways to survive.

We remember everybody who died on their way over the sea, in the desert or in the camps. We remember everybody who has to fear for their life in Libya, Jordan, Morocco or Turkey. We remember everybody who has to sell their body in the desert in Niger or Mali and who has to encounter the

worst violence. We remember our children, our partners and relatives, who are still exposed to the bombs, the violence, the hunger, the prisons and the lack of perspective in the big camps and containers.

We now are fighting against even more aggressive asylum and immigration politics in Germany and Europe. These policies constantly criminalize and terrorize us, separate our families and execute deportations. Every day we fight in the newly set up camps and containers, so that we get the necessary medical care and our children can go to school. We fight against the isolation.

The world seems to have become even more aggressive, dehumanizing and unsafe. Maybe also because we have become less united and our communities have become weaker. All the wars and conflicts show their effects on us. Hatred has been put in the midst of us and we were incited against each other. It's enough! Because it's all of us that are under attack and in danger. The right to live was taken from us. But us, we are still alive and able to fight for our families and ourselves.

We can give each other the strength, that we need for our day-to-day survival. This strength is the solidarity. It arises when we see each other, we encounter, we talk and our souls touch. It arises when we stand together for each and every one of us and defend our rights at the same time. We are from different places in this world. We have different experiences, speak thousands of languages and bring with us the strengths of all cultures and colours. Together we can not only dream about but actually live a world without exploitation, wars and hunger. Our weapons are our chants and songs, our poetry and dances, our stories and our role models. So we invite you to our refugeewomen\*festival, for us to spend a weekend together in solidarity full of music and discussions. Let's dance, sing and fight together as women\* and gain new strengths for the future.

**We wanna meet. We wanna exchange. We wanna celebrate.  
We want to talk about the reasons that make us flee.  
We want to talk about our problems, when we want to bring our children here.**

## **Program**

**Friday, the 20th of September 2019**

6pm: arrival

8pm: women\*s-demonstration against deportation, accommodation in camps, war and racism

**Saturday, the 21st of September 2019**

a.m.: round talk about racism, violence against women\*, family reunion and deportation

p.m.: creative workshops and smaller group discussions

evening: celebration together with music and dance

**Sunday, the 22nd of September 2019**

presentation of the workshop results

How can we strengthen our women\*struggles and our network?

2pm: The End

## **Organizational**

The CARAVAN women\*festival is self-organized. The festival is primarily aimed for refugee and migrant women\*. The festival is all about our interests and exchange. The festival is open to all women\*, who are interested in the topics and want to listen and participate.

### **Accommodation:**

We offer to organize simple places to sleep at. We can't provide hotel rooms.

### **Food:**

Men\* from the CARAVAN network and other organizations will support us by preparing food and organizing child care like they also did at the past women\*conferences.

**Childcare:** Will be provided.

### **Getting there:**

Please come with „Quer-durch's-Land“-tickets. We can refund you those tickets with donations that we got. We can't afford any other tickets. Please understand, that we primarily want to recompensate the tickets for our friends and sisters from the refugee camps.

### **Registration:**

Please send us an E-Mail: [hamburg@thecaravan.org](mailto:hamburg@thecaravan.org)

Please tell us in advance, how many children you would be bringing and which translation you would need so that we can organize beforehand.

### **Festival Address:**

GWA St. Pauli e. V./Kölibri, Hein-Köllisch-Platz 12, 20359 Hamburg (near to S- Bahn Reeperbahn)

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