

Calling all people/BPoC's (Blacks and Persons of Color) experiencing Racism

Call for self-organization

in the area of Dresden

We are experiencing racism **in our everyday lives** and don't want to experience it over and over again, generation after generation. **We will stand against that!**

The right-wing extremist terrorist attacks in **Hanau** and **Halle**, the **NSU-murders**, hundreds of **racist murders** in Germany, **the burning of Asylum shelters**, the **everyday racism** that we are experiencing, the openly racist politics of the political party **AFD** and other established parties - **This can not continue!**

Racism...

- Is killing us
- Is taking our self-confidence
- Is making us powerless
- Is taking our voices
- Is excluding us from society

* When we talk about racism, we do not want to neglect other forms of discrimination based on for example sexual orientation, class or antisemitism and declare our solidarity with other marginalized groups.

We claim that this injustices are connected to European colonialism, where for hundreds of years the societies of Latin America, North and South Africa, the Middle East and Asia were displaced from their lands, killed and enslaved. **The legacy of this injustices continue today and is affecting all areas of our everyday life here in Europe, Germany and Dresden.**

Racist thought is not only the ideology of right-wing extremist/neo-nazi organizations. **It is rooted deep in European and German Society.** Racism is practiced daily by the so called "democratic" and "liberal" governmental institutions in Germany.

This can be seen in the discriminatory practices of the police such as **Racial Profiling**, discrimination when looking for a flat or for a job, and the inhumane **asylum policy** in Germany and Europe.

We experienced that our voice is often not heard in places with mostly white people. We are being displayed as in need of help, and also not able to change our circumstances on our own. That shows **the continuities of racism** even among the people that think that they are helping us. The long history of discrimination of blacks, indigenious and people of color shows that we cannot continue to rely on the white civil society or the German/European government(s).

As we are not protected by the government or the civil society we need **safe spaces**, where we can communicate among equals, **where we can express our anger, our fears, our emotion.**

Let us create an own identity, by taking the struggle into our own hands, expressing the collective experience of racism. **Nobody can act in our name**, only WE can do it!

If you feel as we do, **join us for our very first meeting** where we will gather ideas and actions. Your voice is important as we want to include the many different perspectives and experiences involved in our common struggle (for recognition and dignity).

Let us organize – Let us network – Let us empower each other

WHEN: March 26th 2020 Thursday at 6pm

WHERE: Internationalistisches Zentrum

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