

EU migrants' struggle against overexploitation and for housing

Together with precarious workers from Bulgaria we want to invite you to an information event. **On Wednesday, 9/12/15, 8pm, at Kafe Marat, Thalkirchnerstr. 102, Munich.**

What is it about?

In the center of the city but at the edges of its society - precarious EU-citizens often live without adequate housing or on the street and work in insecure and extremely exploitative working conditions. Although they enjoy the right to free movement as EU citizens, their social rights are mostly bound to a job, or to their employability. They have to fight against racism, including bureaucratic barriers that keep them from claiming their rights on a daily basis.



The Initiative Zivilcourage

Since 2010 the Initiative Zivilcourage collaborates closely with precarious workers and together we are fighting for an improvement in their living conditions. Currently there is a temporary workers' center in the main station neighbourhood open once a week where we demand unpaid wages and accompany through the complex, mostly monolingual and often discriminatory bureaucracy. We organize discussions and information events, demonstrations and other forms of protest and try to support the workers in their political self-organization.

We invite you to become active with us and to join our weekly Workers Center!

Production of homelessness

The housing situation is often named by the workers as most urgently. Although the city of Munich has to provide accommodation for all homeless people in the city, EU citizens "without perspective in Munich" are sent back to the street. In regard to the so-called "poverty migration" („Armutszuwanderung“) it's the city's aim to "prevent unnecessary incentives" („dass unnötige Anreizeffekte vermieden werden müssen“), as the city wrote in 2014. In the winter of 2013, the municipality started an emergency program called 'Kälteschutzprogramm' in order to prevent that people freeze to death. Within the Winter of 14/15, 3220 homeless persons used the shelter. 64 858 overnight stays were counted. There are also many persons who have claimed asylum in another EU-country and don't have access to state benefits in Germany. During the day the shelter has to be left and not even lockers are available. Also it is not possible to register under the address of the shelter -- but a registration is required for a working contract and for many social rights. This shelter is an emergency program, but no answer to one of the most pressing social questions in Munich. Homeless migrants get stuck in their precarious situation, sometimes for years. This way, the city does not fight poverty, homelessness and extreme exploitation, but produces it. One thing is clear: People come and work anyway.

We call for a campaign:

On Wednesday, Dec 6, we will present first ideas for a campaign that intends to organise protest in the city on 1.4.16, the date on which the 'Kälteschutzprogramm' ends.

Against the production of poverty! For the right to housing!

Against racism, marginalization and exploitation! Reclaim the city!