

20 years Anniversary of Refugee Resistance in Germany  
1994 – 2014

**Call for Donation:  
Support the celebration of the continuity!**

**October 1st to October 5th 2014 in Jena**

20 years of active resistance by The VOICE Refugee Forum in Germany are a proof that self-organization of the affected persons is the only alternative for the struggle of the oppressed. It is our aim to fight and end the fear and the insecurity of being a refugee here in Germany and Europe as a whole.

It has always been our aim to fight colonial injustice - substantial parts of this have been the fight to abolish the apartheid restriction of movement, the so-called "Residenzpflicht" in Germany, to break the isolation of refugees, to close the lagers and be self-organized in fighting racist discrimination and every single deportation.

Today, although some German states are still struggling to sustain their racist machinery with this apartheid law, with the struggle for refugee liberation all over Germany, the Residenzpflicht is slowly becoming history.

We have since 1995 closed down more than a quarter of the isolated lagers and advocated for normal housing in the cities within the State of Thuringia and beyond.

Our continuous experience of racist police controls and violence led us to a slogan: "control the police" as we are not ready anymore to accept discrimination and criminalization on the basis of racist profiling.

Many refugees have taken the initiative to resist and stop their deportations, which collectively developed into nationwide deportation stop campaigns and international networks on deportation stop.

Together, we are inspired to continue our struggles to expose the injustice of the nations, their participation in and making of wars and exploitation because these are the major reasons that force us to flee and migrate from our home countries.

**Share your inspiration – join – donate!**

We are calling on you to share your inspiration with us. We are calling on you to celebrate with us. We are calling on you to support our celebration and the evaluation of 20 years of refugee resistance. We are calling on you to help us to develop more strategies and perspectives by supporting our five days event in Jena from 1st to 5th of October 2014. There will be reports, discussions, conferences and cultural programs, there will be visits to refugee isolation camps, rallies in Jena and at the isolation camps, there will be visits to historical places of refugee struggle in Thuringia.

Our intention is to make our event happen without any financial aid through state related organisations or funds of political parties or NGOs' sponsorship – a self-organized struggle needs independent funding.

Money will be needed for transportation cost: of refugee participants, visits to the lagers, invited activists from other European countries, artists, musicians, exhibitions.

We will further have to cover costs for publicity materials, documentation, office and logistic: flyers, leaflets and posters, including mobility etc.

Donate to make it possible! Organize solidarity-parties to raise independent funds!

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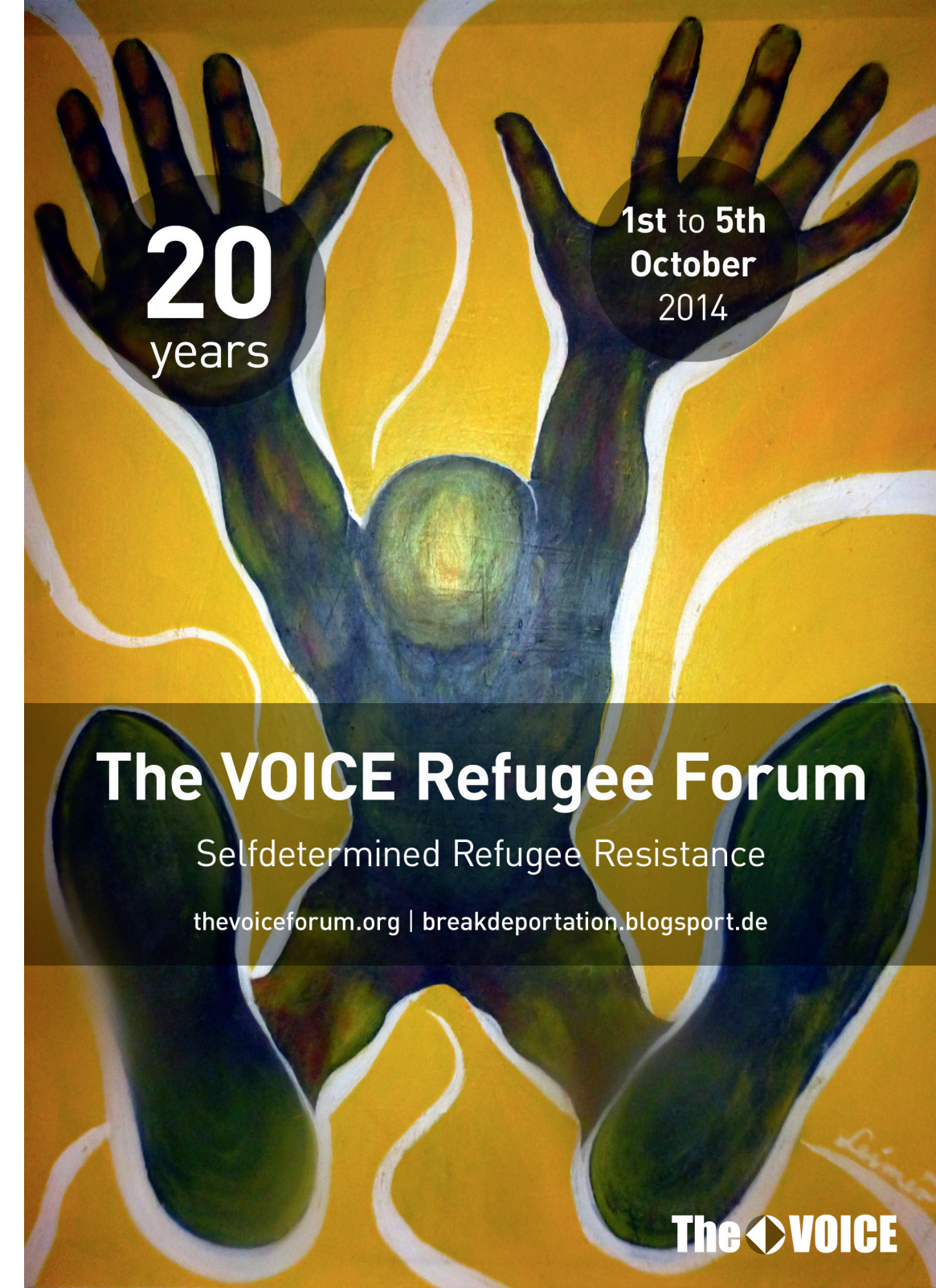
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# The VOICE Refugee Forum

Selfdetermined Refugee Resistance

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The VOICE

Unite Against Deportation and Social Exclusion from 1st till 5th October 2014 in Jena			
Program			
	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Wed 01. Oct.	Arrival (Schillergäßchen 5, 07745 Jena)	Action in Isolated Refugee Reception Camp in Eisenberg – Rally from 3 to 5 pm	Official opening: 7 pm, Pio- neering the refugee struggles in Thueringen since 1994
Thu 02. Oct.	Conference on our history in the refugee struggles of The VOICE Refugee Forum in 20 years	Identification and defining the crimes of persecutions, atrocities against and abuses of Human rights by deporta- tion, testimonies of refugee community activists on their struggles	Public Discussion: Unite the Resistance – “Refugee Community Solidarity instead of Hierarchy” ~ How our struggles support to eliminate and liberate the German society from perse- cution
Fri 03. Oct.	Critical Solidarity Space: Selfreflection and criticism in the Refugee Movement in Germany and Beyond	“20 years is not Enough” Workshops with different topics running parallel ~ Mechanism of Neo Coloni- alism: We are here because Europe destroys, exploits and corrupts the refugee countries	NATO warfare and the silent war by daily persecution of Refugees ~ General plenary ~ Anniversary Ceremony with Concerts and Theatre
Sat 04. Oct.	Reports on International Refugee Tribunal against German Human rights abuses in 2013 ~ The Deterrence: Eliminate the deportation and break down the deportation prisons – the way forward	Public Rally in Jena ~ Picnic in the abolished former Isolation Refugee Reception Camp in Jena Forest	Musical jam / party in different parts of the city
Sun 05. Oct.	„BREAK ISOLATION” and closing plenum	Rally in Breitenworbis Isolation Refugee Camp: Close the Isolation Lager!	Closing: On the Move! Fight Back – Against racism and discrimination! We want another Germany and Europe without persecution!

(work in progress)

20 years of The VOICE Refugee Forum –  
20 years Anniversary of Refugee Resistance in Germany

“20 years are not enough” –  
Unite against Deportation and Social Exclusion

The VOICE, OUR VOICE will forever be OURS and can never be silenced!

20 years of active resistance by The VOICE Refugee Forum in Germany is a proof that self-organization of the affected persons is the only alternative for the struggle of the oppressed. It is our aim to fight and end the fear and insecurity of being a refugee here in Germany and Europe as a whole.

Founded in 1994 in Thuringia Germany, we, The VOICE Refugee Forum invite you to join us in celebrating 20 years anniversary of refugee self-organization. It is a call for solidarity with grassroots political activism and struggles in Germany and beyond. This Anniversary will be funded only by internal and independent donators to guarantee the autonomy of our resistance.

Our aim has been to fight societal and institutional racism, discrimination and other deplorable and inhuman conditions that refugees are subjected to in Germany. This has been against the backdrop of refugees and migrant rights abuses that are institutionalized through racist laws legitimizing the brutality of the State organs – this, the network of “The VOICE” has been relentlessly confronting since its 20 years of daily engagement and self-empowerment for active resistance.

The anniversary will reflect on the celebration of the longest self-organized refugee movement in Europe and the endless struggles to break the ingrained German state isolation culture and liberate ourselves and the society from the daily discrimination we face in Germany!

This celebration is about ‘You’ as much as it’s about ‘Us’, and hence it’s about our solidarity, our principles, our strength and the victories attained from challenging the injustices we face from the hypocrisy of the political elites and their cohorts who still live in denial of our inalienable rights to human dignity.

We celebrate while reviving and reliving the memories of our contributions to the refugee struggles. Remember, the history of our solidarity cannot be complete without acknowledging the sacrifices of the still living and the dead refugees who inspired our survival over the last two decades. Engraving this acknowledgement in our hearts fortifies our strength and aids our success of standing together against the globalized patterns of Imperialism and colonial injustice.

Our persecutors have attempted to divide and rule us, but we have blown their strategy in their face by standing together as a refugee group, united by our principles of justice and equality. Their attempt to intimidate us has failed as we have only become more determined and resolute to stand up for our rights. Their attempt to silence us by cruel and inhuman means has left our voices louder than they can bear as we continue to inspire others to raise theirs.

“We are here because you destroy our countries” a slogan of the Caravan-for the Rights of Refugees and Migrants aptly describes the mechanism of Neo-colonialism that has forced many to live as refugees within and outside our home countries. The meaning of this thought-provoking slogan is reflected in the innumerable examples and means through which Western economic and political interests are destroying our lives and home countries.

We are calling on you to share your inspiration with us. Together, we are inspired to continue our struggles to expose the injustice of the nations, their participation in and making of wars and exploitation because these are the major reasons that force us to flee and migrate from our home countries. In Germany and beyond, refugee struggles in many cities presently feeling the brunt of our long years of refugee resistance in Europe.

The 20 years anniversary of The VOICE will be marked with five days of socio-cultural and political events from Wednesday 1st till Sunday 5th October 2014 in Jena.

Once again, we shall reflect on the refugee right to freedom of movement and settlement as well as the importance of continued self-organization of refugees by focusing on identifying and defining criminalization through persecution: Main emphasis will be laid on the analysis of deportations as a crime and the atrocity of deportation prisons.

The VOICE Refugee Forum, July 2014

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