



Welcome-Café Halberstadt

What is the Welcome Café in Halberstadt?

Since summer 2018, the Welcome Café for Refugees exists in Halberstadt. In the summer, it takes place once a month in front of the central refugee camp (ZAsT). In autumn and winter, the Welcome Café takes place in the socio-cultural centre ZORA in Halberstadt.

During the Welcome Café, we offer multilingual information (brochures, leaflets, booklets) on the subject of asylum, life in Germany, health, women's rights, political self-organisation, etc. We offer a consultation by a lawyer and also workshops/courses are taking place. Our focus is the support of refugees who engage themselves and want to organize together to strike for their rights. We invited activists from Oranienplatz-Initiative from Berlin to talk about their experience and political struggle, for example. But also we have organized workshops for dance or arts. Moreover, we offer child care. The Welcome-Café in Halberstadt offers the possibility to get in contact with

other people, have a coffee or tee in a comfortable atmosphere, eat together and speak with each other. Also, friends from the radio project „Common Voices Radio“ from Halle (Saale) join us and offer to create a radio show together and talk about the situation in Germany or the country of origin.

To enable the Welcome Café and pay bus tickets for refugees for the way from ZAsT to ZORA, for example, we need financial support. We are dependent on donations and we apply for money at different non-governmental organisations and foundations.

Who is organising the Welcome Café?

The Café is organised and done by single persons and groups. Since 2009, we have united in the Antiracist Network Saxony-Anhalt (antiranet). We act sovereign from political parties, we are activists and we do not get payed. We come from different cities in Saxony-Anhalt and Leipzig. Basis for our work within the Network is our common aim of a society free of racism and exclusion. People should have equal rights irrespective of passport or origin. Together, we stand for the rights of refugees and migrants. We stand for a solidary support and for strengthening the self-organisation of refugees. We make the living conditions of refugees public and enable access to independent information for people within the asylum procedure.

In the past years, we supported the self-organisation of refugees again and again, for example the Refugee Initiative Möhlau and Wittenberg, the Refugee Strike and the linked Protest Camp in Bitterfeld, the group „Stimme der Frauen (Voice of Women)“, protests from refugees in Bernburg, the Initiative in memory of Oury Jalloh and some more. We are recently supporting projects in different places in Saxony-Anhalt, for example a group in Halle-Merseburg, which supports refugees who only get coupons and no cash money from social office any more.

We are no official consultation office. We try to get into a discussion, to create a public awareness and to share our knowledge and experience whenever there are questions.

We are always looking for people who want to join us – no matter if single person or organised group. On our website „antiranetlsa.blogspot.de“, we report frequently about our activities as a Network and also about local and worldwide occurrences and actions on subjects like migration, asylum and racism.

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