

Join our celebration Lampedusa in Hamburg – 5 years of struggle!

In 2013, Lampedusa in Hamburg started!
In these 5 years of struggle, we experienced so much solidarity and we got to know so many of you! **We celebrate this with a manifestation at the Lampedusa-tent and a banner-and people-chain from the tent to the Rathaus. We will start with the manifestation on the 30th of June around 2 pm.**

To make this happen, we need all of you! Come out and join us with old and new banners. Let's make ourselves visible and show what is important to us!

Together, we'll also mobilise on the street for the antiracist parade We'll come United that will take place in Hamburg on the 29th September!

These 5 years of Lampedusa in Hamburg are an amazing experience in many ways: When we found ourselves in the streets of Hamburg in spring 2013 we organised something new. After the terror of the militia and the soldiers, the escalation of the war due to the NATO's bombing in Libya, the traumatic escape via the Mediterranean sea, and after being thrown out of Italy's camps with papers but no perspective to have a stable live and work in Italy, we decided:

Enough is enough.

Now we are here in Hamburg.

We are here to stay!

The Hamburg Senate first tried to push us back to Italy and then to ignore us. We never got a clear solution for all of us. We proposed a group solution according to §23 Aufenthalts-gesetz, but this was rejected. The Senate's proposal that everyone of us might get a right to stay via the way of a Duldung and an individual appeal to the 'Härtefallkommission' still only works for a few of us.

But we are here, since we started fighting and so many people in this city took our side. We made friends. We discussed our situation with pupils and students, churches and mosques, neighborhoods, theatres, trade unions, and

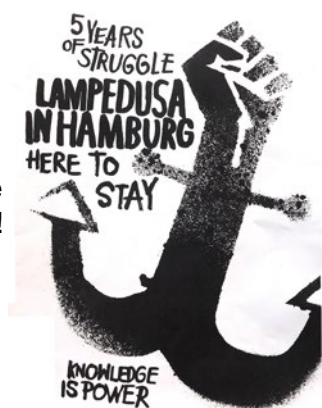
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football clubs and got a lot of support from many different groups.

We found sleeping places and some limited work, though never enough. Some of us got the right to stay through individual solutions, like marriage, others still struggle for daily necessities.

We established our info-tent against all resistances and repression.

We play football and theatre, participate in music groups, choirs, performances, radio programs and sports competitions. We paint murals. We give lectures. We renovate, cook and box. ***For years, we are part of this city and its history.***



We went to the streets together with Roma from the Balkans, Syrians, Afghans, Kurds and others – against deportation, for a life in dignity for all. We discussed our situation on European level with more than 1.000 refugees and hundreds of other activists at the International Conference of Refugees and Migrants at Kampnagel in 2016.

Still, thousands of people die during the attempt to arrive in Europe. The situation of refugees in Germany and Europe gets harder day by day.

Structural racism through legal exclusion, racist attacks against refugees and migrants and deportations increase.

But we are many who still struggle for the Freedom of Movement, against the Dublin regulations and for global justice! For the right to work and to build up a new life wherever we want.

Let's come together! Stop the fear – break the silence! In solidarity with all refugees – Equal rights for all - We are here to stay!!

***Lampedusa in Hamburg and friends,
25th May 2018***

***Join our celebration on 30th June, 2 pm.
starting from Steindamm –
„Lampedusa Platz“***

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