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Young refugees from Germany will go to Brussels with a campaign for human rights

Under the name *Cult(ou)ral Protest*, the European campaign *SOS for Human Rights* will go to the European Parliament in Brussels from December 2nd to December 5th, 2012 (**See program attached**). An alliance of eight german organizations (*Jugendliche ohne Grenzen* (Youth without borders), GRIPS Theater Berlin, the council of refugees Flüchtlingsrat Berlin and Flüchtlingsrat Brandenburg), as well as the following organizations for the protection of refugees (Borderline Europe, PRO ASYL, WeGe ins Leben) and the union of teachers GEW stand up in the name of "SOS for Human Rights" for the concrete application of human and children's rights, more precisely those of young refugees, in the European Union since 2010.

The ten joining members of the self-organization of young refugees, *Youth without borders*, who are subject to residency obligation have -thanks to this trip - the unusual possibility to cross the countries borders for several days. Accompanied by actors and educators from the GRIPS Theater Berlin the will hand over the campaign appeal - along with the over 5000 signatures that have been collected within the campaign "SOS for Human Rights" - to Martin Schulz, President of The European Parliament on 4th December.

Following the invitation of Ska Keller, European Deputy (Die Grünen – The Green Party), the GRIPS Theater will show the theater play of the campaign within a workshop on "European Asylum- and Refugee Politics!"

The «SOS for the Human Rights» campaign is primarily committed to defending Refugees' Human Rights on external borders as well as within the EU. The appeal written by *Jugendliche ohne Grenzen* presents the different claims of its young refugees for the respect of their human rights.. A theater play named «SOS for Human Rights» was created by the GRIPS Theater Berlin for the campaign and will reach Brussels for its 125th performance. With this journey, the «SOS for Human Rights» intends to carry its claims in high places and to provide the refugees with an international forum. They are notably asking for the immediate implementation of important measures such as:

- * **Keep the escape routes free!**
- * **Stop the undeclared war against refugees!**
- * **Implement human and childrens rights!**

SOS for Human Rights is a campaign by:



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Another part of the «Cult(o)ural Protest» is the annual conference of the Jugendliche ohne Grenzen from December 4th to December 7th, 2012 in Rostock-Warnemünde, a German province of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. Presented under the motto *Yes to the right to stay! The status of tolerance (Duldung) is an insult!*, this conference, with critical regard to the immigration laws in Germany, will be held in parallel to the semi-annual conference of the Internal Affairs Ministers of German Länder (IMK). On this conference will be notably presented a gala evening intended to appoint the «expulsion German minister of 2012». The agenda of the IMK shows that the ministers are not willing to listen to refugees and their claims. They are planning instead to talk about the imputed "Misuse of Asylum" of people from Mazedonia and Serbia.

The original context of these events comprises in particular of the actual situation of children and refugees' rights in Europe and Germany. Regarding the United Nations children rights, the Federal Republic of Germany admittedly does not show any more reserve since May 2010. The concrete and complete implementation of those rights regardless of the children's origins in 2012 is far from effective. Young refugees living in Germany are the first to suffer daily consequences.

With its own methods and the use of the direct democracy, the movement supported by «SOS for Human Rights» shows that the German and European laws regarding immigrants and refugees are intolerable. In this context, «SOS for Human Rights» demands the immediate suspension of laws that only give lack of prospects.

More information: www.en.sos-for-human-rights.eu

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Dates of the Cult(o)ural Protest

3.12.2012

12pm press conference of JoGs

at Collectivo Garcia Lorca Collectif, 47-49 rue des Foulons, 1000 Bruxelles

3:30pm public actions and manifestation

Place de l'Albertine, Brussels

8pm theater play and discussion with JoGs. Free Entrance.

at Collectivo Garcia Lorca Collectif, 47-49 rue des Foulons, 1000 Bruxelles

4.12.2012

11:45am meeting with Martin Schulz, President of the EU-parliament and handing over the signatures of the appeal

7pm theater play and discussion within the event "Europäische Asyl- und Flüchtlingspolitik" (European Asylum and Refugee Politics) of Ska Keller. Free Entrance.

at Goethe-Institut, Rue Belliard 58 / Belliardstraat 58, 1040 Bruxelles

5.12.2012

10:30am theater play und discussion with JoGs. Free Entrance.

at Collectivo Garcia Lorca Collectif, 47-49 rue des Foulons, 1000 Bruxelles

5pm Demonstration of Jugendlichen ohne Grenzen presented under the motto "Yes to the right to stay ! The status of tolerance (Duldung) is an insult !"
 main central station, Rostock, Germany

6.12.12

11am press conference of Jugendlichen ohne Grenzen with PRO ASYL & Flüchtlingsrat MV & Roma Center Göttingen

6pm, Gala of the 10. Youth Conference of Jugendliche ohne Grenzen
 at Peter-Weiß-Haus, Doberaner Straße 21, 18057 Rostock, Germany

7.12.12

11:30 Uhr and 18:00 Uhr theater play and discussion within the 10. Youth Conference of Jugendliche ohne Grenzen
 at WIR - Werkstattsschule, Pawlowstr. 16, 18059 Rostock, Germany

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