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Eviction of Gerhart-Hauptmann-Schule Berlin, 11.01.2018 - Call for solidarity

7:45 rally: Ohlauer Straße /Gerhart-Hauptmann-Schule
8:30 demo

The GHS is supposed to be evicted on the 11th of January, 8 o'clock in the morning. The only offer made to the inhabitants was somewhat questionable and stands in the tradition of the so-called, 'Oplatz agreement'. This is another attempt by the Berlin senate and the district government to divide and conquer the refugee movement.

After the attempted eviction of 2014, an agreement concerning a self-organized international refugee center was made. This agreement was sabotaged and never taken seriously. This despite the fact that independent organizations, several associations and the neighbourhood initiative had come up with a concept, which included counseling services, a café, and a cultural and political venue.

The refugee movement has shown that refugees fight for the status of political subjects. Their demands for visibility and equal rights – denied to them by the white-German majority society – have

encouraged and politicized groups, initiatives and individuals. Courage, solidarity, and shared political struggle are more necessary than ever in the face of constant tightening of asylum laws, the deterritorialization of Europe's borders, racist and capitalist exploitation, and the European shift to the right. All people must have the right to decide where and how they want to live, irrespective of their status and origin.

"It's not about the building, but its meaning. If you evict this place, it's going to be a loss for all of us. We're going to lose what this place could have become." (activists from the GHS)

You might be able to evict a square, you might be able to evict a school, but you can't evict a movement!

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