

Queer wagenplatz
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QUEER WAGON PLACE SCHWARZER KANAL:

Is a group of queers, women and trans living in trucks, vans and wooden wagons on a 3000 sqm piece of ground in central Berlin. Being Feminist-Queer identified, we are open to people to come and live here who feel comfortable with that definition, whatever their gender or sexual orientation may be.

Visitors of all shapes and sizes are welcome - apart from people who promote sexist, racist, or homophobic ideas.

Come and say hello!

Michael-Kirch str 20

10179, Berlin

u-bahn: Heinrich Heine str

How do we live together?

We live together communally, loosely centered around a kitchen wagon, with an optional cooking rota. We have a workshop for tools, and a shared bathroom and showers. There is a weekly meeting. We try to work non-hierarchically and in smaller groups where possible.

There is set of "basics": an understanding that all who live here take responsibility for the place and help to fight the eviction or to find somewhere new. We have a rough garden and pots dotted around which we attempt to cultivate. There is a beautiful little tractor which we use to pull our wagons around with when they need to be re-arranged. ..and we are looking for more people to come and live with us..!

Get in touch!

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Community project

We see ourselves not only as a place to live, but also as open to the wider queer, refugee and activist communities. We also hope to liaise with other autonomous spaces in Berlin and beyond. There is a community wagon available to use for workshops, yoga, and small events.

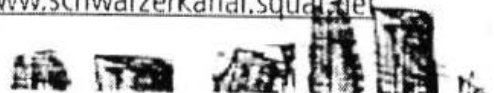
There is a bike workshop wagon, which Every Thursday afternoon is open to all as a self-help repair workshop with cake!

There is a small Action kitchen wagon.

At least once every month there are community meals, or concerts or benefit parties, or film evenings on the place.

Check out the web site for further details:

www.schwarzerkanal.squat.net



Fighting the eviction

Since the 6th of March the wagon place can be evicted at any time. The anti wagon-place laws in Berlin make it very hard to resist any legal complaint that neighbours may make. Unfortunately our neighbours complained from the first moment that we moved to the site in early 2003, after being evicted from our 13 year former home to make way for a union office. A long and predictably futile legal battle ensued.

Schwarzer Kanal and plenty of other nice sites have to move for media spree, a big gentrification project

to "clean" Kreuzberg and Mitte. We are optimistic and have hope of acquiring a new place by one means or another – but we need your help and support to give us the energy to carry it off!

Find out about supporters events by joining our email list:

Send a mail to

Schwarzer-kanal@web.de with subscribe in the title.

Why a queer wagon place?

The wagon place is somewhere where we can attempt to live out our queer ideals right now, in the midst of this fucked up society of

ours. By living together sustainably, working with the wider community, building networks with other autonomous projects & living queer; attempting to dissolve the borders of prejudice that divide us, macho, hetero-normative, class and culture...The luxury of having so much free space gives us scope for creativity, for building, imagining, & planning for actions, & for living our sexuality, our difference, & our autonomy here while we still can.

Come queer with us!

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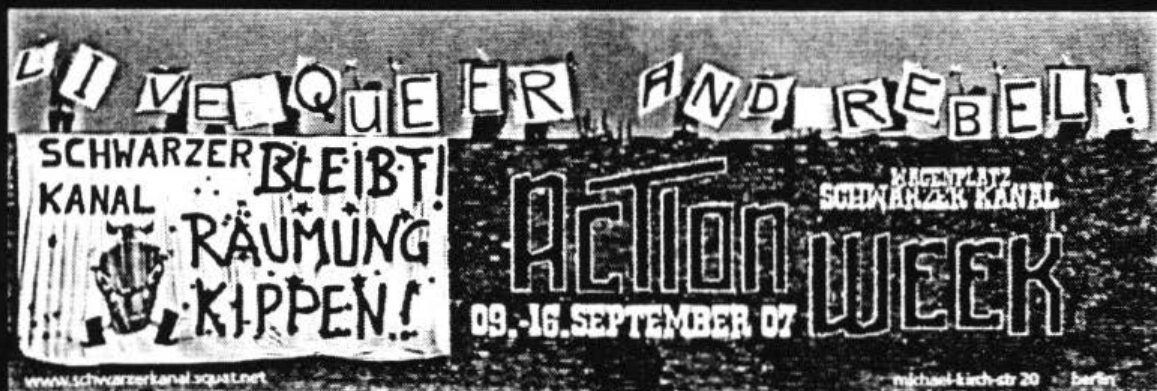
events

every thursday 15h - 19h

queer positive open bike workshop

with cake & lovely assistance & not many spare parts –
but enthusiasm & tools xxxx

come & bring your pride & joy if she needs some care and attention!!



last friday of the month 9 pm "entzaubert" film evening

queer diasporic filmmaking