



**When:** Saturday, 5th of May 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Filler, Schillerstr. 44, 99096 Erfurt, behind the ver.di-building

Registration deadline: **2<sup>th</sup> of May 2018** - please use the attached registration form and send it to the following address. If you want to participate spontaneous without registration, you are welcome.

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We want to invite you all to our 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Refugee Support Groups. It will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 in Erfurt. There will be time for exchange and networking as well as a presentation of the current situation of German politics and government. There will be several workshops with different topics.

Invited are all activists that work against racism and for human rights. **We can invite translators. Please inform us beforehand, which languages are needed.** The meeting is free of charge. We offer vegan and vegetarian food and drinks.

## Schedule

**1. Brief presentation, getting to know each other and time for exchange of the support groups**

**2. Lecture: Coalition agreement, Seehofer and the right to asylum – perspectives of the „new“ conservative politics of Germany**

For some years human rights organisations in Germany have been spoken of a rollback to old times. Do the tightening of the asylum law, crooked deals and the completely unrestrained debates find new legitimacy in the coalition agreement – and what does Seehofer actually mean?

*Stephan Dünwald – refugee council of Bavaria*

**3. Discussion rooms**

### **Theme 1: What to do in case of a deportation?**

Deportations are getting more important to the German politics. In practice: less attention is paid to the situation in the countries of origin and to the personal health. The uncertainty is great even for supporters. What can we do in this situation to avoid or not support deportations?

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### **Theme 2: Islamophobia and anti-Muslim racism**

After a brief scientific lecture on negative stereotyping and prejudices we will look at anti-Muslim racism – which is widely spread nowadays. Based on the experiences of the participants, we will discuss together, where we encounter racism and what we can do.

*Dr. Daniel Geschke – Institute for Democracy and Civil Society (IDZ) Jena*

### **Theme 3: Case consultation group on current asylum-law topics**

In a small group we discuss anonymized individual cases. With the help of the knowledge of volunteers and employees of the refugee council we want to find solutions for concrete cases. The focus is on questions and problems regarding the asylum procedure, securing residence and access to the labor market.

*Juliane Kemnitz – refugee council of thuringia, Project BLEIBdran*

### **Theme 4: Am I a racist?**

Racism happens in daily life. From the quiet remark to the denied apartment it belongs to life in Germany. But what does racism has to do with me? Am I affected or am I racist? Where do different approaches affect social life? How can we react to that? In the workshop we want to deal with it and question our own positions.

*Melanie Pohner und Oliver Preuss – DGB Bildungswerk Thüringen e.V., Projekt [CoRa]*

### **The exhibition „Her Pain: Depicted & Quoted“ is open all day.**

The exhibition shows photos of migrant women demonstrating their daily discrimination and racism. An immigrant can become the victim of racism, sexism, discrimination and physical violence anywhere, anytime. We meet some of these women. Now we want you to get to know them.

*An exhibition by Tahora Husaini – the exhibition can be borrowed.*

## **4. Final plenum and feedback**

#### **Ausschlussklausel**

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