

REFUGEES WELCOME! The right to asylum is a human right!

**Call for a Mecklenburg-Vorpommern wide demonstration in Güstrow
6th December 2014 // 13:00 Uhr // Güstrow central station**

The Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Caucus of Democracy Alliances* calls for a demonstration on 6th December in Güstrow:

„Refugees welcome! The right to asylum is a human right!“

For at least the past two years Nazis have been campaigning directly against refugees in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, playing with racist prejudices and smear. In Güstrow they are currently mobilising against a new asylum-seeker home in the Southern part of the city. Masquerading as a would-be citizens's movement they are agitating on Facebook, they hold regular info-points and recently even a torch-lit march. They aim to reach people who do not see themselves as part of the Neonazi-movement. This campaign is leading to practical action – refugees are regularly threatened on the streets, abused in a racist manner, and there are more and more direct physical assaults on them as recently happened in Anklam, Schwerin or Groß Lüsewitz.

At the same time there are support groups in many places who make crucial contributions to welcoming the refugees. In many places volunteers organise language classes, people accompany refugees on their trips to official appointments, or they arrange leisure time together. Many people confront the Nazi propaganda through their practical actions of support for refugees.

Together with them and all democratic forces we continue our struggle for solidarity in society, and for a society which respects the rights of minorities. We are committed to a society characterised by diversity and respect. We are angry about the fact that right here amongst us there is discrimination and threats against people who came to Germany seeking protection. This is why we call on everyone to join us and take a stance on 6 December, sending a clear and unequivocal sign against racist propaganda and violence. We say it loud and clear:

„Refugees welcome! The right to asylum is a human right!“

We demand that ...

... refugees can decide by themselves where and how they want to live!

... society, public administration and the political landscape open up towards refugees, work coherently for a culture of respect and welcoming based on solidarity, and provide enough financial means to do so effectively!

... each and everyone take a clear stance against racism and publicly join in solidarity with everyone who has fallen victim to racist violence!

Let us demonstrate together on 6 December for a dignified living situation of refugees, for a welcoming culture based on solidarity and against all forms of racism!

*The Caucus of Democracy Alliances in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (MV) is a network of initiatives, alliances and organisations who work in MV for the development of democratic culture and against Nazis.