

Going postal

We have also squatted a house

On the 4th of February we opened the doors of the former post building on the Hansaring, Münster. The building is in a good state and contains rooms with lots of opportunities. A Social Center with room for living, free meeting points, accessible event space, rooms for gatherings, art and cultural projects, like rehearsal rooms, studios, workshops. All these can move in in the old house near the harbor. This house is huge and thus enables the realisation of a great variety of social projects. This makes the Post an outstanding place to be.

But since the meeting of the town council on the 16th of December it is clear: The old Post is supposed to be torn down and replaced by an enormous shopping center. With their decision the politicians ignore the clearly stated needs and interests of the citizens. What is missing is not another place for consuming, but one, where selfrealisation is possible in a noncommercial way- a place to get together, live and share. For years all kinds of citizens and activists have been fighting for the harbour quarter. The lack of affordable living space is increasing more and more. Now one of the few last free spaces is supposed to be given up for an unnecessary E-center (4900m²). More than 500 objections from people living in the quarter, as well as the call for a continued use of the old post building were ignored. Ideas and Plans for an alternative use were pushed aside. Because profit for corporations is more important in town politics than the needs and dreams of the inhabitants, we have decided to act ourselves. The laws in the game of this system do not work- now we play our own game.

With this we are not alone: We are inspired by local and global movements, which stand against the social and economical conditions and want to create a different world. We show our solidarity with squats for Social Centers like the former Sollamt in Münster, the OM10 in Göttingen, Sulpicher Str in Cologne. But also with movements for free spaces, which are taken from us far too often for commercial reasons. From Hambacher Forst¹, Notre-Dame des Landes² to small, nearly invisible projects, no matter if extraordinary or visible in day to day life- We belong together in order to build a better world.

We want to create an open, selforganised and selfdetermined space- together with neighbours and people living in the town. In the house there is far too much room for us alone and we are not squatting this building solely for ourselves or solely for fun. We need place, that is why we take this house. We believe the town belongs to those who live in it. Come, visit and join in!

We'd like to make the place accessible for everyone. As well for those who are pushed to the outskirts by and in the town. In the Social Center in the old Post all people who live in this town should be able to find a place where they feel comfortable and at ease. We want to emphasize this includes refugees: prospectively refugees could move in, like it happens in Göttingen (more info under: <http://omzehn.noblogs.org/>). But humans do not only need shelter, they also need social and cultural participation. Therefore the post can be a place in the town center, where it is possible to visit events, to organise some or to simply hang out. Here there is room for those who have little money: In the Old Post everything is and stays for free: admission, events, sleeping place and Kitchen for All. There is no room for discrimination or suppression which is based on background, sex, gender, religion, abilities, species and/or way of living. No difference if you fit in in society or not: Together we build a place, where discriminating structures are reduced and where we have time to share, to think and to do many things:

A place to live, because we always dream level higher
for you, for us, for all

- 1) Long term squat against brown coal near Cologne
- 2) state free area in France, originally against the construction of an unnecessary airport, where a lot of projects are realised now

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