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There is no alternative to squatting | There are alternatives to squatting | Squatting is one necessary tactic in actual movement?



The politics of housing: We see no alternative to squatting houses and real estate on a broad public scale. Attempts at criticising the manifold processes of displacement currently taking place, struggles to fight eviction and protests against large scale construction projects are reaching their limits.

Environmental politics: We see no alternative to squatting houses and real estate on a broad public scale. Critiques directed against the facts and consequences of the A100 highway and other large scale construction projects like the Berlin airport or the destruction of garden plots/rank growth/fallow land, largely remain ineffective.

Antiracist and refugee politics: We see no alternative to squatting houses and real estate on a broad public scale. Critiques directed against residence restrictions, the construction of container-accommodation, the European exclusionary practices against refugees of war and poverty are reaching their limits.

The politics of „Mediaspree versenken“: We see no alternative to squatting houses and real estate on a broad public scale. The successful citizen referendum wasn't worth the paper on which it was written... Investors took possession of the Spree river-shore and privatised public property, building business towers, luxury apartments and palaces of commerce. The politicians did not fail. They never aimed for anything else. The illegal eviction of Cuvry...

All of this is connected... Transcending and uniting coalitions and initiatives, we want to squat houses, real estate, building lots and areas. Taking the example of Beermannstr. 20 - 22, we will put this up for public discussion. We will also put up the prevention of forced eviction in these houses for public discussion.

Attempts of secretly prepared squatting will not create a broad alliance for comprehensive mobilisation and will remain confined to a small circle of already existent political groups. Press coverage is not everything. There is a need for active participation by a broad multitude of societal groups. Who support and encourage squatting projects in large numbers and by various means.

That's why we are convinced that the moment to have a broad public meeting is NOW. We want to squat to prevent large scale construction projects. To subvert the exclusion of refugees. To create and protect housing that is affordable for everyone!