

6. Visions of a Camp-Free World

'We've already survived the violence by the Securitas. But the coming young people haven't, so things have got to change for them.' (Djamal)

The asylum-seeking people in the Federal Asylum Camp Basel demand justice from the violent Securitas. And they call for humane treatment. For months there have been accounts of the maladministrations in the Federal Asylum Camps run by profit-oriented firms – by migrated people, by activists and by the media. The camp-structure the SEM has established and for which it is responsible, is unable to create a humane accommodation which centres the protection and integrity of the people who seek asylum. One year after their implementation the Federal Asylum Camps have failed in their realization, fears have come true. It is time to work out alternative visions which do not root in the racist and economic classification of people, in the misuse of power, in intimidation and violence. With this documentation, which we understand as a project in constant progress and translation, we want to contribute to this work.

We want these camps to be permanently closed and be replaced by better solutions. I cannot understand why people are being granted so little worth they can be treated this way ...

(Letter written from inside the Federal Asylum Camp Basel, 24.11.2019)

A world in solidarity is only possible, if there are no borders that are unbreachable for some people and divide us. If people are no longer governed by other people and instead are free to organize their life in solidarity and community. Asylum camps and deportation-prisons are the opposite of a world in solidarity and therefore they have to be closed. Freedom of movement and establishment for everyone!