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Conference Venue

The conference will be held at Evangelischen Hochschule Dresden.
Tram lines: 6 (Permoserstraße) and 13 (Dürerstraße)

Registration

The number of participants is limited. Please register for this conference by **November 3, 2014**, easiest by email: tagung@kulturbuero-sachsen.de
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You will receive a confirmation after the closing date for registration.

Interpretation

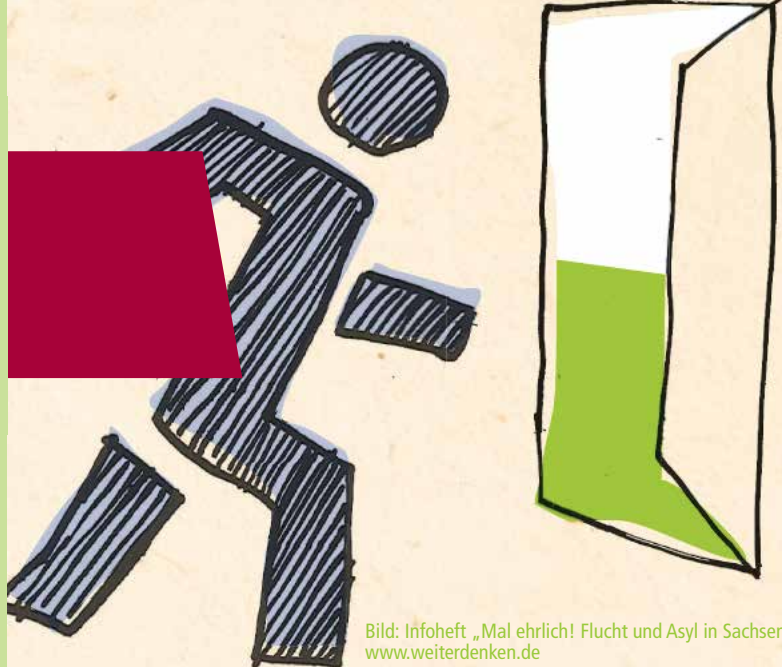
The introductory papers will be interpreted simultaneously into German or English, respectively. Please let us know which language you require so we can provide the appropriate equipment.
Keynote speeches will be translated from/to German and English.
We also offer informal interpretation into various languages for the following focus groups.

We thank...

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Note

Individuals who are part of neo-Nazi organisations, can be associated with the neo-Nazi scene, or have been noticed to have made racist, nationalist, anti-Semitic, or otherwise contemptuous statements in the past, shall be excluded from the event. The organisers reserve the right to execute their domiciliary rights and deny such individuals access to, or expel them from the event.



Asylum In Saxony

conference of initiatives 2014

saturday · november 8, 2014

10:00 a.m – 5:30 p.m.

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dürerstraße 25 · dresden

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'Asylum In Saxony', the conference of initiatives, will be held for the third time. It provides expert input as well as opportunities for exchanging experience and networking to people committed to the interests of refugees. It is also a great way to get to know local initiatives for anyone looking for opportunities to become involved. Even in 2014, there are still many focal points that make it difficult for asylum seekers to lead a decent life in Saxony. Numerous initiatives against hosting asylum seekers, violent attacks, and political exploitation of the issue during recent elections have demonstrated the importance of local alliances working for and with asylum seekers.

Expert input will start off the event, addressing practical local volunteer work, examining critically the way authorities treat asylum seekers, and providing insights into self-representation organisations of refugees. Several different workshops during the second part of the conference will then provide the opportunity to address current aspects of the subject of 'asylum in Saxony' in more detail.

**Reception open from 9:30 a.m.
programme 10:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.**

Inputs

The Local View: Commitment in Saxony

Petra Schickert, Kulturbüro Sachsen e.V.

Culture of Welcome or Hell of Authorities?

Dietlind Jochims, Chairperson of BAG Asyl in der Kirche e.V.

Women in Exile – The Living Conditions of Women Asylum Seekers

Elisabeth Ngari (requested), co-founder of 'Women in Exile'
(2014 taz Panter newspaper award)

BREAK and lunchtime snack

Focus Groups

1) Basics of Asylum Procedures and Access to the Labour Market

Sächsischer Flüchtlingsrat e.V.

Initial reception centre, German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF), Königstein formula ... You aim to become involved but would first like to get a basic introduction to the obscure proceedings of an asylum process and the obstacles to entering the labour market?

This focus group is a perfect opportunity to get succinct information and tips for further education and local networking.

2) Trauma and Flight

Mosaik e.V.

Traumatised refugees will often receive an incorrect or no diagnosis at all and thus will be left to deal alone with any resulting health problems. Saxony, too, is lacking resources and adequately qualified professionals. This focus group provides an introduction to the situation and discusses good examples of offers for help and self-help.

3) Housing in Saxony – Concepts or Chaos?

Sächsischer Flüchtlingsrat e.V.

This focus group provides an overview of housing for asylum seekers. Statutory regulations will be introduced, and different housing concepts of districts will be compared. Moreover, demands of Saxonian initiatives will be considered in more detail and developed.

4) Relief Strategies in Volunteer Work

Julia Baumgärtel, Dipl.-Psych.

Unfortunately, stress and problem situations are part of everyday routine in volunteer support work for asylum seekers. This focus group will demonstrate how you, as a group or as an individual, can manage to handle frustration, excessive demands, problem situations or disenchanting confrontations with the authorities.

5) Racist Mobilisations and Anti-Racist Intervention Strategies

RAA Sachsen e.V. Opferberatung, Rassismus tötet! Leipzig and Initiativkreis: Menschen.Würdig

All over Germany, protests against the establishment of accommodation for asylum seekers have been simmering for some time now. In many places these racist mobilisations are supported by Nazis, but often they turn out to be compatible with the majority of the population. Together, we will discuss efficient counter-strategies. We will focus on exchanging experience and discussing suitable courses of action.

6) Asylum in Rural Areas

AG Asylsuchende Sächsische Schweiz-Osterzgebirge

Rural areas offer special challenges as well as chances with regard to assisting asylum seekers. This focus group will consider good examples of living together and of efficient assistance beyond urban structures.

Outlook & Conclusion