



**When:** Saturday, 10th of November 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Filler, Schillerstr. 44, 99096 Erfurt, behind the ver.di-building

Registration deadline: 1<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 - please use the attached registration form and send it to the following address. **If you want to participate spontaneous without registration, you are welcome.**

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We would like to invite you to the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Refugee Support Groups. It will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 in Erfurt. We will talk about current topics and challenges. There will be time for exchange and networking as well as a presentation of the current situation of the sea rescue in the Mediterranean Sea. There will be several workshops with different topics. **We can invite translators. Please inform us beforehand, which languages are needed.** The meeting is free of charge. We offer vegan and vegetarian food and drinks.

## Schedule

### **1. Lecture: The situation of sea rescue and human rights in the Mediterranean**

So far, fewer refugees have come across the Mediterranean in 2018. Nevertheless, more than 1,500 people died in the same time. Rescue organizations are being criminalized. Europe and Germany announce further agreements with states such as Libya. Italy has closed its ports. What is the current situation in the Mediterranean for refugees and rescue organizations and do human rights still play a role in this?

*Sophie Scheytt, Sea-Watch*

### **2. World-Café for exchange about different topics**

### **3. Discussion rooms**

### **Theme 1: State elections 2019: Improving the living situation of refugees**

In 2019 elections will again be held in Thuringia - at local and state level, as well as at European level. Which political levels decide which refugee-related topics? Which migration-related topics are to be expected during the election campaign? We will then discuss together how we can use these elections to focus on our issues and discuss ideas and possible forms of political action.

*Ellen Könniker - Refugee Council Thuringia, Oliver Preuss - DGB Bildungswerk Thüringen e.V., project [CoRa]*

### **Theme 2: Unrealised expectations in volunteer work**

Some years ago you started full of motivation in to the volunteer work for refugees but now things are not going as intended? That can lead to frustration. Political headwind by the neighbours or social environment due to the own volunteer work don't help to deal with the unrealised expectations. In this workshop we want to share our experiences and analyse the unrealised expectations.

*Robert Künzl, Landesjugendwerk der AWO Thüringen*

### **Theme 3: Case consultation group on current asylum-law topics**

In a small group we discuss anonymized individual cases. With the help of the knowledge of volunteers and employees of the refugee council we want to find solutions for concrete cases. The focus is on questions and problems regarding the asylum procedure, securing residence and access to the labor market.

*Jan Elshof - refugee council of thuringia, project BLEIBdran*

### **Theme 4: Public relations and documentation by video? Video recording and editing with the smartphone**

Bad conditions in camps, racial profiling, deportations in the middle of the night - such topics are mostly only scandalized when videos are published. The workshop will show how everyone can produce videos with the smartphone and publish them. For this we also check out free video editing apps (Android). Please take a power adapter, enough disk space and headphones with you.

*Jan Smendek, Filmpiratinnen und Filmpiraten e.V.*

## **4. Final plenum and feedback**

How can networking, exchange and cooperation of volunteers and volunteer groups be advanced in 2019? We talk about some proposals.

### **Ausschlussklausel**

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