

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2010 the Senate of Berlin wants to open the Tempelhofer Field with the slogan “Freedom of Movement”. This long overdue step is initially gratifying. But the plans of the Senate create neither a freedom of movement nor a park developed with public participation. Instead of a real autonomous space the Senate wants to install a park, which is surrounded by razor barb wire and a security fence, designed by the Senate controlled private company “Grün Berlin GmbH”. Besides, there will be opening hours and a daily closure. Five entries should make the park controllable and manageable; furthermore, it will be encircled by private and luxury houses. These new houses guarantee a high profit for a few and rising rents and a displacement of many people.

The 8<sup>th</sup> of May is also the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Nazi-Germany, which is definitely a reason to celebrate. But we should also remind of the former concentration camp Columbia-Haus and the significant role of the airport Tempelhof during the Second World War. The question why the historical 8<sup>th</sup> of May was chosen by the Senate is still unanswered.

Numerous people protested for a better and self-determined life and against gentrification which major principle is the profit. For instance at the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2009 when more than 5000 people tried to occupy the former airport Tempelhof. The plans of the Senate for the Tempelhofer Field and its surrounding are not finished yet. That’s why it is important to come and get involved at the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2010: “RECLAIM TEMPELHOF! We will take back the city!”

Be prepared and start to think about how you want to spend your time on Tempelhof, especially after the official opening hours. Bring your music instruments, sleeping bags, barbecues, tents, sound systems, construction site trailers, bolt clippers, plants, craft stuff, and what else you might need.

We want to start to realize our wishes and ideas concerning the Tempelhofer Field and we want to attack the neoliberal plans of the Senate in a practical way. We will not voluntarily leave the field at a given time. We will rip down the security fence at this day as we did before and as we will do tomorrow. We will flood the field with happiness, tenderness, creativity, desire, rage, laughter, and life. We will create an autonomous space where freedom of movement is not just an advertising slogan. The time of demanding is over. Freedom arises as a fighting movement.

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