



# Camp booklet

## Lausitzer Climate and Energy Camp 2012

Structure, workshops and useful information



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# Welcome to the Lausitzer Climate and Energy Camp 2012

**D**ear participants,  
We hope you will experience inspiring days in Cottbus/Chósebusz. We are looking forward to your ideas and your involvement. This camp is made by its participants. This includes the participation at workshops and actions as well as daily tasks like preparing the plenary tent for the evening sessions, attending to the info-tent, support the preparation of meals in our vegan kitchen and emptying rubbish bins. These tasks are being assigned to volunteers each day during the organisational plenary session in the morning. Please attend to this plenary and take on smaller or bigger tasks.

Furthermore, grassroots self-organisation only works if there is broad participation at plenaries. Please get informed and join the discussions - within your affinity group or the camp plenary.

We would like to have an intensive exchange and a dynamic camp atmosphere. Everybody can get involved and implement ideas spontaneously. If we share our knowledge and skills and learn from each other, this is an enormous enrichment for the camp. The easiest way to put ideas into practice is to encourage other people to participate and get down to action straight away. Issues concerning the camp as a whole can be discussed at the camp plenary. The camp is financed through donations and camp fees. Please contribute in accordance with your own financial situation - the

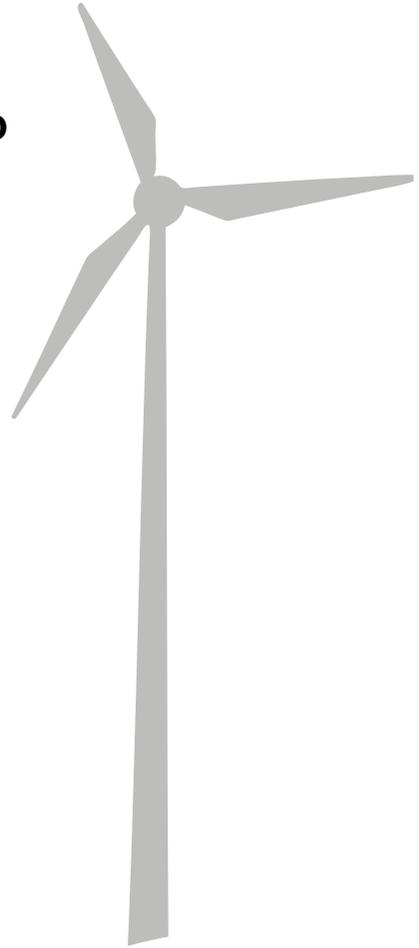
camp fees can be paid at the information tent, and if you do not have enough money with you, you can transfer the amount to our bank account (see below). We propose an amount between eight and twelve Euros per day to cover for camp infrastructure and food from the vegan camp kitchen. If you can afford more, please donate more and if you only have little money, you can pay less.

*Looking forward to a lively, emancipatory camp full of resistance,  
the preparation group for the Lausitzer  
Climate and Energy Camp 2012*

The Climate Camp is mainly financed through donations. If you have the possibility to donate some money or want to pay your camp solidarity contribution in advance, you can do this here:

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# The four pillars of our Climate and Energy Camp



### Education

We want to learn together and from each other at the camp. Therefore, there are different workshops and seminars on topics like coal, climate change, global justice, climate refugees, energy democracy, building solar ovens or how to stop nuclear power.

### Action

We see ourselves as an alliance of manifold forms of resistance against lignite and coal as energy sources and generally against the present world economy based on fossil fuels and the exploitation of humans and nature. We want to express our protest in many different forms. Therefore, our camp offers space for various forms of action such as demonstrations, street theatre and actions of civil disobedience.

### Networking

We want the camp to be a lively space for networking where people from different personal backgrounds, political affinity groups, countries and social movements meet and exchange experiences, plan future camps, actions and events together and thus strengthen the climate movement.

### Living the Alternatives

Living in the camp we practice conservation of resources and grassroots democracy: we know the alternatives and we are proving their feasibility. A relationship of responsibility towards nature and towards each other is the foundation and practical expression of our self concept and our joy of life.

# The Camp's infrastructure and what you should bring

## What we have in place

**Info Tent:** Your first point of reference. This is where you can find all the information you need on the workshops and much more. Plus, you can pay your contribution for the Camp here.

**Interaction Tent:** Here you may present your own project or initiative and this is the place for exchanging info like sharing rides.

**Sleeping spaces:** There is a large meadow, on which everybody can set up their tents. If you have space in your tent to offer or can even bring a spare one, let the Info Tent know.

**Parking spaces:** There will be limited space to park cars. Caravans will stand in a designated area.

**Meals:** Food will be provided; a vegan kitchen collective (Volksküche / Vokü) will cook for us during the Camp. Our support will be needed for cutting up veg, doing the dishes and other activities around the kitchen. Cold beverages will be for sale at the bar.

**Sanitation facilities:** There will be taps with drinking water as well as toilets and showers.

**Electricity/ Internet:** As both will be limited, camp-related use comes first. When using electricity or the Internet privately, please use it sparingly.

**Children** are very welcome at the Climate Camp, therefore we will have a specifically designated family area. We are also trying to create a children's programme. However, there will not be around-the-clock child-care, so it is up to you to sign up for shifts of baby-sitting.

**Safety:** Please only camp within the designated areas; especially the walkways need to be kept free due to fire safety.

**Material and crafts corner:** We will have a basic supply of materials, which can be used – e.g. to make banners for actions.

## What you should bring:

- Tent, sleeping bag and camping mattress
- Camp solidarity contribution: We propose an amount between eight and twelve Euros per day to cover for camp infrastructure and food from the vegan camp kitchen. The solidarity contribution is voluntary; nobody is to feel excluded if he or she cannot pay that much.
- Bikes: We are in a rural area, so it makes sense to be as mobile as possible.
- Weather precautions: Remember sun cream and something to give you shade as well as rain coats and good boots.
- And of course: creativity, zest for action and good vibrations! ▶

### What we are still looking for:

- Engaged people who will actively support us: Especially for setting up the Camp (August 10th) and for dismantling the Camp (August 19th – 20th) we are looking for support.
- People with general medical knowledge, who want to be available for treating smaller injuries. In case of emergencies we are of course in touch with the local ambulance.
- Materials: We are always looking for extra materials, be it tools (hammers,

axes, cable drums), more workshop tents or mobile toilets. If you have any of the above, please send us an e-mail at [logistik@laufsitzcamp.info](mailto:logistik@laufsitzcamp.info)

- If you can transport materials, be it by car, lorry or freighttrain, send us an e-mail.

We are counting on your help! Lets come together for a conscious, active life!



## Our Camp-ABC for Feeling Comfortable

**A** **nimals**  
Please leave your animals if possible at home. If you bring it anyway, for example a dog, please supervise it and make sure that other participants don't feel annoyed. Of course the camping ground has to be kept clean. Guide dogs of blind people are welcome.

**Automobile**  
We encourage participants to come by train. The camp is only 20 minutes by foot from the central train station in Cottbus. For those that still want to come by car, there are limited and clearly marked parking lots. There are separate parking lots for sleeping-buses.

**C** **amping and basic-rules**  
We do not tolerate racist, antisemitic, sexist or homophobic comments or behavior. Violence, harassment or sexual offenses result in the exclusion of the offender from the camp. Help to victims is offered in the info-tent (Info-Zelt).  
"Leave nothing but footprints" – We want to leave the camping site as we found it and make a positive impression on the local population.

**D** **rugs**  
For the evening gatherings, beer and wine will be sold. For

the harmonious and smooth procedure of the whole camp, we ask all participants for responsible and modest behaviour concerning their drug-consumption. Please help to create an atmosphere of mutual respect that is not spoiled by any drug-excess.

**E** **ating**  
The cooking collective cooks for all participants. For ecological reasons our kitchen is free from all animal products. Containered vegetarian food will be marked as such.

**Emergencies**  
Keep calm, don't panic! In case you hear a siren, that is a signal for all sorts of emergencies. In that case we all gather in front of the info-tent to decide on all necessary further action. There will be medics in the camp, and we do what we can to secure a safe camp. With any questions please turn to the info-tent (Info-Zelt). There is also a list with near-by hospitals and pharmacies.

**G** **arbage**  
The climate camp wants to be sustainable. So we try to generate as little garbage as possible. Respect the nature and throw your garbage in the garbage-recycling-station. ►

### **K**ids

Children are very welcome. There is a children's program and a collective supervision system so all parents can have some time off. As everything in the camp, the supervision is done through self organisation and therefore parents have final responsibility for their children.

### **N**oise

A respectful community on the camping site and towards

the neighbours is of great importance to us. There is a "Power-Down" time after 10 pm. Please don't play any loud music at night, in order to let your neighbours inside and outside the camp sleep.

### **S**moking

Please don't smoke in closed rooms except in the marked smoking areas. Please don't throw any cigarettes on the ground.

## If there are conflicts or someone feels discriminated

**T**he climate and energy camp should be a safe and discrimination-free space. Unfortunately sexism, discrimination, exclusion and violence also happen in circles of leftist politics. If you

don't feel well because you have become offended in one way or another, please turn to the info-tent (info-zelt). You will find special contact persons that will help you.

## Decision-making structures and the principle of consensus

**E**veryone is to be included in common decisions on the camp. Therefore, we do not vote, which would mean that one group would "win" and another would "lose". Instead, we make decisions by consensus. This means that we try to find solutions that integrate all participants and thereby come to decisions that each participant can identify with.

Finding a consensus usually takes place in these steps:

1. The topic and the decisions that have to be made are presented
2. Ideas are collected
3. The ideas are discussed and a proposal for a decision is developed.

4. Agreement with the proposal is enquired. The moderator asks if anyone has objections.
5. If there are no objections, the decision is made. If there are objections, these are discussed, new ideas and proposals collected and so on.

All meetings are being moderated. The moderator's role is to make sure that everyone can have their say, that nobody dominates the discussion and to ensure that constructive proposals are derived from the debate. In case of large groups, two or more persons often share the moderator's tasks. The moderator(s) always depend on the constructive behaviour of all participants to make the plenary meeting pleasant for everyone.



A few hints for participating in the plenary meetings:

- Treat each other with respect and trust
- Search for the best solution for everyone. A plenary session is a group process, not a stage for individual shows.
- Think before you talk, listen before you contradict someone.
- To make sure that plenary sessions do not take longer than necessary, con-

sider whether your point has possibly already been made and whether it will bring forward the discussion before you put your hand up.

- Watch how much you speak – especially if you tend to talk more than others.
- Switch off your mobile phones.
- Use hand signs (see below!).
- Watch out for discriminatory behaviour – intervene or inform the moderators.

### The most important hand signs



comment/question



direct response



"I agree"



I disagree



Veto



Language/need for translation



"It's clear" / repetition

## The different types of plenary sessions at our Camp

### Orga Plenary Session

The Organisational Plenary Session takes place daily at 9 a.m. in the large event tent. In this session camp-related tasks that need to be done are being announced. So this session is for those who want to take on some of such tasks. It has proven useful for certain tasks (like attending to the info-tent or setting up technical apparatus) that people commit themselves to them for a longer time. Otherwise it would take quite a long time each day for people to become familiar with the way to do things.

### Camp Plenary Session

The Camp Plenary Session generally takes place at 10 a.m. in the large event tent. The programme and activities of the day are presented and we will take upcoming decisions there. We recommend that one person of each affinity group attends this Session. Further interested people are welcome, too, of course.



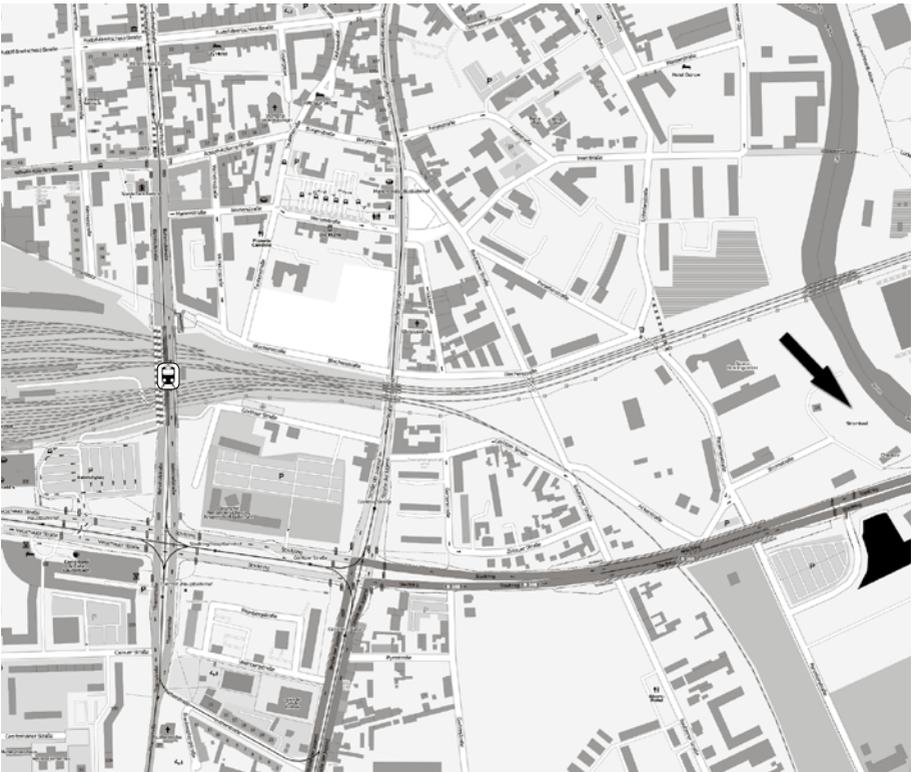
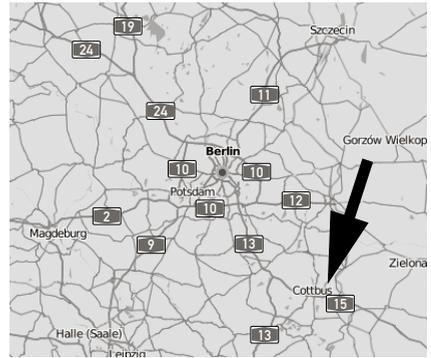
## How to get there

The Climate and Energy Camp will take place at the *Strombad* in Cottbus. The camp location is at *Stromstraße, 03046 Cottbus* and can be reached in a 20 minutes walk from the the central station.

For those of you with GPS-devices, these are the coordinates of the camp:

51.7503, 14.34422

## Map of the area





# ZUKUNFT STATT BRAUNKOHLE



# KLIMACAMP HOHENMÖLSEN

20. – 26. AUGUST 2012

**SPANNENDES PROGRAMM** mit Workshops,  
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# 14 | Preliminary programme of the camp

Block	Time	Standards	Saturday, August 11th	Sunday, August 12th	Monday, August 13th
wake up and information	8 <sup>00</sup> 9 <sup>00</sup> 10 <sup>00</sup>		breakfast (til 10 <sup>00</sup> ) Open Orga Plenary Session Camp Plenary Session		
workshop-phase I	11 <sup>00</sup> – 13 <sup>00</sup>		<b>DEMONSTRATION IN COTTBUS 12<sup>30</sup> CENTRAL STATION</b>	excursion Cycling to the mine in Lacomia	workshop Preventing stress and burn out in political activism
				excursion Energy strategy of the future <b>Start: 9<sup>30</sup></b>	workshop What does Low-Tech mean?
lunch	13 <sup>00</sup> – 14 <sup>30</sup>				
workshop-phase II	14 <sup>30</sup> – 16 <sup>30</sup>			workshop CCS as a climate change mitigation option? Geological changes under ground & CCS as a climate-damaging technology?	workshop Living beyond growth  workshop The energy transformation will not work with lignite
				workshop Life & Technology	Workshop Nature conservation vs. climate change mitigation  several days workshop Building an ethanol and wood gasification stove
workshop-phase III	17 <sup>00</sup> – 19 <sup>00</sup>				
evening		dinner 18 <sup>30</sup> – 21 <sup>00</sup>	Opening-party at "Mangold"  <b>Start: 21<sup>00</sup></b>		Discussion the climate camp  "Zur Dorfaue" (K5), Haupt <b>Start:</b>

Information about the individual workshops and events you will find from page 18

\* daily guided camp tour for visitors, 19:00 at the info tent

	Tuesday, August 14th	Wednesday, August 15th
workshop UniSolar Potsdam – Energy Sans Souci	workshop The forest between bio- mass and biodiversity  workshop Lignite industry in the Lausitz region	excursion Energy strategy of the future <b>Start: 9<sup>30</sup></b>  several days workshop Cooking with the sun <b>End: 14<sup>30</sup></b>  workshop Society's misfit? There's profes- sionals for that!  workshop Systematic destruction: The probability of climate change
several days workshop Building an ethanol and wood gasifica- tion stove	workshop Vattenfall's law-suits against climate protec- tion and nuclear phase- out  workshop Rio+20: Game over for Green Economy? A field report.	workshop Hacking the Future  workshop Tripod- Workshop  all-day-long workshop Doing handicrafts for climate action
workshop More than one love – polyamory, open relationships and other adventures	workshop Eating regionally – how is that possible? A contribu- tion to personal climate change mitigation  workshop Alternative lingua franca of the world Esperanto and related subjects	workshop skills for ac- tion <b>Start: 16<sup>00</sup></b>  all-day-long workshop Doing handicrafts for climate action
round regarding in Jänschwalde  tstraße 5, 03197 Jänschwalde <b>19<sup>30</sup></b>	<b>18<sup>00</sup></b> : Football: SG Jänschwalde vs FC Klima- camp in Jänschwalde  <b>19<sup>30</sup></b> : Film & Discussion "Energie in Bürger/innenhand"	<b>Panel discussion</b> Energy transition & obstacles  <b>Start: 19<sup>30</sup></b>

Changes of programme will be up on the notice board at the info tent.

## 16 | Preliminary programme of the camp

Block	Time	Standards	Thursday, August 16th
wake up and information	8 <sup>00</sup> 9 <sup>00</sup> 10 <sup>00</sup>	breakfast (til 10 <sup>00</sup> ) Open Orga Plenary Session Camp Plenary Session	
workshop-phase I	11 <sup>00</sup> – 13 <sup>00</sup>	workshop Coal struggles in the Global South – case studies from India and South Africa workshop Capitalist disposable society in times of scarce resources	several days workshop Cooking with the sun <b>End: 14<sup>30</sup></b> workshop “Energy struggles in motion” (Vattenfall in die Tonne)
lunch	13 <sup>00</sup> – 14 <sup>30</sup>		
workshop-phase II	14 <sup>30</sup> – 16 <sup>30</sup>	workshop Master suppression techniques – The behaviour of dominant speakers and how you get rid of it workshop Regions that are autonomous regarding their energy supply – ways towards decentralised energy supply	workshop Crashcourse against powerlessness. Making a plan to reach political goals workshop Climbing for beginners
workshop-phase III	17 <sup>00</sup> – 19 <sup>00</sup>	workshop Drawing a conclusion from one year of energy transition	workshop CCS: risks, technology, current situation
evening	dinner 18 <sup>30</sup> – 21 <sup>00</sup>		<b>Theatre</b> Berliner Compagnie “So heiß gegessen wie gekocht” (wait till the food cools down before you eat it) <b>Start: 19<sup>30</sup></b>

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Friday, August 17th		Saturday, August 18th
<p>several days workshop</p> <p>Cooking with the sun <b>End: 14<sup>30</sup></b></p>	<p>workshop</p> <p>Sorbian/Wendian culture in the Lausitz region</p>	<p>excursion</p> <p>Excursion by bike to the open pit mine in Jänschwalde/Janšojce</p>
		<p>networking</p> <p>Network meeting „Energy struggles in movement(s)“ <b>Start: 12<sup>00</sup></b></p>
		<p>tip</p> <p><b>Advice for a tour Incredible</b> – The Open-Air-Filmfestival Lindenberg (near Beeskow)</p>
<p>workshop</p> <p>Hip Hop Workshop</p>	<p><b>DEMONSTRATION</b></p> <p>at the Power Station in Jänschwalde/Janšojce</p> <p><b>13<sup>00</sup></b></p>	
<p>workshop</p> <p>Hip Hop Workshop</p>		
		<p><b>Live concert + party</b> Der Reimteufel Geigerzähler with Wellblech/Berlinsk Droha <b>Start: 20<sup>00</sup></b></p>

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## Workshop descriptions

### **Alternative lingua franca of the world Esperanto and related subjects**

Ronaldo

In this workshop I will tell you about the history of Esperanto and I will answer your questions about the world language-situation in general and Esperanto in particular. The workshop usually takes about an hour and a half. There's no room for simultaneous translation. It's not a language course.

### **Build an ethanol and wood gasification stove from empty cans**

Space for Low-Tech ideas

We're going to cover upcycling and efficient use of resources. Taking old cans we're going to build an ethanol and wood gasification stove. Thereby one can cook using renewable resources while camping. The stoves consist of not more than two cans, a bike spoke (or clothing hanger made of wire) and one or two cans used as burning chamber.

Please bring empty tin cans and build your own ethanol stove or take part in building a large-scale VoKü stove.

Duration of the building process: approx. 45min

### **Capitalist disposable society in times of scarce resources**

Klaus Hasse

### **CCS as a climate change mitigation option? Geological changes under ground & CCS as a climate-damaging technology?**

Lothar Lehmann (Citizens' initiative "Kein CO<sub>2</sub>-Endlager Altmark")

CCS: Capturing carbon from fumes, transporting it across Europe by pipeline of lorry and then "store" it 800 to 4,000 meters deep in our under ground: climate change mitigation option CCS? Geological changes under ground & CCS as a climate-damag-

ing technology? We want to work out alternatives to this.

### **CCS – risks, technology, current situation**

Hardy Feldmann

### **Climbing for beginners**

ROBIN WOOD

### **Coal struggles in the Global South – case studies from India and South Africa**

Laura Weis, Georg Kössler

The goal of the Kyoto Protocol is to globally reduce CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions. In order to compensate historical debts, the emissions in the Global South are allowed to rise, while the Global North has to – at least theoretically – cut its emissions even more substantially. This regulation also allows countries of the Global South to build new coal-fired power plants. All of this is based on the assumption that social development and a healthy climate are incompatible concepts. This is how the new construction of coal-fired power plants is justified and even regarded inevitable, as to reduce poverty and generate prosperity for all. But a second look reveals a whole different situation. And this is what we would like to examine – in concerted effort with the participants – in our workshop by reference to the examples from India and South Africa.

### **Cooking with the power of the sun**

Birgit Kursawe

How to prepare meals with solar cookers. Build a solar cooker from simple materials. Fry onions with a stellite dish, cook potatoes with cardboard and a first-aid foil blanket, bake a cake with the help of wood and glass. While the food is cooking under the rays of the sun, you can build the easy to do cookers yourself

### **Crashcourse against powerlessness. Making a plan to reach political goals.**

Max Ramezani (BUNDjugend Berlin)

In this interactive workshop we will look at strategies that can help reach political goals in direct actions or projects at home or on the camp. Our focus will be on finding goals within a group and also emphasize the general political process and political protagonists.

The goal of the process is to get a detailed idea of how politics are made. That is supposed to give participating groups the opportunity to reflect on what they want to achieve with their actions. For the same reason, we take a closer look at society and, using the situation in the Lusatia region as an example, try to identify different protagonists. Finally, we will practice to turn those observations into smart goals.

The workshop is prepared by members of BUNDjugend Berlin. In our activities so far, we try to apply the strategies examined in the workshop. Therefore we have some experience in the field and are looking forward to sharing tricks with you and learn from you how it could be done in a different or even better way.

### **Cycling to the mine in Lacoma**

René Schuster (Grüne Liga Cottbus)

The sorbian village Lacoma on the outskirts of Cottbus which has already been left by most inhabitants was occupied by young people in 1992. As a legalised form of interim usage this developed into a village of culture and artists. Protected by the police Vattenfall devastated the village in 2003. The protest movement for conserving the valuable Lacoma lakes and the village used various forms from 1987 to 2007, ranging from art works to tree occupations. We will follow their traces by bike and will thereby not get around experiencing the mine in action.

### **Discussion round regarding the climate camp in Jänschwalde**

Restaurant "Zur Dorfaue" (K5)

Hauptstraße 5, 03197 Jänschwalde

### **Drawing a conclusion from one year of energy transition**

Klaus Hasse

### **Eating regionally – how is that possible? A contribution to personal climate change mitigation.**

Astrid Matthiae (Lesetage selber machen – Vattenfall Tschüss sagen)

### **"Energie in Bürger/innenhand"**

Film & Discussion

- Julian Gröger (BürgerEnergie Berlin)
- Matthias Bärmann (Solargenossenschaft Lausitz)
- Dr. Stefan Taschner (Berliner Energietisch)
- Hendrik Sommer (Bürgermeister Stadt Prenzlau – inquired)

Facilitation: Tina Bär (Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Brandenburg)

The energy transformation will only work with the citizens, not against them. In many places it is citizens who take up the challenge themselves, founding energy cooperations or wanting to buy back their town's energy grid. We will show the film "Das Schönauer Gefühl" about the "electricity rebels" from Schönau and their story starting with the nuclear catastrophe of Chernobyl in 1986 and ending with the 10th anniversary of taking over the grid in 2007. Afterwards, we will discuss how energy cooperations can contribute to a bottom-up energy transformation, in which cases cooperative solutions make sense and concretely how citizens can participate in the energy transformation.

### **"Energy struggles in motion"**

Vattenfall in die Tonne

Those who demand energy supply to be ecologic, decentralized and social have to discuss the issues of power and ownership at the same time. Still 50% of the electricity in Germany is produced by the four big energy corporations that are demonstrating ►

by means of lawsuits and other means of pressure that they're refusing to terminate the use of fossil and nuclear supply structures. Considering the highly complex problem of climate change, growing energy poverty and the fact that there is still no final disposal sites for nuclear waste in Germany, it becomes clear that our energy is not a product that should be bought and sold on the free market. On the networking conference "Energy struggles in motion" in February of 2012 anti nuclear and anti CCS groups as well as climate activists set the "big four" as their point of attack. The common goal is to bring local, often isolated energy struggles together with the claim to remunicipalize the energy industry.

### Energy transition & obstacles

Panel discussion

- Mattias Bärmann (Solargenossenschaft Lausitz)
- Christina Eichberger (gegenstromberlin)
- Brigitte Schmidt (SolarZentrum Mecklenburg-Vorpommern / Board of Eurosolar)
- Dirk Seifert (Robin Wood)

Facilitation: Bernd Brouns

### Energy strategy of the future

Speerscouts

The mine panorama point and the devastated village of Lacoma are visited and explained as well as the impacts of lignite exploitation; renewables organised or privately owned in Atterwasch (a village threatened by being dug up!); solar energy: solar power station Lieberoser Heide, Energy Strategy 2020 and its implications for sustainable development in the Lausitz region. There will be a climate-friendly lunch from the region.

Max. 20 participants

Costs: 20 € including lunch per person; duration approx. 7h

### Football: SG Jänschwalde vs. FC Klimacamp in Jänschwalde

Kiefernweg 31, 03197 Jänschwalde

### Hacking the Future

Infoladen "WildOst"

From computer-based activism to digital sabotage. A workshop about the development of electronic civil disobedience. What is hacktivism?

### Hip Hop Workshop

Der Reimteufel

We start with finding themes for new songs. Departing from there we will aim at developing a little song with all of the participants that could be presented on Saturday night. Maximal number of participants is 10, otherwise there wouldn't be enough time for everybody to contribute.

### Life & Technology

Ketan (Citizens' initiative "Kein CO<sub>2</sub>-Endlager Altmark")

What it is with technology? Is "technology" good or bad? Does it have a clear function? Can we define what this is? Using these and other questions we want to try and gain some orientation on the phase humanity is in right now and what could be our contribution.

### Lignite industry in the Lausitz region

René Schuster (Grüne Liga)

If you want to work more closely on the conflicts surrounding mines in the Lausitz region you will find information on questions such as: which village is to be burned in which power station? In what stage are the planning procedures of each of the mines? Which resistance actions were/are happening?

### Living beyond growth

Theresa Kalmer (Grüne Jugend)

Do we need growth to live well? What is a good life? What does a sustainable economy look like in general?

In the workshop we will question the capitalist economy. Can we have economic activity without growth? If yes – how can we implement this? If no – what does sustainable growth look like?

**Live concert with Der Reimteufel...**

Hip Hop for individualists – that is the motto of Der Reimteufel and his crew. For many years they have been combining fat beats and poetic lyrics heating up parties in clubs and from open air stages. Together with rap singer Suncalina and DJ Playstyl every concert of Der Reimteufel turns into a fireworks of creativity. “... I’m gonna tell you something from my life...” is the headline of each of the gigs of Reimteufel & Crew.

**...and Geigerzähler with Atze Wellblech / Berlinska Droha**

This is hard to put into words: Well, Paul Geigerzähler plays the violin and sings – originally rather punk-orientated later he added folk and reggae. Together with Hans and his contrabass the two form the duo Atze Wellblech. But sometimes he joins Uta from Berlinska Droha whose style is said to be a “crossover of Sorbian folk and Berlin punk with some polka.” You don’t have a clue what this may sound like? Have a look at the internet sites – or even better: come to the concert at the Lausitzcamp.

**Master suppression techniques- The behaviour of dominant speakers and how you get rid of it**

Rike Lenz

The social scientist Berit Ås calls it “Master suppression techniques”. Those are methods that are used to suppress women, particularly in plenary situations or in organisational situations, but also in easy conversation. They also examine, how people are systematically excluded from the flow of information, so that cliques and mens’ unions can (subconsciously) be reproduced. We will present the 5 most important techniques and would like to discuss with you, what possibilities there are to deal with this matter in our daily routine.

**More than one love – polyamory, open relationships and other adventures**

Living differently also means loving differently. Sounds simple, but it is not easy when everything around us and often also within us only allows the romantic two-person-relationship as the only legiti-

mate and desirable happy ending. What happens if we allow and attempt other ways of life next to this one? What do we gain, what do we lose? For those who are already curious, here a reading tip: “The Ethical Slut” by Dossie Easton and Janet W. Hardy.

**Nature conservation vs. climate change mitigation**

Theresa Kalmer (Grüne Jugend), Sebastian Lübecke

We work towards an era without coal and nuclear power. But what are today’s problems with renewables? How can include everyone in the process of decentralising energy production?

**Network meeting  
“Energy struggles in movement(s)”****Opening-party**

Venue: Mangold,  
August-Bebel-Str. 22-24, Cottbus

DJ John Jones and Johnny Too Bad  
Jamaican Ska/Rocksteady/Reggae, R’n’B and [Northern] Soul

**Preventing stress and burn out in political activism**

Uschi (out of action)

Stress can often be harmful to health. Communication suffers, political assessments and moralic empathies are often narrowed, conflicts and personal needs are suppressed. Together we want to try and work out strategies which help to cope with stress. Apart from looking at individual stress factors we will also look at systemic ones and see how they can be changed. For instance, how can we change the framework for political activism or at least the conditions within the group/organisation.

### **Regions that are autonomous regarding their energy supply – ways towards decentralised energy supply**

Conrad Kunze

Regions that are autonomous regarding their energy supply are an alternative to lignite/ brown coal insofar as a change in our energy infrastructure leads to jobs and public money. There are already of autarkical islands that can be role models. With these examples in mind we will discuss what everyone can do both in a city and in the countryside.

### **Resistance against Vattenfall – exchanging experiences**

Several initiatives against Vattenfall from Berlin, Hamburg, Oderbruch & Lausitz

### **Rio+20: Game over for Green Economy? A field report**

Tadzio Müller (Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung/gegenstromberlin)

Two months after the Rio+20 summit in Brazil, Tadzio Müller tells us about the conference's foreseeable failure, depicts myths of the Green Economy – and explains why Green Economy is not as dead as the failure of the summit would suggest. Tadzio was able to experience the summit in Rio from the point of view of the alternative movement summit.

### **Society's misfit? There's professionals for that!**

The law for mental illness and compulsory hospitalization

Iris

Every year about 200,000 people are being "accommodated" in mental institutions, as it is referred to in the linguistic code of German authorities. Most of the cases are minors and retired people that have become "peculiar" and are locked up in these so called "sanatoriums" – for their own good, of course. There they are subject to the arbitrariness of the staff and psychologists. Once a person is declared mentally ill, they will probably be placed under disability for the rest of their life and has few

chances of escaping from this prison. Who benefits from this? Why is this subject so unfamiliar to us? What does normal mean? Together we will look at the reasons why it is possible to nullify the right to self-determination for "ill people" so regularly and so widespreadly. The workshop will examine the legal system from a critical perspective and show possibilities how to protect yourself from this kind of serious intervention by the government or how to help others in this situation.

### **Sorbian/Wendian culture in the Lausitz region**

Steffi Krawcojc

The Lausitz is home to the minority of Wendians and Sorbians. They maintained their culture(s) and language(s) over a thousand years despite belonging to different "German" states over time. More or less, that is. It were mainly Sorbian villages that were forced to resettle during the last 80 years due to the open-pit mining in the region. As members of "the smallest of the salvic peoples" we want to give some impressions of Wendian/Sorbian Life in the Lausitz.

### **Systematic destruction: The probability of climate change**

Rike Lenz

Even though every few years new conventions to protect the climate are being agreed on, the level of CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions has not dropped one single time in economic history. On the contrary: whether we are suffering from an economic crisis or experiencing an economic upswing – the destruction of the environment is continuing. While well-known ecological food chains employ people under precarious working conditions and the extraction of raw materials for solar panels is destroying wide landscapes in Asia and Africa, the concept of evil corporations that need to be boycotted is not getting the environmentalist movement anywhere.

This workshop is designed to examine basic economic principals and relate them to environmental problems: The need for growth vs the rising CO<sub>2</sub>-level in the atmosphere, competitive economy vs the production of disposable goods etc. There will be much time for questions and discussion.

## The energy transformation will not work with lignite – why renewables and coal power exclude each other

Jürgen Quentin (NGO *Deutsche Umwelthilfe*)

With the end of nuclear decided by the parliament the voices of those who propagate lignite as “an indispensable partner” of renewables have become louder. The state of Brandenburg places a great emphasis on producing electricity from lignite in its new energy strategy. In the long-run there will not be a peaceful co-existence of wind, solar and coal. Already now, operators of unflexible base load power stations are forced to curb their coal burning in hours of high wind and solar power production; as green electricity enjoys priority in the grid and therefore pushes aside coal power.

The general transformation of our electricity production, which has been decided with the energy transformation, demands an environment and climate-friendly power production system, which can react to fluctuating supplies and demands of electricity in a flexible manner. Lignite power stations are not capable of this – it is neither technically feasible nor economically viable. The energy transformation will only be successful if after quitting nuclear power we also quit coal.

## The forest between biomass and biodiversity

Stephen Wehner und Martin Lадach (Bergwaldprojekt e.V.)

Pressures on forests are growing from all sides set against the background of the energy transformation. Germany’s federal government recommends to use at least 100 millions fm wood in its forest strategy 2020. At the same time, Germany has committed to withdraw 5% of forest area from usage and leave to natural development by 2020 in its national strategy on biodiversity. This responsibility is especially crucial for red beech forests which are unique to Europe.

The workshop run by Bergwaldprojekt e.V. looks at the impacts of the energy transformation using current data and shows that sustainability in the forest means more than just using wood. It highlights a criteria that has so far been absent from the forest

policy debate: sufficiency – less is more. The workshop will be in German and is open to all interested – no previous knowledge necessary.

## Theatre: “So heiß gegessen wie gekocht”

*Wait till the food cools down before you eat it*

Theatre play of the Berlin Company on the topic of climate change, coal-fired power plants and resistance.

The play is set in the kitchen of a restaurant. A coal-fired power plant is supposed to be built nearby. In the guest area, local dignitaries are fiddling with the managers of the energy company. In the kitchen the cooks are discovering the global links between climate change and migration, as one staff member is an “illegal” immigrant from Africa. The kitchen becomes a pocket of resistance.

[berlinercompagnie.de/www/info\\_heiss-gegessen.htm](http://berlinercompagnie.de/www/info_heiss-gegessen.htm)

## Advice for a tour:

### Incredible - The Open-Air-Filmfestival

Lindenberg (near Beeskow)

1 pm movie “EnergieLand” with discussion afterwards

4 pm Panel discussion regarding energy with Ralf Christoffers (minister for energy in Brandenburg), Axel Kruschat (BUND) and Michael Raschman (Energiequelle Feldheim)

Journey time from Cottbus main station: 2:06 hours; departure is every hour (X:02 Uhr); you have to change trains in Königs Wusterhausen

## Tripod-Workshop

ROBIN WOOD

## UniSolar Potsdam – Energie Sans Souci

Anneka (Uni Solar Potsdam e.V.)

UniSolar Potsdam is a students’ initiative which has been working towards a greener university to towards actively contributing to a more environment-friendly energy production since 2008. We focus ►

on education, because I can only change my habits and decide rationally if I know about an issue. Therefore, we have been organising events, screening and discussing presentations or films on energy and environment topics for four semesters. However, we also want to change something very concretely and have a direct impact on our environment! That is why we have installed a solar power station on one of the university's roofs. We have more projects in the pipeline and want to carry out environmental education at the university in the long-run, which is why we have founded the non-profit society UniSolar Potsdam e.V.

### **Vattenfall's law-suits against climate protection and nuclear phase-out**

Peter Fuchs (PowerShift),  
Jürgen Knirsch (Greenpeace)

Vattenfall is suing the state of Germany at the arbitration court in Washington. This is to force the federal government to pay billions of Euros in compensation for taking the nuclear power stations Krümmel and Brunsbüttel off the grid. The corporation acted similarly in the conflict surrounding the coal power station Hamburg-Moorburg back in 2009. Law-suits by corporations against democratically decided policy are based on international investment agreements, such as Germany and EU like to negotiate with a view to developing countries and emerging economies. The workshop will introduce Vattenfall's concrete law-suits against German energy and climate policy, explain the basic context of international investment policy and outline alternative suggestions by critical NGOs and scientists. Afterwards, there will be time to discuss possibilities of cooperation for activists working on energy and foreign economic policy.

### **What means energy democracy?**

Conrad Kunze

The consensus on democracy is not challenged by anyone in Europe as long as it is limited to certain areas and does not question certain principles. When real changes are at stake one is referred to „the markets“ and „the economy“. Therefore some claim: If these two are the most important authorities they should be democratised. What would this

mean for the energy-production and the industrial metabolism in general? Are there any alternatives to nationalisation? Why democratisation at all?

The workshop addresses the friends of critical and abstract thinking.

### **What does Low-Tech mean?**

Interactive exchange of ideas and networking concerning the topic Low-Tech (including a practical part)

“Bauraum für Low-tech Ideen” (Space for Low-tech ideas) is a group dealing with adapted development of technology. Currently we're setting up a Low-tech workshop in Berlin. For two years we've been exchanging knowledge and ideas, puzzling and tinkering. We will bring some of our projects for live-testing and copying. Together with you we would like to reflect this concept critically and gather new ideas as well as new participants.

Contact: [www.bauraum-lowtech.org](http://www.bauraum-lowtech.org)

Moreover you can implement you Low-tech ideas right here on the camp.

## For a future without coal or nuclear energy

# We need to fight for climate justice and energy sovereignty!

Last year the first Climate and Energy Camp in Jänschwalde/Janšojce was organized by a wide range of local citizens' initiatives, political action groups and individuals. Even though some local citizens were sceptical in the beginning, they soon met us with genuine interest and great sympathy. In the end, the camp had been visited by 300 people and turned out quite a success.

### WHAT'S A CLIMATE CAMP?

A climate camp is a space for coordinating, exchanging knowledge and discussing, as well as for direct and disobedient action. The camp is also supposed to be a field for experimenting with other forms of life: a lifestyle of sufficiency is as much part of this camp as is decision making based on the principle of grassroots democracy.

Now the Brandenburg government wants to stick to its plan allowing the construction of a new coal-fired power plant in Jänschwalde/Janšojce being fully aware of the fact that this will make it impossible to meet the climate goals that they set for themselves. Moreover, more citizens will be driven away from their villages and more landscapes will be destroyed for the creation of new open-cast mining sites. This is why another camp is inevitable! No more open-cast mining sites, no more coal-fired power plants! This is what our camp stands for within the framework of an internationalist perspective in the fight for climate justice.

Climate justice means to recognize that the paradigm of growth, which leads to infinite exploitation of resources, over-production and over-consumption, fundamentally contradicts with the biophysical limits of our planet and the fight for social justice. That's why we are focusing on a society which recognizes its historical debt and works on protecting the global commons. We no longer want to depend on the profit motives of the energy companies but lead a self-determined life

in solidarity with others. Therefore we, being part of a global movement, fight for democratic and decentralized structures. We can only tackle extreme exploitation of human beings and natural resources on a global scale by questioning our way of producing and consuming on a local level. We further have to break free from growth compulsion and make the good life our political claim. In the search for alternatives, we will not be limited by practical constraints but we will hold on to our imagination and open our view for a different kind of life's pleasures.

### WHAT DOES CLIMATE JUSTICE MEAN?

**We support the demands of the international network "Climate Justice Now!":**

1. Leave fossil fuels in the ground!
2. Return control over natural resources to people and society, and respect the rights of indigenous peoples!
3. For local, sustainable agriculture!
4. Recognise and make repayments for the ecological debt owed to the people of the global South
5. Against false, market-based solutions: change our ways of living and producing!

This means that e.g. energy sovereignty represents an important step towards a self-determined life. First of all, it is important to ensure that everybody gets access to a sufficient amount of energy. However, the energy has to be produced in a manner that does not harm or endanger the environment or human beings. In specific terms, this implies leaving fossil fuels in the ground, democratising production means and changing our attitude towards energy consumption.

The camp is taking place in Lusatia (Lausitz), a region of Germany that is heavily marked by the negative social and ecological consequences of an intolerable energy policy. At the same time, it has the potential to become a model region for energy sovereignty. Along with citizens' initiatives against CO<sub>2</sub>-“disposal“ and lignite mining we claim a socially acceptable withdrawal from coal-fired power generation. All over the world territories, especially the ones owned by indigenous peoples, are claimed for the extraction and production of resources and energy. In the process, water, air and ground is stolen and destroyed. This is also true for the village of the Sorgen/Wenden. Janschwalde/Janšojce is located right in the heart of the Sorbian region of Lower Lusatia.

People in the coalmining area are worried about their jobs and we take that very seriously. But only by introducing structural change new perspectives can be created on time. Brandenburg already has a large share of renewables and finds itself at a crossroads, now that the Janschwalde power plant is going to be phased out. Currently, decisions are being made that

### WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ENERGY SOVEREIGNTY?

Energy sovereignty means to ensure, that everybody has access to a sufficient amount of energy. Specific decisions concerning energy policy are made concertedly and without profit

motives. Energy resources are controlled by the communities that use them. This inevitably means that the authority and ownership of energy companies are questioned.

will substantially influence not only this region's energy policy for the next decades. The question isn't, how much energy Brandenburg, an energy-exporting state, is able to produce, but whether it is willing to produce it in a sustainable manner.

On the camp, we will create diverse spaces of discussion and action and thereby make it into an interface for energy struggles. Join us to develop utopias, goals and strategies for a just way of dealing with energy, all of this of course based on the principles of self-management, a critique of domination, and the need for sustainable living.

From August 11th to 19th there will be all kinds of workshops, discussions and opportunities for networking and coordination. Join us to actively oppose the destructive consequences of the current centralized fossil energy production. Forms of protest can be as diverse as the people participating: ranging from guerilla communication and bannerdrops to blockades and occupations.

*Let's all fight for a future without coal or nuclear energy! For climate justice and energy sovereignty!*

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