

# After the Russian invasion of Ukraine solidarity networks, now more than ever!

with activists from Ukraine and Russia

26. - 28 August 2022

STRAZE, Stralsunder Straße 10, Greifswald (GER)

## PROGRAMME

with translation into German and English

### Friday, 26 August 22

18:00 – 20:00

#### Personal perspectives

#### Opening and photo exhibition "Faces and Stories"

We will open the weekend with a presentation of the background to this series of events and with our perspective as the European movement "Longo mai" on the effects of war.

The photo exhibitions by Magdalena Menzinger (Germany) and Oleksandr Glyadelov (Ukraine) will illustrate the contradictory consequences of the war in Ukraine - the destruction of life but also humane and mutual support.

**Magdalena Menzinger** spent a month in the village of Nyzne Selishche in the Ukrainian region of Transcarpathia (3000 inhabitants). Around 1000 internally displaced persons have arrived there since the beginning of the war. She documents how the inhabitants and the IDPs stand up for each other.

The well-known Ukrainian documentary photographer **Oleksandr Glyadelov** shows the devastating consequences of the Russian military aggressions against Ukraine in the region of Zaporizhia/Eastern Ukraine.

### Saturday, 27 August 22

10:00 – 12:30

#### Anti-imperialist perspectives of Ukrainian and Russian feminists

#### Panel discussion "What does the right to resist mean?"

**Oksana Dutchak**, sociologist, marxist feminist and co-editor of the left-wing Ukrainian magazine "Commons".

Feminist Manifesto <https://commons.com.ua/en/right-resist-feminist-manifesto/>

The Russian invasion has disastrous consequences, not only for the Ukrainian population. The incipient crisis has several regional and global dimensions: it may have long-term effects on regional labour markets, global security, food security, environmental policies, etc. Moreover, it has dramatic consequences for the prospects of progressive solidarity in the face of urgent challenges.

What can we learn from the Russian invasion for our left struggles? For example: why and how have sections of the left been able to overlook the imperialist nature of the invasion? What does it actually mean to reject the war? What does it mean to support people from Ukraine? What are the perspectives for regional and global left groups after the Russian invasion?

**Aleksandra Talaver** from the Russian feminist anti-war group "Feminist antiwar resistance" (FAR). FAR Manifesto :

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DihGbEo6TIOTsVEdNhb38xwBbfGXQKt4YaxB8-Ksl9s/edit#heading=h.pv8f0qfeljz8>.

More information : <http://t.me/femagainstwarr>

Russian resistance to the war now takes many different forms: street actions, street art, stickers, leaflets, performances in public spaces, online activism, etc. In addition, there are more radical forms of action: railway partisans, attacks on military infrastructures, participation in military resistance against Russian imperialism in Ukraine, and cooperation with soldiers and military personnel (support for the right not to go to war).

Finally, we see growing discontent in workplaces: there are more and more workforces carrying out strikes or threatening to do so. We hope that the anti-war movement will regain strength and that existing forces can be combined, leading to new, local campaigns.

As feminist anti-war resistance, we want to support workplace struggles with our anti-war fund, which strengthens the position of workers and helps local groups get more media attention and support.

However, we have no illusions that we can stop the war alone - without a strong Ukrainian resistance to Russian imperialism and Russian soldiers rebelling against the war, we see our future to be pretty bleak.

Break in the programme - 14:00 **Big demonstration**

### **"Then and now: remembering means changing! - 30 years after the pogrom in Rostock-Lichtenhagen"**

The burning of the Sunflower House is still a symbol of right-wing violence today. But it is not only here and not only in 1992 that countless people have been injured, killed and traumatised by right-wing and racist violence. We will take to the streets together in Lichtenhagen for a society without exploitation, exclusion and oppression. Remembering means changing!

20:00 – 22:00 **Cultural perspective**

### **Concert with DREWO**

Polyphonic songs in the Ukrainian tradition

The group has investigated sounds and voices of different regions of Ukraine. They will present their results to us with their polyphonic singing.

## **Sunday, 28 August 22**

10:00 – 12:00 **Sociological perspective**

### **"What impact does the war have on social security, housing and education?" followed by Q&A**

**Natalia Lomonosova** - researcher at Cedos Research Centre, she deals with the issues of social rules, employment and migration.

Co-author of the news internet site "Political criticism of Ukraine". Activist of the "social movement" (Sotsialnyi Rukh).

**Anastasia Bobrova** – Analyst and project manager at the Cedos Research Centre. She deals with the issues of urban development, civil society and urban social movements, leisure and culture, social policy.

Our guests will talk about how the war has affected the lives of Ukrainians and the most important common resources - social security, housing and education. Natalia and Anastasia will present their findings from two Cedos research projects on personal experiences, thoughts and feelings since the beginning of the war.

More information: [cedos.org.ua](http://cedos.org.ua)

13:00 – 16:30     **Grassroots perspective**

## **Practical mutual aid in Eastern Ukraine - presentation of grassroots initiatives from Dnipro and Kharkiv, followed by Q&A.**

**Dmytro Mishenin**, chairman of the humanitarian initiative "Angels of Salvation"

«Angels of Salvation» is a self-organised grassroots initiative from Dnipro  
[www.facebook.com/yangoli.spasinnya](http://www.facebook.com/yangoli.spasinnya)

They have rescued over 22,000 people from the Luhansk and Donetsk regions since the beginning of the war. Every week they distribute 1,300 humanitarian aid packages. Dmytro Mishenin will share personal experiences of the war: What problems aid organisations are facing and what help do they need now?

**Sergiy Chubukov**, member of the kitchen group "NEBO (Sky)"

The kitchen group "Nebo" is a self-organised initiative focused on humanitarian aid in the Kharkiv region. They cook and distribute hot meals to air-raid shelters, hospitals, etc.  
[www.mn.org.ua](http://www.mn.org.ua)

Sergiy Chubukov tells the story of the success and cooperation of grassroots initiatives in eastern Ukraine, using Kharkiv as an example: how former workers, restaurant owners, teachers and DJs came together and started cooking. How a small kitchen became a place that distributes 7,000 meals a day.

17:00                                     **End of the meeting**

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