Stop racist police controls in Wrangelkiez!

Since the beginning of 2020, we have been observing severe police checks in Wrangelkiez and Görlitzer. They almost exclusively affect People of Colour (PoC)/ black people whether or not they are selling drugs or just seeing friends, being tourists, on their way to school or meeting friends in the park.

There is a new special police unit „Brennpunkt- und Präsenzeinheit“(BPE) responsible for this, deployed in so-called crime infested areas. Under the guise of Corona restrictions and crowd avoidance, the police is primarily targeting PoC/ black people.

This is not only racist and discriminatory, racial profiling by the police is also illegal. Students of a nearby language school have reported that they are controlled by police on their way to school - not because of they are selling drugs, but because of being black / PoC.

Even though there is violence, drug consumption and trade of illegal substances in our neighbourhood, this phenomenon is not new and you cannot blame only PoC / black people for it! By the way: drug trafficking does not happen because people want to sell drugs so much, but because other people want to use drugs.

Regulatory measures have never led to the disappearance of drug trafficking or consumption. Because of these repressive measures, there is only a noticeable shift in trades into different streets and neighbouring areas!

Anyone who really wants to address these problems would have to change the asylum law. Refugees should be allowed to work while waiting without prospects for any asylum decision. Or even better: finally abolish causes of refugee status such as: poverty, hunger, war and environmental degradation. The global North cannot ignore the consequences of colonial conflict and profit from this unfair economic system without being responsible for migratory flows that results from it!

What can YOU do:
Copy and distribute these flyers. Get creative! Make banners and signs and hang them out of your window. Don't look away when you see racist police controls and say out loud what you think. If you are alone and feel paralysed, talk to other people. Take videos and photos, send them to us with date, time and place or post them on social media (#wrangelkiezunited, #stopracialprofiling).

Keep your distance, behave in a de-escalating way but keep the record of the situation. Although it is permitted to observe and document police actions, cops do not like to have any witnesses of their racist behaviour and often act against observers on poor charges.

We don't want racist controls, we don't want racial profiling and we don't want a permanent police presence in our neighbourhood!

Wrangelkiez united! ★ Contre le Racisme!

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