



# KLIMACAMP! IM RHEINLAND

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As part of the „Kultur ohne Kohle“-festival!

## WELCOME TO THE KLIMACAMP IM RHEINLAND!

Good to have you here! Together we are fighting for the preservation of the villages and the standstill of the diggers. We are looking forward to show resistance with you in many different ways.

This year, the Climate Camp in the Rhineland will take place together with the Kultur ohne Kohle ["Culture without Coal"] Festival. This multi-day political cultural festival shows the villages threatened by open pit mining from their most beautiful side: there will be concerts, readings, workshops, theater, cinema, art exhibitions and much more! More information about the event's program and the locations can be found at <https://kultur-ohne-kohle.de/en>.

Also this year, everyone is invited to actively shape the climate camp, to help and to create together a wonderful space of networking, education, actions and utopias. We have created this small info booklet to give you a first overview and so that you can dive directly into the climate camp. For more (and current) information and all your questions, the info tent at the camp is always a good place to go. We are looking forward to spending time with you at the climate camp!

## WHAT IS THE CLIMATE CAMP?

The climate camp sees itself as a self-organized, grassroots and low hierarchy camp. In the last months, a lot has been planned, organized and decided by a preparation group. However, it is important to us that this knowledge advantage is not further cemented at the camp, but that we pass on information and distribute responsibilities. Camp life can only function if it is supported by all of us.

As every year, the Climate Camp is supported by four pillars:

- 1) **Education:** The Climate Camp is intended to provide space for all forms of education, where hierarchy- and stress-free learning can take place.
- 2) **Networking:** The camp is a space for meeting and networking. The climate justice movement wants to grow, pool their strengths and exchange ideas!
- 3) **Actions:** What would the climate justice movement be without actions? Be creative, form affinity groups or join already planned actions. We want to emphasize that all forms of actions for climate justice are welcome!
- 4) **Live utopias:** On different levels we want to show how we can live together. Freedom from hierarchy, participation and grassroots democracy are cornerstones of the camp. We want to question the existing power relations, which we see as the cause of the climate crisis. We are very excited to co-create another great camp this year and we are looking forward to see the free space that the camp offers filled by everyone. You are cordially invited to shape this space and to get involved in the camp structures!

## ORIENTATION AT THE CAMP

Our goal is that all people feel welcome and integrated at the climate camp. Therefore, there are different structures that try to break down possible knowledge hierarchies.



The info tent is the first place to go if you have questions of any kind. Here you will get information about the camp structure, program, corona concept and much more.

You will also find information on how you can get involved at the camp. The climate camp lives from our collective engagement and the participation of all participants. It is a place where everyone can and should contribute with their own skills and interests.

Therefore, the daily camp tasks, that are necessary for a good and smooth togetherness, will be made transparent at the info tent in order to allow for a fair distribution of work on many shoulders. There you can find out what needs to be done where and how you can get involved - whether it's cooking, washing up, cleaning the toilets, looking after the information tent or much more. You don't have to know or be able to do anything special! Just take a look at the posted shift schedules and sign up (preferably with your affinity group)!

## **Camp tours**

A camp tour takes place every day at 12:30 pm (meeting point: info tent), allowing you to get to know the camp and its structures better. In this way, knowledge hierarchies are to be broken down and allow you to find your way around the camp easier. If you come to the camp without an affinity group, you can participate in the formation of new affinity groups before or after the camp tour.

## **Corona concept**

This year, of course, a Corona hygiene concept is part of the camp to ensure a safe and solidary climate camp for all of us. Basically, the Corona concept of the Kultur-Ohne-Kohle Festival also applies to us. However, since many people live together on the camp for several days, we have added a few more aspects. You can find the whole Corona hygiene concept at the end of the info booklet and on our website.

## **Daily schedule**

A day at the climate camp can look very different. But to leave enough time for workshops, camp tasks, food and everything else, on the next page you will find an overview of the rough daily schedule.

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| 8:00 – 9:00   | Breakfast           |
| 9:00 – 9:15   | Daily Opening       |
| 9:30 – 10:15  | Camp Working Groups |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | Workshops I         |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch               |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | Workshops II        |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | Deli-Rat            |
| 17:30 – 19:00 | Panel Discussion    |
| 18:30 – 20:00 | Dinner              |
| From 20:00    | Cultural Program    |

## PARTICIPATION AT THE CAMP

In our utopia, we all live in a self-organized, grassroots and low-hierarchy way. This means that we all take part and (not only) lend a hand - and that's where we start today! With participation and grassroots democracy (short: "PartiBas") we want to achieve that all participants can shape the climate camp.

All decisions on the camp will be made by you, there is no higher authority that takes over. Therefore we have the daily Deli-Council [meeting of delegates] and other concepts, which we are describing in the following.

### **Affinity groups**

Affinity groups are relatively fixed groups of about 2-10 people who spend their time together at the climate camp. In your affinity group you can talk about what is on your mind, how you feel. We ask you to send a delegate to the Deli Council, where the organization of the camp takes place. Of course, you don't have to spend all your time in the affinity group.

Concerning the pandemic, it is important to note that this year the affinity groups at the camp are also thought of as infection control communities. This means that only people in an affinity group should eat together without a mask, sleep in tents, and also take on camp tasks such as washing dishes or night shifts. For people who arrive without a reference group, there is the possibility to take part in a reference group finding at the camp. This always takes place before lunch (approx. 12:30 p.m.), meeting point is at the info tent.

## **Camp Working Groups**

With the beginning of the climate camp the preparation group dissolves, so that the camp organizes itself independently also around work distribution. All activities are divided among the camp working groups (Camp AGs) and the respective members can make decisions that do not affect everyone independently and for themselves.

For meetings and work in the Camp AGs, several time slots are reserved in the daily schedule. Of course you can also meet at other times, then it would be great if you announce time and place accordingly. Camp AGs include among many others awareness, toilets & hygiene, moderation tasks, water supply, night shifts and camp tours. Of course, other Camp AGs can also be founded on site. In order for everyone to be able to participate, it is important that the Camp AGs are organized low-threshold and that the existing knowledge is passed on. For this purpose, important information and procedures can also be made available to all participants in the information tent.

## **Deli-Council**

The meeting of delegates [Deli Council] is the central decision-making body for the entire camp. Delegates from the work areas, from affinity groups, from external structures or individuals meet in the Deli-Council every day at 4.30-5.30 pm. Important information is passed on and decisions are made by consensus. These decisions then are delivered back to the work areas, affinity groups, etc. via the respective delegates. The minutes of the Deli Council will also be available for all to view in the Info tent.



## Open Space

You can easily get involved in the program by taking part in the open space slots. Open Spaces are spontaneous workshop and exchange sessions offered by camp participants. They serve as a place for experimentation, self-empowerment and self-organized learning. The principle is very simple: You write down what you want to work on, choose a time and a free tent, make a notice, come together with all interested people - and off you go! If you feel like creating an open space slot, check out the info tent.

## Set-up and dismantling

The set-up and dismantling of the camp will also be done together. We will set up the climate camp from 3.8. on, the dismantling will last until 18.8. We invite you to plan some extra time so that we can set up and dismantle the camp together. All the material (tents, wooden toilets, bulletin boards, decoration, signs, washbasins, technology and much more) has to be put up and taken down. You don't need to bring any special knowledge for this. We support each other, share our knowledge, learn together and sometimes it helps to try things out and get creative. If you already have knowledge or experience, feel free to bring it – we especially encourage FLINTA\* people to feel empowered in sharing/acting out their knowledge.



## LIFE ON CAMP

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### Sleeping

At the climate camp, people sleep in their own tents. There are designated areas for private tents on the camp area. Please don't put your tent just anywhere, so that rescue routes, hygiene concepts, shelter areas and other plans work. There are separate tent areas for FLINTA\* (women, lesbian, inter, non-binary, transgender, agender, etc.) and BIPOCs (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) if you want more security/retreat.

### Kitchen

Three times a day, the "MobKit Formidable" action kitchen will provide us with meals and drinks. For the great vegan food, the kitchen needs 7,50 Euro/day per person, which they collect at the kitchen. This is a suggested donation - feel free to give more or less. If you have any allergies or intolerances, contact the kitchen directly.

### Water

The water supply on camp is a challenge. Please remember to save water in the spirit of sustainability. Please also make sure when showering and washing that your used soaps, toothpastes, shower gels etc. are biodegradable. Drinkable water is specially marked.

## Toilets

At the camp there will only be urine-diverting toilets or urine-diverting dry toilets. Please follow the instructions on the toilets to make sure they work properly. The cleaning will be done together, please visit the respective Camp-AGs to find out more.

## Electricity

The electricity used on the camp is generated through solar cells and can be stored in batteries to a limited extent. Depending on the intensity of sunlight, there may be shortages in the power supply and not all equipment can be fully served. Try to use the electricity according to the supply, i.e. charge your cell phone when the sun is shining and don't be surprised if the cell phone charging station is out of order in the meantime.



## Parking

There are almost no parking spaces - neither at the climate camp, nor next to it! This is due to the fact that RWE buys every square meter of field and road to expand the brown coal open pit mine. So think twice about whether you really have to come by car! It's bad for the climate anyway... ;-) The space for campers and motorhomes on the camp itself is very limited, we recommend the camper site of the Kultur-Ohne-Kohle Festival in Keyenberg.

## Safety/Security

There are many people at camp, so be alert and watch out for yourselves and each other. Also, be careful with open fires, especially in the woods, on dry grass, or near the tents. Please do not set off any Bengalos or other pyrotechnics at the camp.

It would be great if people could take on night watch shifts. There will be a short introduction each day for this. And don't worry, even a night watch doesn't have to stay up a whole night. The exact shift schedule and people with answers to further questions can be found in the info tent, feel free to come by. Also, please keep in mind that we can only be truly "safe" if we are all mindful of ourselves and others and communicate any suspicious observations.

## Hygiene

Hand washing and sanitizing is an act of solidarity. Since we share things with many people at the camp, some basic hygiene is needed. Please follow the instructions for hand washing and proper disinfection, especially if you are helping in the kitchen or at the toilets!

Important: Use enough disinfectant (a lot helps a lot!), put the disinfectant into dry hands and spread it thoroughly!



# MONEY

## **Camp Contribution**

Everyone should be able to participate in the climate camp, in our actions and generally in our political struggle. Therefore, there is no fixed camp fee, but a donation recommendation: 0-5€ per person and day.

The idea: Everybody gives as much as he/she can. If it is double the amount - great! If it is nothing - also good! The most important thing for us is that everyone can participate in the camp and the movement.

## **Donations**

If you want to donate to the climate camp or pay your camp contribution from home, here are the account details:

Payee: Klimacamp im Rheinland

Account holder\*in: COMM e.V.

IBAN: DE45 4306 0967 2030 4204 01

BIC: GENODEM1GLS

Bank: GLS Gemeinschaftsbank eG

Keyword: Klimacamp im Rheinland

*Note: If you would like a donation receipt, please also include your postal address in the reason for payment. The receipts will be issued by COMM e.V. (non-profit association) will issue the receipts.*

## AWARENESS

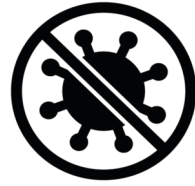
GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Hope you have fun with everyone else here. You know that fun can take different forms. Help us make this camp a safe and beautiful place for everyone. However, if you observe or experience any transgressive or abusive situations or even experience them yourself, you will always receive support from us at any time! Talk to us - we are the awareness team with the pink marker.

How can you reach us?

- at the awareness tent, which is located at the climate camp and is open from 10am until late in the evening.
- on the awareness cell phone you can reach us at any time: 015750780976
- a mailbox at the awareness tent. During the camp you can use it to contact us if people can't or don't want to reach us personally or by phone
- an e-mail address, which is published on the homepage, where you can reach us also after the camp.

## CORONA HYGIENE CONCEPT



Climate camp despite Corona pandemic?!

To ensure the safest possible participation for all we are implementing a comprehensive hygiene concept for Corona infection protection. Basically, the Corona concept of Kulur ohne Kohle also applies to us, but we have some additional rules to meet the circumstance that on the that more people live together at the climate camp for several days.

Our concept is based on three pillars:

- responsible and solidary interaction with each other
- Self-organization according to clear rules
- Concrete measures: regular testing, affinity groups, mask, distance, hygiene and follow-up

We take the acute dangers, especially of viral mutations, very seriously and consider protective measures sensible and necessary. Therefore we go therefore go beyond current legal regulations where we consider it necessary. We ask all participants of the climate camp to familiarize themselves in advance with our Corona hygiene concept in advance:

1. get tested before arrival
2. wear a wristband
3. get tested regularly on site
4. form affinity groups
5. keep distance
6. wear mask
7. trace back
8. pay attention to social address
9. Implement hygiene, surface disinfection, and ventilation
10. Respond to suspected and positive cases.

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### **And next year?**

The organizing process for the next Climate Camp in the Rhineland is expected to start in January, but it is also possible to join at a later date. You can find out exactly when it starts at [www.klimacamp-im-rheinland.de](http://www.klimacamp-im-rheinland.de).

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