



DAILY NEWSPAPER OF CALAIS NO BORDER CAMP - N°1 - TUESDAY 24TH JUNE 2009



No Bor-what ?

Created in 2000, No Border is an European network of activists who struggle for freedom of movement against immigration policies mostly in Europe within the Schengen area (even if a camp has already been organised at the border between Mexico and the USA). The No Border network demands the regularisation of illegal immigrants and the closing down of detention centres. No Border camps are tools of resistance (aiming at creating a balance of power in favour of activists in symbolic places of Fortress Europe) which are different from counter-summits. Regularly, camps are set up near border areas or other strategic places (such as airports) in that perspective. It already happened once in France in August 2002 in Strasbourg. In 2004, No Border network has organised a first international action day which happened in 50 cities of 11 European countries.

This camp in Calais was initiated by several British groups who had organised the first No Border camp in Britain in September 2007 in Gatwick airport where the building of a detention centre had been planned. These groups have done coordination meetings and workshops with French and Belgian activists in order to prepare the camp in Calais. For Sylvain who has participated in the organisation, the reasons for the choice of Calais are obvious : *'Calais is central in the questions about borders. On the one hand there are a lot of goods which pass through it, on the other hand there are also many tourists. Last but not least, the city is on a border which is closely watched over and which has blocked hundreds of people for years.'* Therefore there is an opportunity to bring the situation along the last border of the Schengen area to light and also to consolidate international solidarity against European immigration policies by creating 'a camp which will be a place for meetings, discussions and exchanges about the questions of borders. Moreover, there will be symbolic actions planned against the institutions responsible for the fact that only goods and rich people enjoy freedom of movement.'

After Calais, the next No Border camp will take place in Lesbos in Greece on the 23rd of August !

NB : Presentation and interview from *La Brique* n°15

Workshops...



Lundi 22 juin : Setting up of the camp - marquees, big tops, toilets, etc. [Wo]manpower needed !



Mardi 23 juin : Official opening of the camp:



Mercredi 24 Juin :
 12h00-13h30 : STREET MEDICS AND BASIC FIRST AID
 14h00-15h30 : Debate : MIGRATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE.
 15h30-17h00 : ACTIVIST RECOVERY AND TRAUMA
 17h00-18h00 : Paranoia VS SECURITY, VS OPEN CLOSED CULTURE
 18h00-20h00 : DISCUSSING THE SITUATION FOR MIGRANTS IN THE CALAIS REGION. *An opportunity for all groups and individuals involved in the support of migrants: humanitarian organisations, NGOs, activists and migrants to meet and exchange perspectives and experiences on the current situation for migrants in the Calais region. All local groups and individuals welcome!*

Cinéma...



Mardi 23 Juin
 15h / 18h : Setting up of the cinema
 18h / 20h : Meeting
 20h / 21h : Showings open to films directed during the week and to other propositions
 21h : "No comment" by Nathalie Doupeyre, 52 mn (2008).

Mercredi 24 Juin / Wednesday 24th june :

⌘ 15h : "Divine Intervention" de Elia Suleiman, 2002, 1h32 min.

⌘ 18h : - "Leaving or dying" / "Partir ou mourir", 50min. Documentaire sur les frontières les plus dangereuses à passer (filmé en Ukraine).

- "Exposure" (28min)

- "UPROOTED : Refugees of the Global Economy. National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, 2001, 28min.

⌘ 21h : - "Djomeh" de Hassan Yektafanah , 2001, 1h34min, VOSTF.