

## **Calais Preparation Workshop: Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Location TBA

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### **Why are we doing this training?**

The organizers have all spent time in Calais together and have reflected that it is important to improve the network beyond Calais. One problem we've noticed with incorporating new people into CMS is that often activists feel lost upon arriving for the first time: they aren't sure what to do and don't get enough support from long-term activists. As a result they end up having bad experiences and don't return again. We want to be more welcoming but for those of us engaged on the longer term in Calais, it's often very stressful to spend a long time introducing arriving new people when our everyday tasks are already fairly overwhelming. That's why we think it's important to help prepare people already before they leave. In the less stressful setting of Berlin we can take time to make sure new activists feel safe and prepared in terms of thinking about the types of tasks they hope to do in Calais. Obviously, it's not a complete preparation, but we hope hearing about our personal experiences might help people thinking of going there for the first time!

### **Schedule for the Day**

**12:00** Introductory Round and Overview of the Workshop

**12:30** *Very* Brief Introduction to Calais, the European Border Regime and CMS Since 2009 + Q&A

**13:00** Calais Daily Taks and Routine, Ongoing CMS Projects

**14:30** Break

**15:00** Complex Scenarios Role-play

**16:00** Gender and Sexuality Issues in Calais

**16:30** Affinity Group Dynamics, Trauma and Burnout

**17:00** Handing Out Information for Further Reading: Legal Information, Practical Information on Arrival in Calais, Calais Welcome Guide

**17:15** Conclusion and Feedback