

Hi, we are Nina and Nils from the Seebrücke Heidelberg and as such, we demand: Leave no one behind, because we have space! Apart from us, 152 cities and municipalities already have this opinion. As "safe havens", they declare themselves willing to accept an additional contingent of refugees. Heidelberg, too, is a safe haven, and yet contributes to the "ever-growing" of a "new" cause of flight. For example by Heidelberg Cement, the second largest CO2 producer in Germany after RWE.

Besides our common sense, this is exactly the reason why Seebrücke Heidelberg stands behind the demands of FFF. Environmental conditions, such as those created by Heidelberg Cement in Togo, for example, are already affecting the living conditions of many people to such an extent that they are forced to leave their homes.

But who is actually most affected by the human-made climate crisis? These are exactly the people we turn our backs on when they flee and when they arrive - as it is currently happening on the borders of Europe. These are mainly poorer population groups in the so-called "global south", some of whom are extremely dependent on local agriculture. An agriculture that is increasingly in the grip of Western big business and exposed to floods and droughts. We cannot wait until the time has come for people to flee. The keyword must be mitigation, not adaptation.

The time to act is now! Greenhouse gas emissions must be reduced and interference with nature must be prevented. It is unacceptable that we take to the streets every week in Heidelberg to demonstrate for the reception of refugees and for fair climate policy, while on our doorstep is a company that pollutes water, air, and soil in Togo through limestone mining and clinker production and tramples human rights underfoot. Earlier we already mentioned the external borders of the EU. The fire in Moria two weeks ago was not a coincidence and unfortunately, it was not the first. Already in the week and months before there were repeated fires set by right-wing extremists. This perfidious hatred of people does not come by chance but is almost supported by a misanthropic state asylum policy. Greece and Turkey are often accused of inhuman treatment of the refugees. And that is true. German federal police officers are also working for Frontex. In March, 71 officers were involved in the operations, following racist and illegal orders of the Greek authorities. There were reports about the use of tear gas against children, rubber bullets against refugees, and even the use of live ammunition. But when it comes to the unlawful use of force, we must also look to Germany. With the increasing exposure of right-wing extremist structures in the police force, it is becoming clear that police officers are breaking the law here too. That is why we demand the clarification of such crimes. At this point, we say YES to a study on racism in the police and say "Seebrücke statt Seehofer!" How can a whole community of states look away when laws are violated? When thousands of refugees and distressed traumatized people have to sleep on the streets, have no access to drinking water, are denied medical care, and instead, children are attacked with tear gas. What is going on there, Europe?

It's great that so many committed people are here today, working for a better future **for all**. Stay noisy and join us on the streets next week. On Friday, the pier is holding a demonstration, starting at the swan pond.

We have room! Leave no one behind!