

Dear students, artists and travellers,

Neukölln is one of the poorer working class districts in Berlin. By now it has, however, become attractive for investors who see a speculative potential in “multiculturalism”, the “young creatives” and the art-scene located in the district. Supported by the media, who describe Neukölln as an “aspiring district”, increasingly more young people come here. Often they are people from other parts of Germany or from France, Italy, Sweden and where-ever, who have no idea about appropriate rents in this area and for whom the prices in Berlin, especially in Neukölln, therefore seem to be quite cheap. Consequently, landlords rise rents for the flats rigorously and poorer people, who have often been living here for years, will have to leave the district. They will be replaced by people who are capable and willing to pay more for flats than them.

This process (called gentrification) is supported by politicians and institutions like the “Quartiers-management” who like to *dress up* the

area by banning marginalized persons from the streets or by introducing new mechanisms of control, for example through parapolicing units. Terms such as integration, art, improvement etc. are used to cover the first and foremost goal: to get people who are well-off into this district...

**...don't let yourselves
become a part of those
inhuman speculation and
money-making processes
that take away our living
space!**

**Talk to your neighbours,
inform yourselves about
proper prices before you
move in, pass your rental
agreement (when it has good
conditions) on to somebody
else when you move out...**

**Be creative
and active
against
Gentrification
and against any capitalist
mechanisms**

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