

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a diverse group of people of various ethnicities and ages, smiling and looking towards the viewer. The background is a mix of bright colors like blue, purple, and green.

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AntiFa-Week 2023

THE ANTIFASCIST WEEK

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IG Metall Wolfsburg invites you: Dive into the past & present!

This year, we are once again offering inspiring insights and interactive opportunities to engage with the past and present.

Why is this important?

Only those who know the history can truly understand the present. Together, we preserve our democratic values for generations to come.

Now more than ever: in the midst of recurring social unrest and insecurity, it is up to us to take a clear stance for democracy and solidarity and to fight against right-wing populist currents.

Be there! Together for democracy, solidarity and understanding.

Official opening of the 19th AntiFa week of the IG Metall Wolfsburg

Saturday, 04. November 2023

17:15 - Laying of a wreath at the memorial in memory of the forced laborers

Place: Sara-Frenkel-Platz, Wolfsburg

Speakers:inside: Flávio Benites, First Authorized Representative of IG Metall Wolfsburg, representatives of the city of Wolfsburg, Antina Schulze, representing Sara Frenkel, the management of the Volkswagen shop stewards' committee, and colleagues from the local youth committee of IG Metall.

Musical accompaniment by the Gegenwind choir.

Afterwards - opening event

Location: IG Metall Wolfsburg office

Welcome by Flávio Benites. At the opening of the IG Metall AntiFa Week 2023, Dr. Amani Abuzahra will give a guest lecture. Amani Abuzahra, renowned philosopher and leading expert on the topic of anti-Muslim racism, will hold profound insights on the topics of prejudice, empowerment and the emotions of the marginalized.

Lecture topic: Where are we, what are the challenges and ways out of racism? It will explore how acting out emotions is perceived in our society and why emotions of marginalized groups are often seen as overly loud or threatening. An emotional map of the marginalized emerges and ways to overcome racism and how anger can act as a powerhouse for all are explored.

Programm

Sunday, 05 November 2023

11:30 am - Laying of wreaths at the children's graves

Place: Cemetery Rühren, Hauptstraße

Speakers:inside: Flavio Benites First Authorized Representative of IG Metall Wolfsburg, member of the shop stewards' committee from the VKL network, member of the Volkswagen youth and trainees' committee, and representatives of the regional denominations.

This is followed by a joint interfaith prayer by representatives of the religious communities. Accompanied by the confirmands from Rühren under the leadership of Provost Dr. Lincoln.

Monday, November 06, 2023

06:00 pm - What do we remember when we remember?

Location: Liberal Jewish Community Wolfsburg, Schachtweg 14, 38440 Wolfsburg, Germany.

An event with Dimitri Tukuser and Achim Dörfer. Dimitri Tukuser explores the need for a critical culture of remembrance and shares insights from immigrant Jews from the USSR regarding World War II. Achim Dörfer reflects on the diverse roles of Jews in Germany during the war and highlights aspects of Jewish and German resistance, far beyond the White Rose and Count von Stauffenberg.

Tuesday, 07 November 2023

06:00 pm - Film event "A German Party" followed by a discussion.

Location: IG Metall Wolfsburg office

The film "A German Party" by Simon Brückner provides exclusive insights into the inner workings of the AfD and thus exposes it for what it is, but often denies being: a right-wing, anti-democracy and xenophobic party.

Subsequent discussion with: Simon Brückner (director) and Sebastian Ramnitz (supervisor and coach).

Wednesday, 08 November 2023

06:30 pm - The New Right and its interest in workplace politics.

Location: Online event via MS Teams.

The event is organized by the VKL VW Wolfsburg with Matthias Monecke. Since the 2018 works council elections, parts of the New Right have been using the workplace as a political field. Far-right think tanks and some AfD officials populistically influence opinion on industrial issues, while the pseudo-union Zentrum mobilizes resentment on the ground. The lecture sheds light on these actors, their strategies and offers concrete examples.

Thursday, 09 November 2023

06:00 pm - Have we learned from the past?

Location: IG Metall Wolfsburg office

Keynote speech by Viktor Kalschek on the topic "The impact of 85 years of Reichspogromnacht and anti-Islamic racism today". This will be followed by a panel discussion organized by the AntiFa working group.

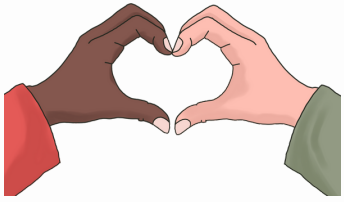
Friday, November 10, 2023

03:45 pm - Laying of a wreath at the memorial in memory of the victims of National Socialism.

Place: Velpke cemetery, children's memorial

Wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial for the children from the "Foreigners' Children's Care Center" in Velpke.

The IG Metall residential district Velpke will lead the commemoration.



QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & REGISTRATIONS

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