

# **Antifascist feminist construction and encounter camp on the area of the former concentration camp for adolescents and later extermination camp UCKERMARK**

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More information about the camp and the site of remembrance:

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## **Who we are**

The „Initiative für einen Gedenkort ehemaliges KZ Uckermark e.V.“ (Initiative for a site of remembrance at the former concentration camp Uckermark e.V.) does research on the history of the former youth concentration camp, seeks to make contact with the survivors and aims at creating a worthy commemoration site on the area.

The construction and encounter camps happening there every year are an important part of that work.

## **The site**

The former youth concentration camp was constructed in 1942, approximately 90km's north of Berlin. Built by prisoners of the concentration camp Ravensbrück, it is located closely to the women's concentration camp of Ravensbrück. Not many people know about the only youth concentration camp that existed during National Socialism, which was established specifically to imprison girls and young women.

Between 1942 and 1945 some 1.200 women and girls were interned in the KZ Uckermark, and had to do forced labour in the harshest living conditions. In January 1945 an extermination camp for the prisoners from the concentration camp Ravensbrück as well as other concentration camps, was built on the partially evacuated site. Approximately 5000 people were murdered there until April 1945.

## **Who is invited?**

We invite all WomenLesbianTrans\* between 18 and 99 years, who want to get to know the site and are interested in it's history as well as antifascist politics of remembrance. There are no preconditions, no one that wants to come has to have previous knowledge.

Unfortunately, the house that we will live in as well the site has many barriers; please contact us if needed and we will figure out together what will work.

## **What do we want to work on?**

We will meet survivors and spend time with them. We want to work on the site and have discussions about different forms of commemoration and the surrounding politics, as well as our visions and ideas for a worthy space of commemoration. Workshops on topics such as classism and continuities of exclusion are planned.

When we are there, we will decide together what exactly we want to do.

You'll find reports on previous construction camps on our webpage.

## **Accommodation/Useful Hints/ Language**

We will share rooms in the vicarage in Himmelpfort. From there it isn't far to the site of the former concentration camp Uckermark – it's easiest to get there by bike.

The camp is organised and planned by us. At the beginning we, the group preparing for the camp, will give you important information and after that we would like everyone to feel responsible for

shopping, cooking, projects etc. and well-being of the group.

We don't organize child care, but if you want to come with a child, write us an e-mail.

Please tell us when registering what languages you are able to speak so we can potentially organize translation.

### **Costs & Registration**

We expect expenses of about 100 euros per person. Everyone contributes what they can. If you are interested, please register until the end of June 2016.

*We are looking forward to your participation!*