

Migrants in celebration: music, words and struggle in the “welcoming” Bologna

Piazza Nettuno
Saturday, July 2nd, h. 17

On Saturday, July 2nd, we will take to the streets as migrant and non-migrant men and women, asylum seekers and refugees, antiracists and feminists. Together we will speak **against racism and exploitation, against male violence** against women and LGBT people, **against the war** which causes rapes and deaths, and which determines specific hierarchies between refugees depending on their origin, **against the racist laws** which force on us different types of humanitarian protection and the residence permits of different lengths which are aimed at dividing us and forcing us to accept no matter what job at no matter which conditions. **We are freedom in movement**, so we will take it to the street **for a day of struggle and celebration**.

We will be in Piazza Nettuno **to take back the city centre** that last May the Prefecture and the police headquarters have denied to the migrants who were fighting and demonstrating against the expulsions from reception centres and claiming refunds. We will be in the streets **to claim the fermeture of the Mattei reception centre**.

July 2nd will be **a day full of concerts and DJ sets** with the music and the songs that accompany the **new generations in movement** in their everyday fight against racism and exclusion, and to obtain citizenship and to free themselves from the blackmail of the residence permit. It will be a **day of struggle against the injustices** which, as asylum seekers and refugees, we experience in this city when we are “welcomed” in over-crowded apartments and reception centres, when we are treated differently depending on the colour of our skin, when we are forced to wait several months to obtain and renew our documents, when we are working with occasional contracts and for miserable wages in the big factory of the Interporto, in the houses and in the care places. It will be **a day of celebration, music and struggles to say to the “progressive” administration** that it is not acceptable, six months after the meeting we had with the municipal administration, that the migrant men and women who keep this city going are not getting answers to the complaints against the racist and exclusionary politics of the municipality and the regional government on residency, registry office, health care and transportation.