

STOP BUNKERS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 26 August, 6:15 pm

At: Uni Mail, 40 Bd du Pont-d'Arve
Room MR 280 (ground floor)

Nine months of struggle !

More and more people are demanding an end to underground housing and Dublin deportations.

We call for living conditions which respect the dignity of every individual !

COME AND JOIN US !

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Welcome to Geneva, one of the 26 cantons in Switzerland. Many international organizations here work for human rights. We residents of Geneva see this as a privilege and also as a responsibility. Since December 2014, a group of concerned people has been trying to influence our local authorities to make living conditions better for asylum seekers. We do not want migrants living in underground shelters: we want decent living arrangements for them above ground. That is why our movement is called “Stop Bunkers”. Our city authorities understand our concern and support us. Our cantonal authorities are slow to understand. Our movement is growing. We are informing Genevans and want to encourage contact between them and asylum seekers. We refuse to put people into boxes according to their color, nationality, religion or classification under Swiss asylum laws.

Since December 2014, Stop Bunkers has been demonstrating to close the bunkers. With pressure, we succeeded in stopping Ayop’s deportation. Stop Bunkers also wrote a letter to Hospice Général asking that all underground shelters be closed. With pressure and some support from politicians in the cantonal parliament, the parliament voted overwhelmingly in March to refer a motion to this effect for rapid review. Repeated demonstrations are keeping the pressure on – some migrants were able to leave the bunkers, but others were sent to live there. Deportations have also continued. Two and a half months ago, two new bunkers were opened. In protest, two buildings in Geneva, Grütli and, after that, Faubourg, were occupied during the summer. Our concern for human rights means that we do not agree with the application of asylum laws. We want to see some changes. For example, no more enforcement of the Dublin regulation in Switzerland.

Things are changing quickly – you are here now ! We need your participation to make progress. Just come and see what you think – the more we are, the better.

The struggle continues! STOP BUNKERS !