



## **New Year's reception with queer-anarchist Masked ball Queer Resistance against the Virus of fear !**

**Saturday 16.1.2021 at 13.00 Uhr until 16.00  
Uhr with contributions and music. In front of  
Bethanien at Mariannenplatz (Berlin)**

We are registering a small but nice queer rally on 16 January. So that we can come together once again. As queer people, we reject the whole heterosexist discourse circus around the pandemic ordinance. As well as the uncritical parroting of government regulations. If we as a queer community are not considered, it is not really surprising, because in the canon of values of the German state, it's only the family in the classical sense that counts. The isolation, the loneliness, also this whole internet shit is annoying.

That's why we're opening up the space for an open microphone. And for danceable music. Everybody can tell an anecdote, a little story from everyday life. We speak as the people we are; as trans people, BIPOC or white, whether poor, whether with or without a home, whether lesbian, gay or everything or nothing - whatever. We speak to each other in our difference and tell each other. Or we dance! The question is simple; what does the virus do to us, or the regulations about it? What limitations in life are we facing? What about the already precarious livelihood that has broken away for many? Is there solidarity beyond state-imposed propaganda? How do our friends behave? What kind of stress is there in the residential collectives? Do we also have corona deniers in our circle of friends? And what do we wish for when there are no social places to meet, no parties, no hugs and tenderness in everyday life? When we stay away from everything that is good for us in and around the queer community, despite all its limitations? How am I experiencing corona and the ordinances right now as a queer person?



What restrictions are getting on my nerves?  
What would I like to see from a non-straight queer scene.  
What am I missing? How do the restrictions attack queer  
life culture?

So think about small contributions to the topic. Short.  
Concise. To the point. Go for it. Each little story adds a piece  
to the puzzle of how our lives are playing out right now in  
the midst of this pandemic. Each piece of the puzzle adds to  
a picture of our situation, which we thus share with each  
other and break the isolation. That in itself is a political act.

We are not making a public announcement (!) - we just want  
to spread this date by word of mouth. Bring your loved ones,  
invite them. Whoever suffers from isolation, from the  
antisocial conditions of living together, whoever would like  
to be among queer people again, bring them.

We're organizing the rally for about 50 -100 people. There  
will be one, two, three songs and then again two, three short

contributions. The microphone is politically moderated. That means, if someone says things that are against the character of the rally, we intervene. But we only want to make use of this in extreme cases.

We're organizing the rally from 13.00 to 16.00. Feel free to bring Posters, trash and banners. We'll mark distances and small spaces possibly with chalk and with flutter tape. If the weather is bad we will still come at 13.00 and then decide together what we will do.

Dancing is allowed in any case. Since everyone should be able to come from the queer bunch; that is, the young, the old, the people among us who are at high risk, we ask the following: Please keep your distance from each other. Especially to those for whom the distance is important. And the other way around, please indicate just as clearly which physical closeness, for example hugging, would do you good (we prepare small unobtrusive recognition signals). Attentiveness to each other is the wish for this manifestation. A small warm rally where everyone feels safe and uplifted, whether physically touched and hugged or warmly greeted from a safe distance.

Depending on the size of the rally, we'll provide five to ten people as stewards\* and organize small stand-off spaces. We can also make a safety zone for people who don't want to catch covid under any circumstances.

We are looking forward to seeing you!

