

Saturday, 4 June, 1 pm – 5 pm, Mariahilferstrasse / Zieglergasse, Vienna

Making Peace without Weapons

“When you have more than you need, build a longer table, not a higher fence!”

This is the motto for the Second Feminist Table Round of Platform 20000 Women which will take place on Saturday, 4 June 2016 on Mariahilferstrasse.

We warmly invite you for this day to set up a long table on Mariahilferstrasse together with refugee women and their families. Bring food and drinks to celebrate this feast of friendship among women in public space!

By that we want to demonstrate that it is possible to do things differently than official politics wants to make us believe: with open fences and borders, with respect, solidarity and interest in the lives of those women and their family members whose path has led them our way. Because in those dark times those are losing their humanity who stand by and watch inhumanity gaining ground or contributing to it.

“When you have more than you need, build a longer table, not a higher fence!” this slogan used by Spanish civil society which has formed a network of solidarity supporting refugees providing accommodation and other assistance, has inspired us to this year’s Feminist Table Round. The slogan has been shared and distributed in the social networks in combination with the picture showing an endlessly long table with people eating a festive dinner together.

Besides organizing a setting where the participants of the Table Round can meet and talk to refugee women and women of the solidarity networks who work together with them, we want this year’s Table Round to be an occasion to help re-found a new peace movement. Because it is wars, nowadays especially taking the shape of civil wars, kindled and perpetuated by Europe and the USA, which are among the most important causes forcing people to leave their countries, along with the relations of structural exploitation of the global South by the global North.

That is the reason why we invite all women’s initiatives and organisations for 4 June to make prominent the issue of peace in the public of Vienna’s Mariahilferstrasse. This can be done by means of activities, flash-mobs, collages, discussions, exhibitions etc.

If you want to be part of the Feminist Table Round 2016, please announce your participation by sending an e-mail to tisch@20000frauen.at Let us know, if your contribution will be an idea, a statement, an activity or if it will consist in bringing along food to share at the table.