

Review of 2020, thanks and call for donations to everyone, who have already been on the road with “Solibus” or still want to be...

Dear friends, family and colleagues!

What a year! 2020 is coming to an end and there was a lot to say thank you for. Also with some “ups and downs”, maybe also similar to most of you too.

More and more lovely people are now supporting us with encouragement, practical help, regular and one-off donations. Regular monthly donations cover this now our monthly fixed costs! Fellow campaigners also gave us part of the money to buy the loans but do not want to have the money back! We can't thank you enough for this! Without your support would not roll Solibus!

At the same time, Solibus e. V. don't sit back. Simply because of the current situation the donations fluctuate strongly and the bus unfortunately always has to go to the garage.

...and so we are already in the middle of the annual review ;-)

The year started with a lot of inquiries and a pretty busy schedule for 2020. This year we received over 80 inquiries from groups and initiatives from all over Germany and Poland!

Then Corona and everything that comes with it literally slowed us down. **From the beginning From March to the end of June**, all trips were canceled and donations also dropped at times Burglaries. At the same time, the concerns of groups and initiatives did not disappear. Digital ways of communication had to be developed and learned and there was and is a lot of creativity. There is a need to bring concerns into the center of society in a different form and to initiate discourse.

The strengths of Solibus lie elsewhere and can only be digitized to a very limited extent. Instead, we used the four months to completely overhaul the bus from a technical point of view repair. Solibus is not a new bus, it has already covered a few kilometers and needs a lot technical care and attention. Unfortunately, this also became apparent later in the year and there were higher workshop and repair costs than had been calculated. Still, Solibus is rolling!

As soon as the restrictions allowed again, at the beginning of July, we went underground again corresponding Corona rules for buses and have been on the road around the clock since then.

For the most part, Solibus 2020 was and is involved in camps and action days. For example Air Base Büchel Camp/Action Days, combat training center in the Altmark Camp/Action Days and Ende Gelaende Action Days. Since the beginning of October at the Dannenröder Forest/Danni with the forest occupations.

You can find out more about all of this at www.soli-bus.org (also in English!).

More and more an understanding is emerging among the different groups we travel with that “Solibus” is not a classic service company. If only because of our statutes and because we do everything on a voluntary basis. We work with our association philosophy and with our personal socio-political convictions. We want to be part of the movement/actions.

We are repeatedly told that the bus is practical as part of the infrastructure and also psychologically has an important meaning in actions.

Thanks to your help, we have taken a big step towards our goal of making the bus multifunctional come closer: Solibus now has a 230 volt system and WiFi! Besides that we were able to buy a battery-powered “Soundboks”. The technology has already been used at rallies and camps used and opens up new opportunities to advance important concerns by bus.

And as we have already reported, Solibus has had a wheelchair lift since February 2020, which is a lot in use. It's great that the bus is now more barrier-free thanks to the many donations!

And we want to travel together in 2021 too!

As soon as the financial situation allows it and we have a suitable parking space, we want to purchase a luggage trailer with which we can transport up to 50 bicycles. Equipped like this, groups/projects can go beyond their current planning and preparation.

And we are still looking for a place where we can do minor repairs and that every now and then can do one or two fun workshops. We look forward to receiving information!

And feel free to get in touch if you are on our **list of supporters** at www.soli-bus.org (at “Supporters”) want. We have hardly “advertised” this list yet. So we are sure that there are many more supporters :-)

If you donated in 2020, you will of course receive your **donation receipts** at the beginning of 2021 sent. For this we need your postal or email address! Please send them to info@soli-bus.org.

Once again, many thanks to all of you who are supporting and supported “Solibus”! Without you, “Solibus” wouldn't roll.

... and finally our recurring call:

Keep supporting us! From very small to very large, every contribution is a part of the whole!

By telling us about “Solibus”, forwarding the appeal and supporting us financially. With this, you enable the solidarity financing of trips and the repayment of the remaining loans.

We wish you all the best, health and happiness!

Greetings in solidarity and see you again in the new year!

Your “Solibus” comrades

Mobile together for a world of solidarity!

Solibus e.V.

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