

## **Review 2023, thanks and call for donations to all, who have already been with Solibus, still want to be and feel connected ...**

Dear friends, family and colleagues!

The time is running and the Solibus is rolling. Now it is already a good 4.5 years and the need for Solibus has not become a bit smaller. Once again, we traveled all over Germany and all the way to Poland, Austria, France and Switzerland and, together with various groups, got involved for more social justice, environmental and climate protection and against discrimination, sexism and racism.

### **Solibus and its possible applications in campaigns and trips were repeated in 2023 in demand.**

At the beginning of the year, the focus was on supporting the resistance against brown coal mining in Lützerath in the Rhenish brown coal area. As well as against the valuable nature conservation areas endangering expansion of a gravel pit in the Heidebogen forest in Saxony. Also against the expansion of the A 100 highway we were active with the group Lebenslaute with their "Music Instead Of Concreting" (in German "Musizieren statt betonieren") on the A100. The evictions of the protest camps in the Rhineland and Saxony could not be prevented. Solibus remained until the end and tried to offer not only mobile but also emotional support.

Other focal points and topics of the Solibus were climate justice, anti-racist and anti-fascist rides as well as the involvement into climate and other justice camps.

Several trips against discrimination against disadvantaged groups took place. For example, we supported the anti-demolition tour in Berlin in April, drove with Women in Exile for the rights of migrants to Eisenhüttenstadt and supported the action day on the situation of Romnja from Moldova in Berlin.

Solibus also participated in actions against xenophobic occupation. For example, we drove to the Slonsk Memorial (Sonnenburg National Socialist Concentration Camp) with the VVN and to the Retzow Rechlinstätte Memorial with the International Ravensbrück Committee.

Since we can't list all the tours of the Solibus here, please have a look at <https://www.solibus.org/>.

**And one more sentence on our selection criteria:** „Solibus is a non-commercial project of the extra-parliamentary opposition, partisan but not dependent on parties. So we don't drive parties or similar organizations, we don't want to be the label of them. We deal with every request without fear of contact. We make a lot of effort to respectfully justify our (rarely occurring) rejection for the parties / groups.

You can find out more about our emancipatory undogmatic values at <https://www.solibus.org/xprojekt/>.

And because sometimes this question comes up: Topics on which we drive are "police-relevant" from time to time. Therefore, we have to deal sometimes with quite unpleasant, adventurous controls. We have already complained against police measures. This is often quite hopeless, as the police laws of the countries often violate the right of assembly. We'll still stick around and at least make it public.

**What else happened in 2023? We were unlucky and lucky.**

Unfortunately, in our new - fortunately empty and parked - Solibus had driven a car at the beginning of March and caused a higher damage to property. To clarify the insurance and repair, the bus could not be used for two months.

Luckily "**Bassliner**", a friendly and solidarity-based bus company, helped us out with buses for upcoming trips. In addition, we are also lucky to be able to use the garage of Bassliner (in Berlin) free of charge since June! There, we finally can work ourselves and thus reduce the repairing costs.

**We are always touched by how much solidarity is shown to us mentally and materially.**

Mentally and materially, we were especially strengthened by the fundraising campaigns. Great fellow campaigners started a nationwide fundraising campaign for the major repair costs on the Solibus. We did not even know about this lovely idea.

The "TortenheberKoktiv" in Berlin organized a solidarity party in the Regenbogen Fabrik. Because they were very excited about the Solibus project and wanted to support it.

Dear colleagues in Leipzig organized a solo concert in November to support two projects, one of them the Solibus project.

CivilFleet and LeaveNoOneBehind have started a fundraising campaign to financially help projects worth supporting and also addressed us and supported with a larger donation. Civil Fleet has been one of the projects that regularly support us with larger donations over the past two years.

So many people support us with small and larger amounts, regularly and once!

Above all, the regular donations make it easier for us to calculate the "bus operation". Only in this way can we ensure the continuation of the project, enable trips - financed in solidarity - and not let money fail.

With the donations of recent years, we were able to maintain Solibus well. As a result, compared to the calculation of a normal bus operation, we have also been able to save money for various emancipatory movements.

**Thanks again to you and all of you who support and supported Solibus! Without you Solibus would not roll.**

**If you donated in 2023, you will receive your donation receipt at the beginning of 2024. For this, we need your postal or e-mail address! Please send them to [info@solibus.org](mailto:info@solibus.org).**

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

By telling about Solibus, forwarding this call and supporting us financially, 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

**Together mobile for a world of solidarity!**