

Checklist for affinity groups

Choose a **name** for your affinity group (unusual word, preferably with many vowels, which can be called well and is not misleading).

Exchange your **full names, addresses and birth dates** in case of custody / injury.

Talk about your **personal goals and motivations**:

- Why do you want to take part in the action?
- What do you hope to get out of it?

Talk about your **experiences and your fears**:

- How are you doing physically and mentally with the planned activities?
- Is there anything that is particularly easy or difficult for you?
- What scares you in the action or in case of possible repression?

Think about your **behaviour in certain situations**:

- What do you want to do together in the action, how far do you want to go?
- How do you behave towards the police?
- What do you do if the police use dogs, horses or water cannons?
- How do you behave in eviction situations?
- Are there any circumstances when you want to leave the blockade?
- Could there be situations where you would share or dissolve your affinity group?
- How will you deal with possible repression during the action?

Talk about your **needs**:

- What do you wish from each other?
- Where are your personal limits for the action?
- How should your affinity group deal with your expectations and limits?
- What can your affinity group members do for you if you are not doing well?
- Do affinity group members regularly need certain medications? Show/explain to the members of your affinity group, where to find your medication in your luggage.

Determine which two (or even three) persons will stay together in each case and in each situation (Buddys / Tandems). If buddies appear to have the same gender (male or female), the chance is greater that you can stay together in custody together.

Agree how you want to **make decisions**:

- agree on hand signals (consent, veto, direction indicators, "Come together for discussion" etc.)
- practice fast consensus-oriented decision making already in everyday life or in the camp (Should we get a beer or go to sleep? Etc.)

Think about who in your group will take over **which tasks**:

- Who represents you in the delegates' meeting / spokespersons' council? (also shared work between several people possible – then you can rotate)
- With whom outside of the affinity group do you want to communicate?
- Who has a first aid kit and eye rinsing bottles with them?

Think about how you can **make the blockade pleasant action**. Do you want to take games, instruments with you or get creative in some other way?

Agree on **meeting points before, during and after the action** if you lose your affinity group.

- Where in the finger do you want to go? Front, middle, back?
- Where in a blockade would you like to sit?

Write the phone number of the Legal Team on your body. (Paper is easily lost or can be taken from you by the police.)

Arrange a **place and time for an After-Action-Meeting**, where you'll clear up:

- How did you feel in the affinity group and in the action?
- What worked well, what worked badly?
- Was there repression or could repression still follow?