Together we are Bremen –
a Solidarity City for fleeing people

Only 3 summers ago a new welcome culture has been celebrated and with it the solidarity with people on the run. Today in all honesty it is debated openly if the shipwrecked in the Mediterranean sea should be rescued before drowning. Alone in June 2018 600 people in the Mediterranean sea have died. At the same time, the rescue operations are criminalized and ports are blocked for ships with castaways on board.

Against this scandal we want to set a clear signal!

In Bremen many young people have been stranded after their escape across the Mediterranean sea. Many have survived the dangerous sea path just barely. Some have had to survive in the camps in Libya. Some of them have been tortured. Some have traumatic experiences, they are very exhausted. One group still lives in the camp accommodation „Gottfried-Daimler-Straße". Together with others they have organized themselves in the action alliance „shut down Gottlieb-Daimler-Straße", have committed to be accommodated in institutions of the youth assistance and to go to school.
They finally want to arrive, finally feel safe and may turn to their future.
The success: The camp is to be closed at the end of October.

But a secure perspective in Bremen for the „Gottlieb-Daimler people" has been denied!

Instead the authorities made the people over night to adults with a fictitious age; the interior authority refuses to issue any toleration papers; the Education Board does not care about getting them to go to school. And now they are threatened with „Transfers" to another state where everything starts all over again.
In Bremen, however, the young people have established close social and emotional contacts. Friendships have been established and they are supported by many people from Bremen.

We demand a humanitarian right to stay for the "Gottlieb Daimler People"!

We want them to go to school and develop a safe perspective for themselves.
Because Bremen is and remains a welcome city and a city of solidarity. That's what we stand for together.