

WE'VE HAD ENOUGH:

Local Market Hall, not Luxury Food Hall!

The initiative "Markthalle 9 für Alle - Kiezmarkthalle" on the current situation in Markthalle 9 in Kreuzberg 36, on the expulsion of ALDI and further developments planned by the owners

Reasons for our growing concern

In 2011, the current operators of Markthalle 9 (Driessen, Maier, Niedermeier) were able to buy it for a very low fixed price from the Senate with the support of many residents and with the promise to create a "market hall for the neighborhood and NO event location".

Little has remained of this promise. The range of produce in the market hall is already targeted almost exclusively to tourists and better-earners. Many of the stalls are pure catering stalls. The market hall is designed for profit, the finances are intransparent. The residents are not involved in the decisions. A real estate lawyer is also involved in Markthalle 9.

There are frequent closed events with paid admission while, at the same time, local residents are expected to put up with a high burden of traffic, coaches, garbage, noise and tourist crowds. The area around the market hall is strongly affected by rapidly rising rents. The existence of the market hall in its present form is contributing to the ongoing rent rises, pushing out low-income and small-business enterprises.

ALDI's contract will be terminated by the Markthalle 9 operators at the end of July. A new two-storey steel and glass construction is to be built in the hall, which is to house a dm and a so-called "House of Food". If ALDI really goes, the last possibility for locals on low-income to shop daily in the market hall disappears.

The orientation of the hall would be even more tailored than before to high earners and tourists. For us residents, the expulsion of ALDI is the last straw. We have had enough. We want a return to a neighborhood market for everyone and not a profit-oriented event location.



Our demands

- We also prefer ecologically and regionally produced food - but this cannot and should not be allowed to happen through the financial exclusion of large parts of the local community and through a profit-oriented event market hall further fueling rising rents in Kreuzberg 36!
- A daily supply of affordable provisions must be guaranteed in the hall. ALDI remains until further notice. The notice to quit must be withdrawn.
- The market hall must be accessible to all - free of charge, with long opening hours.
- There must be open discussion with the residents on what constitutes a "Market Hall for Everyone" and what the residents and neighbors need and wish, in particular the needs of locals on a low income.
- Residents must be invited to participate in all fundamental decisions in the future. The operators are to display financial transparency.
- Discussions on the transition of the market hall into a non-profit-oriented sponsorship (such as association, cooperative, etc.) must be sought.

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