

Before and after the campaign, awareness concerns can be addressed to aktionsawareness-summit@systemli.org.

During the action, awareness affinity groups will be available for you on site. You can recognise them by their purple arm bandage and/or purple waistcoats.

Form affinity groups and look out for each other.

1 What is awareness?

The term ‘awareness’ means (in a broader sense) ‘to be aware, to be informed, to be sensitised to certain problems’. We live in a society that is characterised by unequal power relations. People are favoured (privileged) and disadvantaged (discriminated against) on the basis of certain characteristics - whether intentionally or unintentionally. Awareness is a concept that opposes all forms of discrimination, violence and boundary violations. Offensive and transgressive behaviour, such as sexist, racist, anti-Semitic, queer-hostile, ableist, classist or other discriminatory attacks, will not be tolerated before, during or after the event.

2 Why do we need awareness?

The actions offer participants the space to learn from each other, to network and to further expand our resistance movement. Everyone present should be given barrier-free access to the joint protests. However, no human being is free of prejudice and discrimination when dealing with others. For this reason, every single person must consciously reflect on this (critical self-reflection). As an awareness team, we cannot do this work for you. However, we offer to support you in this process.

3 How does awareness work?

Awareness team wear purple bandages and/or purple waistcoats by which you can recognise them. During the protests they can be approached by people who have experienced a boundary being crossed, conflicts with others or who have a personal issue and would like support in dealing with it. This can be any perception of power imbalances (e.g. cis-male dominance behaviour), discrimination, exclusion and overcoming current triggers of personal discomfort. The awareness team is also available to people who have experienced police violence. We work in a partisan manner and in solidarity with those affected. The power to define the violence and/or transgressions experienced lies entirely with the person concerned.

In addition, there will be an EmPsy (Emotional/ Psychological) Support at the Küfa (at the Zwölf-Apostel-Kirchengemeinde), organised by 'RAZ' (aid organisation). Here you can get further emotional support away from the protests.

4 How can you provide support?

As an awareness team, we offer concrete support to people affected by discrimination. What we cannot provide is, for example, conflict management, dispute resolution or therapeutic work. We can only create a safe space together. Each and every one of us is responsible for ensuring that this succeeds. Be careful when dealing with other protest participants and, if possible, inform yourself in advance about possible forms of discrimination. Here is a short summary from the fabulous 'Glossary against fear of words' by Missy Magazine (translated):

'From the binary juxtaposition of emotion and reason, which has been deeply rooted in the Western tradition of thought and patriarchy for centuries, follows a juxtaposition of 'rational experts' vs. 'irrational sufferers'. Those who are assigned to the latter category by the dominant society are often not taken seriously, are met with pity or irritation, are viewed with suspicion and 'smiled at', are underestimated, ignored and denied their rights. This leads to discriminatory behaviour in many forms.

Furthermore, 'check your privilege' applies:

Privileges are advantages - organised differently depending on the context - that a person enjoys due to the current social order. This includes positions such as white, male, cisgender, endowed with capital or able-bodied. Depending on the initial privileges a person has, it is possible to gain further privileges over time - for example economic or educational privileges.

A checklist developed by Peggy McIntosh is helpful in critically analysing this; you can find it here: <https://www.ende-gelaende.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/McIntosh-White-Privilege.pdf>

5. What we as Awareness would like you to do:

- Please do not walk around topless and cover your upper body. (<http://www.klimacamp-im-rheinland.de/campinfo-2/vereinbarungen/oben-ohne/>)
- Respect other people's pronouns and never ascribe a gender to people based on their appearance! Always ask people how they would like to be addressed.

- Refrain from racist, anti-Semitic, sexist, homo- or trans*phobic, classist, ableist remarks and swear words.
- No drugs! We expressly request that you do not consume any drugs before or during the protests. If you use tobacco, please make sure that you do not force people to smoke passively. Medicines are not drugs and are not affected by the rule.
- We do not want any party or national flags or national symbols present at the protest.
- As white people, please refrain from appropriating cultural or religious symbols and practices.
- Please do not take unsolicited photos. We would like to see a respectful approach to the privacy and security needs of others.
- Do not assume that a person speaks or does not speak a certain language based on their appearance. For example, if German is your colloquial language, please speak to everyone at the event in German first, even if you suspect that this person may not speak German.
- Hold back if you feel curious about the origin or identity behind a person's appearance and do not make assumptions. People can decide for themselves what and when they want to reveal something personal about themselves.
- If you as white people wear white locks, please cover them in Ende Gelände actions. White locks are closely linked to cultural appropriation.
- Please be sensitive to whether and how you appropriate other cultural symbols and do not instrumentalise them, whether at Ende Gelände or elsewhere. This applies, for example, to warbonnets, bindis, kimonos and 'Afro' wigs. Deal with the issue of cultural appropriation.
- Pay attention to each other. Here is a small guide to checking in within your affinity group before, during or after the action (source: TESLA STOP! Awareness Konzept from 20.10.24)
 - How do you feel? (physically and emotionally). What is on your mind?
 - What needs do you have?
 - What are your plans for the day? Where do you want to go?
 - (How) would you like to be supported?
 - How can you be supported in extreme situations

6. Barriers in the action

Before the action:

We all have prejudices about disabled people. We need to learn so that these prejudices become less!

If you need help getting to or from the action, we can help you.

If you have any questions or concerns, there is an email address (barrierenabbau-frackoff@systemli.org). We share information in plain language. We practice how to remove obstacles during the action.

During the action:

We want to make a quieter space and reduce noise. Everyone should be able to see hand signals. We try to make meetings during the action understandable and without too many stimuli.

We try to think of possible obstacles to decisions and plans.

The police also has prejudices about disabled people. The group has to help when something happens and when people want help.

The group that breaks down barriers is responsible before and after the action. During the action, the awareness groups or your own group help.

After the action:

We also have to think about prejudices about disabled people after the action.

Please give us feedback and criticism, which we take seriously and work on. We must continue to break down barriers and prejudices. It is not enough to break down barriers and prejudices during the campaign, we must continue to learn after the campaign.

7. Framework on the topic of Israel/Palestine

We want to create a non-discriminatory space where all people feel comfortable voicing their criticism of LNG and climate injustice, as long as they recognise the equal and enormous value of human life. For many, this includes addressing the massive injustices that Palestinians are currently

experiencing, as well as those who stand up for their rights. There will be an awareness team on site.

The consensus in the action alliance from various groups is orientated towards the following political direction: <https://www.amnesty.de/sites/default/files/2024-10/Handzettel-Kundgebung-Fuer-einen-gerechten-Frieden-Palaestina-Israel-Berlin-Oktober-2024.pdf>

At Ende Gelände, there was a long process on the topic and a consensus decision, which will be published in the coming weeks and has so far only been shared with alliance partners. Feel free to contact the Ende Gelände small group on Israel/Palestine: kg-israel.palestine@ende-gelaende.org

Symbols and shouts at the protests:

Palestinian and Jewish symbols, such as the Kufiya and the Star of David, are of course welcome at the protests against the LNG Summit. We tolerate both the Israeli and Palestinian flags at the protests. We will not tolerate the flag, chants, slogans, writing or symbols of Hamas or other religious-authoritarian organisations, as well as those that propagate a 'Greater Israel' in which non-Jewish or Palestinian people have no place. In these cases, the Awareness Team will approach people. We ask you not to cause any additional risk of repression for our protests and therefore to adhere to the conditions of the police on the subject.

8 See you in action

We hope you enjoy learning and experiencing the protests and look forward to seeing you there. You can also send us feedback, questions and comments about our awareness work by email to aktionsawareness-summit@systemli.org. You are also welcome to do so after the protests. We will then analyse and reflect on these afterwards.

Your Awareness Crew

Note: This overview essentially corresponds to the overview of the awareness concept from the System Change Camp 2023 in Hanover. We have adopted the concept, revised and adapted parts of it. The concept was written by a predominantly white group and revised by an exclusively white group.

Sources:

- Awareness Konzept des SCC 2022
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- „White Privilege: Den unsichtbaren Rucksack auspacken“ von Peggy McIntosh 1988