ICJA03 Ban Nuclear Weapons, Stuttgart / Buechel 01.07. - 16.07.17
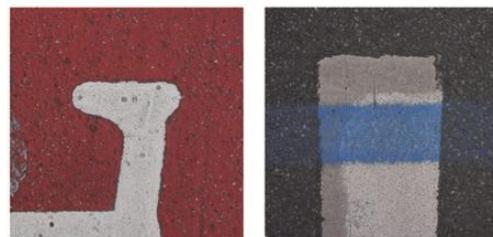**ART/PEACE/STUDY Vols 15**
Age 18+
Languages: English and German

Project: Several organizations of the German peace movement are running a campaign to ban the last nuclear weapons which are stationed in Germany. In the eighties huge protests out of the civil society has been successful and most of the intermediate-range missile, called Pershing II, has been disarmed in Germany. But in our world there are still more than 14.000 nuclear weapons remaining!
The organizations "International Fellowship of Reconciliation" and the "Friedenswerkstatt Mutlangen" invites international volunteers to support activities against nuclear weapons. It will start in Stuttgart with actions at EUCOM, the US headquarter for nuclear weapons in Europe. There will be excursions to a former location of nuclear missiles in Mutlangen in the "Swabian Jura" (where the blockades against the missiles has been successful!) and to the military airbase Buechel in the "Eifel". There are several joint actions planned such as street theater, protests and the start of the international art exhibition 50 cities 50 traces – against traceless oblivion.

The Art Project: The Artist Klaudia Dietewich seeks out and photographs vestiges found "along the way". Although abstract, they evoke memories and waken associations. As a "precipitate of life" they ask us: what remains of us and the world as we know it? Her "Wegstücke" / "Along the Way" series is a call to respect and preserve the world and its legacies as repositories of memory. These artworks are warnings against the destruction of our cities, against nuclear weapons, which is the central idea behind the Mayors for Peace movement.
50 photographs, found in cities, where "Mayors for Peace" govern, will be the central part of an international travelling exhibition. During the workcamp, volunteers will participate at the kick-off presentation in Stuttgart. In 2018 this exhibition will be shown in international cities and at the United Nations (UNO). During the workcamp political actions connecting the art project with the campaign for nuclear disarmament will be developed and performed. For further information please visit:

http://www.50cities-50traces.org/index-d.html
http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/

The political campaign: Mayors for Peace is promoting a ban of all nuclear Weapons in cooperation with many organizations of the peace movement.

In Germany nuclear weapons are still stationed. Twenty of them are still kept in the airbase Büchel. They belong to the US Army and in case of war they would be flown by German pilots. Instead of abolished, as the international law demands, these weapons are going to be upgraded. The campaign "Büchel is everywhere – Global Zero Now" demands the stop of the so called modernization of the bombs, the removal from Germany and a legal ban all nuclear weapons.

Study part: The participants will receive information about nuclear weapons, ongoing nuclear armament programs and efforts about disarmament and the ban of nuclear weapons. We will exchange information about our own experiences of non-violent forms of action.

Work: Volunteers are invited to support the installation of the exhibition in Stuttgart, they can develop their own art campaign and perform street theatre. Leisure time: The participants can visit attractions in the "Swabian Jura" and the "Eifel".

Accommodation: We sleep in tents and on the floor of community centers. Sleeping pad and sleeping bag to be brought. Vegetarian Food will be prepared together.

Additional costs: We ask for a contribution of 50.- Euro for the travel costs during the workcamp.

Welcome: Participants from the nuclear weapon states and the countries in which nuclear weapons are stationed, we are particularly welcome.

Remarks: You will need to pay additional fee of 50,- Euro. You will need sleeping bag and isolation sheet. Food will be vegetarian.

Terminal: Stuttgart, next airport Stuttgart