

# **BHFI - Bündnis Hamburger Flüchtlingsinitiativen**

## ***Coalition of Refugee Initiatives in Hamburg***

### **G20: What you need to know**

On Friday the 7th of July, and Saturday the 8th of July 2017 the G20 Summit will be taking place in Hamburg.

#### **Who?**

The Group of 20, or G20, is a forum for international cooperation attended by 19 leading industrial nations as well as the EU. Since Germany holds the presidency for 2016/2017, the summit will be taking place in Hamburg this year. In addition to the member countries, guests such as the representatives of the African Union (AU) and international organisations like the World Bank have been invited.

#### **Where and when?**

The summit will be held on the 7th and 8th of July at the Hamburg Convention Centre (Hamburg Messehallen). On Friday evening there will also be an event at the Elbphilharmonie. Thousands of delegates are expected, meaning that many will probably be arriving before the summit.

There are also many different demonstrations planned. Some of them will be taking place in the weeks before 7th and 8th of July. You can find an overview (in German) on the BHFI website: [www.bhfi.de](http://www.bhfi.de)

#### **What does G20 mean for Hamburg?**

The Hamburg Police has announced a “security zone” around the Messehallen and the Elbphilharmonie area. Access to these zones will be restricted for visitors. You can find a map of the security zones online: [www.hamburg.com/g20-2017/general-info/](http://www.hamburg.com/g20-2017/general-info/)

Busses no. 6, 35 and 111 are being redirected on alternative routes to avoid the security zones. The underground stations Messehallen (U2) and Sternschanze (U3) will stay open, but the exits Messe and Karolinenstraße will be closed. All in all, expect delays in traffic and public transport!

If you have any questions for the Hamburg Police, there is a service hotline you can call Mondays – Fridays between 08:00 and 16:00: **08000 – 4286 50**

During the days before and during the summit, there will be more armed police than usual in public places. A total of 15,000 security forces are expected to be in Hamburg. We are expecting security measures such as identity checks (Personenkontrolle) to increase.

To be clear: it is your right to assemble and take part in demonstrations. At the same time, we encourage you to be careful around the time of G20. Sadly we cannot exclude the possibility that police will use racial profiling methods. Racial profiling means that people are controlled or monitored by the police because of their outer appearance. This is discrimination, a violation of the German Basic Law, and a form of institutional racism. If you are the target of racial profiling or other forms of police discrimination, **you have the right to take legal action!** There are different information and counselling centres that can help you, for example the [Antidiskriminierungsberatung](#) by basis & woge e.V.. You can reach them by calling 040 398426 71.