

Invitation to “100 Years Red Ruhr Army” and Unveiling of Lenin Statue

Dear comrades,

Exactly 100 years ago, in March 1920, in Germany the March Revolution took place. With a general strike and an armed workers' uprising, a fascist putsch by military forces in Germany was put down after four days. Some 100,000 miners made up the main force. The most remarkable feature was the unity of action between communists and social-democratic forces. The still young KPD, founded in 1918, did important work in achieving this.

Bourgeois historians defame the courageous struggles of the workers in Germany in 1920 or, at best, treat them as a marginal note. As MLPD we keep these important experiences of the working-class movement alive and draw lessons for today.

In view of current developments, with a development to the right in many countries, with the fact of proto-fascist or even fascist governments, as in Turkey, with the fact that there is a fascist tendency in Germany, we as MLPD draw lessons from the March Revolution for the work today.

Since this is instructive not only for the class struggle and party building in Germany, but surely also for other countries, we are extending invitations to our events (commemoration, evening event with revue, panel discussion) on the weekend of 14/15 March.

On Saturday, 14 March, you can also participate in a historic event, the raising of a Lenin statue at our headquarters. This is a starting signal for our campaign “Don't give anticommunism a chance”. Erection of the statue currently is prohibited by the city authorities, but the struggle over this is in progress, and it certainly will be exciting.

You received a press statement of our party chairwoman regarding this.

This invitation goes out to all parties, beyond Europe too, in case comrades of yours are in the vicinity on those days and perhaps have the opportunity to take part in the events.

Dates:

Unveiling of Lenin Statue:

14 March/5:30 p.m., Schmalhorststrasse 1, Gelsenkirchen-Horst

Revue 100 Years March Battles 1920 & Red Ruhr Army – Lessons for the Future

14 March/7:00 p.m., in the Ruhr area (exact venue will be announced in the Internet)

Admission: regular 12 euros, reduced 8 euros, children 5 euros

Panel Discussion 100 Years Red Ruhr Army

15 March/11:00 a.m.: What lessons do we draw today for the antifascist united front?

(exact venue will be announced in the Internet)

Revolutionary greetings,

Monika Gärtner-Engel