

Behind the murals, beyond expressed pictures and words...



If you are not a new guest of this blog, you must have known about the Mural Co-creation Event on 2nd of February by now. Otherwise, please feel free to have a glimpse of what it is through these links:

http://www.megforum.uni-freiburg.de/mural_creation

<http://differentshadesofgreen.org/2013/02/04/discovering-perceptions-through-art-in-freiburg/>

<http://differentshadesofgreen.org/2013/02/11/green-living-in-freiburg-3/>

Originating as a student-organized event but transforming into a space for residents of Freiburg to express their thoughts and feelings, the questions posted on the murals encircled around the opportunities and limits as well as the societal pressures (eco-paradise versus eco-tyranny) of living in green city like Freiburg.

The murals were rather complete within the first couple of hours after the event kicked off. The creative energy continued towards the backs of the murals which were not at all initially prepared. The murals became the tools for dialogue and communications among the participants. In the early start, most participants were very hesitant to put their ideas, either in words or pictures, although they were happily speaking to us about what it was like for them to live in green city Freiburg. Sooner and later, the scenario had changed when the participants saw some drawings or messages that they disagreed. For example, "Fuck you Vauban" was later argued with another "Vauban for All" or "Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) and nuclear are the only solutions" versus "No to Fessenheim." One message provoked another and following responses. The Mural Co-creation Day turned out to be beyond the space of self-expression but the interactive platform of dialogue to some degrees.

It is thus worthwhile and enriching to further explore what are implicitly behind those artistic elaborations of living in green Freiburg. The MEG7 class, therefore, would like to cordially invite all of you, whether you had participated in the mural event or not, to join the upcoming Freiburg Forum on Environmental Governance: An Exhibition of the Co-Created Murals on Friday, 1st of March from 7pm onwards at [Weingut Andreas Dilger, Urachstraße 3, 79102 Freiburg](#). It will be the last public display of co-created murals providing a chance to revisit and interpret the messages and ideas on the murals. The evening goes on with a short presentation by Prof. Dr. Andreas Ernst, a specialist on environmental psychology, entitled "50 Shades of Green – A typology of environmentally friendly behavior." Furthermore, he will speak about what this might imply for crafting efficient green messages to different



people. Participants will be encouraged to take part in discussion sessions while enjoying a glass of organic wine. The programme continues with a mini-roleplay session by MEG7 on various circumstances of daily lives in green city Freiburg. Then all guests are given rooms for informal and lively discussion and sharing of insights. Hopefully, this would be thought-provoking and self-reflection experiences, memorable to the attendants and to us as well. So please drop by and spend the evening with us!!

