

RECIPE FOR Blockade

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Description

Blockading is a tactic organized commonly in protests. It enables the physical obstruction of access, commerce, or communication, as well as drawing attention towards issues in a symbolic way. Common practices like sitting, glueing or locking yourself onto permanent structures, or using objects as barricades are ways to make the blockade more persistent.

Ingredients

- people willing to participate
- materials: banners, paint, locks, glue etc.
- knowledge on the „chokepoints“ or high-visibility places
- more people to participate

Preparation

1. Recognize Injustices: Form a focus around a unjust relation you want to address.
2. Understand the chokepoint: The „chokepoint“ looks different for every system of material and information flow. Choose a place and fitting method to disrupt the system you're addressing.
3. Spread the word: most blockades are most efficient when you have more bodies and people involved - so you want to spread the word, inform and convince people to join the cause.
4. Check the local legislation: You want to be very aware of the state of the law so that you know your rights during situations of confrontation with the police.
5. Prepare: Think of what tools and skills you need to bring for your planned blockade action in your group - train in self-defense and other bodily practices, exchange about your individual boundaries, gather and craft all material that you want to bring to the action.