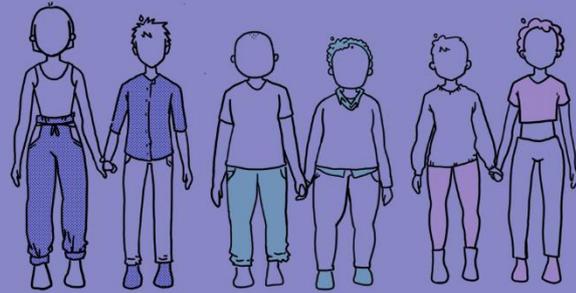


# BORDER TALES

Newsletter

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## LOVE ACTUALLY NEVER WAS TOURISM

Ein Workshop mit dem Border Tales Team bei  
der LaKo 2021 des Eine-Welt-Netz NRW  
am 13. März um 10:30 -12 Uhr

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## CONFERENCE OF THE EINE WELT NETZ NRW 2021

Learning through crisis

Since January 2020, Border Tales is a member of Open Globe, the youth network within the „Eine Welt Netz NRW“ - a local organisation for social and political activism. This gives us the chance to connect with other activists and to plan joint projects in the future. The „Eine Welt Netz NRW“ is an important stakeholder within the activism for an equal world. Every year, the organisation hosts a conference for the exchange and inspiration of its members and other interested people. This year, the conference had the motto „learning through crisis“ and the programme included lectures about climate change, a panel discussion about transformation and many other informative events. We were also able to contribute to the conference by offering a workshop about „Love is not tourism“ and what it has to do with power structures and colonial continuities. „Love is not tourism“ is a movement which is dedicated to reuniting binational couples and families who are being separated due to the travel restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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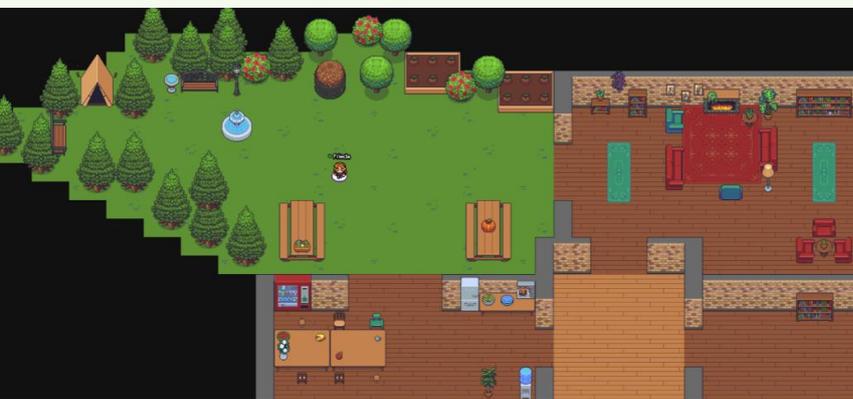
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Our own little world

The conference of the "Eine Welt Netz NRW" had to be held online due to the pandemic. It was organized on gather.town which is an innovative tool for video conferences. We decided to do our workshop on this platform and therefore, we invested some time to learn how to use all the great possibilities gather.town offers to its users. For example, you can create different rooms for different purposes and individualize your space. When you enter any gather space you can create your own avatar and then you can run around with it and explore. It's like a fun computer game. We were so excited about gather.town during the organization of our workshop, so we decided to create our own Border Tales gather space. It is already online and we will keep extending it. You are able to enter it for free and without registering! We will provide you with material on our topics and give you the space to discuss with other people. We also have our own virtual office in there, where you can find us to have a chat!

Come and visit our little world at any time!

<https://gather.town/app/Ak0zu7iBdjGsxok8/bordertales>



## #SAYTHEIRNAMES

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On the 19.02.2020 a racist terrorist attack happened in Hanau, Germany. During the attack nine people were killed because the killer ascribed a so-called migrant background to them. One year later, the German society remembered this crime and we want to make some space here in our Newsletter for the remembrance of the victims and their families.

Their names should not be forgotten.

They should always remind us that we are all part of this society. A society, where racism and violence are prevalent problems which we must address!

That is only possible when all of us get active. We must stand up for other people and their rights. We must be engaged in social transformation and in the exchange with all parts of society. And we must fight for the sufficient clearance of crimes like the attack in Hanau.

## REVIEW 2020

What happened throughout the year?

The year 2020 was supposedly an exciting one for the global society. And for Border Tales as well. As many people all around the world were caught in lock down we were able to continue our work basically without any limitations. That showed us the potential of digital activism. Not only are we able to be globally connected but we are also resilient of crises like the current pandemic. Therefore, we could realize many projects and were not forced to stop our work as many other groups were. We published the first part of our series about the fall of the Berlin Wall and the remembrance of that event. Additionally, we created an advent calendar with a variety of input. We hope that we will be able to organize events and cooperation in person in 2021 but until that is possible we will continue to be digitally active for all of you!