

# MAHALLELER BİRLEŞİYOR, İSTANBUL KENT HAKKINA SAHİP ÇIKIYOR!

MAHALLELER...TARİHİ BÖLGELER...KAMUSAL ALANLAR...PARKLAR...  
MEYDANLAR...SOKAKLAR...SİNEMALAR...TİYATROLAR...

KENTİN BÜTÜN DEĞERLERİ İKTİDARIN KENTSEL DÖNÜŞÜM  
ADI ALTINDAKİ SALDIRILARININ HEDEFİNDE!!!

**BUNA KARŞI MÜCADELE DEVAM EDİYOR!**



SEN DE ÇIK SOKAĞA...EYLEME...SEN DE BİR SES VER...

SERBEST KÜRSÜYE SEN DE GEL...SÖZÜNÜ SEN DE SÖYLE...

TARİH: 29 OCAK 2012 PAZAR

SAAT: 11:00

YER: TAKSİM GEZİ PARKI





## **NEIGHBOURHOODS GET TOGETHER and**

### **ISTANBUL CLAIMS ITS RIGHT TO THE CITY**

We, as NGOs, neighbourhood associations, grassroots, urban movements and platforms plus academicians, activists, architects, planners, legal consultants, documentarists, artists, labourers, deputies... from differing political backgrounds, ideologies, and occupations;

We, as the signatories to this call, would like to announce our commitment henceforth to pursue an organized resistance against urban renewal, gentrification and transformation projects, aiming to turn İstanbul into a brand city catering to global capital and property markets but not to the needs of its citizens.

Namely;

Against mega projects like the 3rd Bridge and Crazy Canale which aim for profit and rent rather than public good,

Projects which will endanger the natural resources and cultural and historical wealth of the city,

Projects, which, by demolishing our neighbourhoods, and causing forced evictions and displacement, not only ruin our living spaces but also our lives and habitats together with the decades old social networks and solidarity bonds we have built through years.

Projects which present no alternative to displaced communities other than relocation to dismal Mass-Housing (TOKI) Blocks in the periphery, to the human disposal silos of TOKI, giving rise to a myriad of economic, social and cultural human rights violations plus psychological traumas.

Projects which also violate the housing rights of the most vulnerable groups of transformation areas, namely those of the renters, by leaving them to streets.

Together with renewal projects, the privatizations of state schools, state hospitals and public spaces for flagship projects of the brand city, make it impossible for us to survive in the city. The gates are shown to us.

We will be expelled and excluded forever while public spaces and buildings and also those of common memory, and even open spaces reserved for earthquake emergency tents plus the shores, city parks and historical buildings and even cinemas are either transformed or put on the agenda to be transformed into 5-star hotels, malls, luxurious residences and so forth..

This city, starting to turn into a brickhell, will no longer be able to breathe !

What is more, this split city with the wealthy in the center and poor at the peripheries, will no longer be safe and secure.

Organized and mobilized under the banner of Urban Movements against all these violations, we henceforth claim our Right to the City, that is, our right to construct and transform the city according to our own desires and needs.

## **THE STAGE IS YOURS ISTANBUL/ SPEAK UP FOR THE RIGHT TO THE CITY**

**JOIN US:**

**JANUARY 29, 2012 SUNDAY, 11:00 am**

**GEZI PARK (where all the trees are red crossed to be cut for a mall project) TAKSIM SQUARE**

### **THE PROGRAMME:**

**Jan.28th Saturday:**

**14:00-16:00**

Meeting with reps. from grassroots, associations and urban movements at Bedreddin Neighbourhood, Kasimpasa.

**Welcome Speech by Suleyman Songur** (Chairperson of Bedreddin Neighbourhood Association)

**Lectures on Zero Evictions Campaign (ZEC) and Forced Evictions by:**

**Cesare Ottolini**-Chairperson of International Alliance of Inhabitants (IAI)

**Prof. Yves Cabannes**- Chair of Development Planning, Development Planning Unit, University College London, and Chair of UN-Habitat AGFE (2004-10)

**16:00-17:00**

Discussions

**Jan. 29th Sunday:**

**11.00 am-14:00 pm Gezi Park Taksim**

**The Event:**

**'Neighbourhoods Get Together/Istanbul Claims its Right to the City'**

**11:00 am-11:45 am**

**Opening Speech:**

Omer Kiris: Neighbourhood Associations Platform:

**Solidarity Speeches:**

Prof. Yves Cabannes-UCL/Cesare Ottolini-IAI

**Main Speakers representing:**

-Gecekonddu Areas

-Historical Neighbourhoods

-Platform Against the 3rd Bridge

-Struggle for Beyoglu

**11:45 am-12:30 pm**

- A performance by Public Arts Lab. (an activist artists group) :The theme is on solidarity,

-Small concert by Bandista, Gunes and other bands

**12:30 pm-14:00 pm.**

**Open Pulpit:**

Neighbourhoods Speak up for the Right to the City

Atakoy Part1 Neighbourhood Association

Ataşehir Neighbourhood Association

Ayaspasa Neighbourhood Association

Ayazma Tenant Families

Basibuyuk Neighbourhood Association

Bedreddin Neighbourhood Association

Beyoglu icin Mucadele-Struggle for Beyoglu

CIFTDER Ciftehavuzlar-Esenler Neighbourhod Association

Dayanışmacı Atölye -Solidarity Studio

Doğal ve Kültürel Çevre için Yaşam Girişimi-Life Initiative for Natural and Cultural Environment

FEBAYDER- Fener-Balat-Ayvansaray Neighbourhood Association

Gençler Meydana-Youth on the Squares

GULDAM-Gülsuyu-Gülensu Neighbourhood Association

IMECE-People's Urban Movement

Istanbul SOS

Kamusal Sanat Laboratuvarı: Public Arts Lab.

Kocatas Neighbourhood

Konut Hakkı Koordinasyonu- Housing Right Coordination

Maden Neighbourhood

Sarıyer Neighbourhood Associations Platform

Sarıyer Halkevleri: Sarıyer People's Houses

Seyrantepe Neighbourhood

Sulukule Platform

Sosyal Haklar Derneği -Social Rights Association

Tarlabası Toplumunu Dayanisma Derneği-Association for Support of Tarlabasi Society

Toz-Der-Tozkoparan Neighbourhood Association

Yenisehir Neighbourhood Association