



FROM GRASSROOTS TO REVOLUTION!

Gathering for Building Autonomy, Catalonia, June 4-7, 2026

Dear people,

Let's come together as grassroot collectives and organisers across Europe! Day by day, we work to solve social problems by self-organisation of society. We see people losing their homes and jobs on their way towards total misery, youth turning antisocial and nihilist, patriarchal violence reemerging in our neighborhoods, aggressions to the land instead of cures for the ecological catastrophe, social mistrust and insecurity, and the rise of all sorts of authoritarian governments...

Despite all this, we put daily efforts in associations, neighborhood initiatives, housing unions, migrant support, self-management projects and rural life, because we understand that these are **the real possibilities of building up a better communal life for everyone based on cooperation and popular solidarity**. Many questions come up during our work:

- How can we face the escalation of crises if we were already struggling to address them before?
- How can we keep the hope when there are so many voices warning of dark times ahead?
- How can we balance between attending to the immediate situations and overcoming the roots of these crises?
- How do we develop a healthy and sustainable way of struggling?
- Is there a qualitative step we can take that can guide us to a new flourishing of social creativity and out of the contradictions of resignation, suicide, genocide and sociocide?

To answer these questions, **organizing together internationally is deeply needed**. **Internationalism strengthens our local struggles and provides a united social solution to the global developments of war, hate and destruction.**

WHO ARE WE?

The Working Group of Building Autonomy is part of the People's Platform of Europe (PPE). **The PPE is a transnational framework that unites anti-systemic initiatives, collectives and organizations.** We collaboratively address social issues, coordinate struggles, and develop a shared vision for a just and self-organized society. The People's Platform started in 2025, when 800 delegates of self-organized collectives and organizations from all over Europe came together in Vienna to discuss, exchange and organize together. More info about the PPE available here: <https://peoplesplatform.net/>.

OUR SELF-ORGANIZED GATHERING

Join us for a self-organized gathering in Catalonia from June 4-7, 2026 with grassroots organizers across Europe! This is a unique opportunity to come together as an international community to address critical issues related to our shared experiences of social struggle and self-organization. In practical skill-sharing sessions regarding our concrete grassroots works, we will identify common problems and put together our collective knowledge, creativity and experience to overcome them. We will work collaboratively on urgent social issues such as housing, gender equality, security and militarization, ecology, colonialism and health. We aim to showcase how self-organization is already happening across Europe. By organizing together in the long term, we want to strengthen our connections, amplify our voices and promote a vision of hope that counters the rising fascism, war and hate.

Let's come together and reclaim the initiative! Fill out [the registration form](#) now or contact us for more details at the email address below.



PROGRAM

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THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH

Arrival, Settling in and Dinner

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH - PROGRAM DAY I

Welcome speech & situated contextual and conjunctural analysis

The concept of autonomy already exists in our struggles, we may simply be using different names for it: freedom, independence, self-determination, self-sufficiency, self-organization... It's what the capitalist system has taken away from us, the people-or society-to ensure the exploitation of life and nature for the gains of the few. How can we reclaim our local autonomy by joining forces at the international level? The opening speech will aim to define these concepts more clearly and inspire our thinking and later discussions.

After this theoretical introduction, we will analyze how our autonomy is currently under attack in the context of the Third World War and the 21st century. Using role play techniques, we will situate how geopolitical forces are affecting our work in our territories and our intersectional struggles. This will ground our work in reality and help us realize its importance during these horrifying times we live in.

Workshop 1: Connecting social problems to and through the revolutionary project

Based on the situated analysis, their interest and expertise, participants will then split between 5 different topics to discuss the more practical aspects of their local struggles, share positive and negative experiences and figure out ways of connecting and helping each other in the long term, beyond this gathering. Some more concrete questions will be proposed to guide the small group discussions on:

- **Housing** – intended for organizations and collectives that fight against homelessness and eviction supporting tenants struggles in their territories.
- **Ecology** – intended for organizations and collectives that fight extractivism and neo-colonialism and support ecological & cultural struggles in their territories.
- **Health** – intended for organizations and collectives that provide autonomous mental and physical health services supporting life in their territories.
- **Security** – intended for organizations and collectives that fight against fascism and militarisation supporting migrants, conflict resolution and community self-defense in their territories.
- **Gender Equality** – intended for organizations and collectives that maintain autonomous structures for women and gender dissidents, supporting democratic participation in their territories.

The aim of this workshop is to realize that our local struggles, no matter how small and insignificant they may seem at times, are all important pieces of a bigger puzzle – a revolutionary project looking to change the world we live in. Our fragmentation prevents us from realizing our strength and all the experience and knowledge we already have to overcome this murderous system. Seeing how much effort and creativity goes into our resistance will surely bring back hope in the possibility of a better world.

Conclusions will be shared in the final session of Day 1. They will be concise and practical, so that we can build on them the following day.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH - PROGRAM DAY 2

Workshop 2: Strengthening our connection across space and time

Based on the conclusions from Workshop 1, Workshop 2 will deepen the discussion on the practical ways we can work together and remain connected to resist the isolation imposed by capitalism. Three concrete proposals will be discussed, criticized and further developed in three smaller groups:

Common message

Participants will work together on a joint declaration/manifesto and a call to action to reclaim the autonomy of society. They will also think about the different channels, strategies and tactics of spreading this common message – not only among organized groups, but in broader society as well. How can we reach beyond our bubbles and touch the hearts and minds of the people?

Brigade system

A brigade is something akin to a rapid mobilization team that provides logistical and/or educational support on the ground wherever it is urgently needed across the continent. Participants will be presented with concrete examples of brigade systems that operate at the European level. Then they will work on building brigades around concrete issues they are facing (kitchen brigades, security brigades, etc.) and make plans for the future of this brigade system.

Decentralised Knowledge-sharing platform

A shared, decentralized platform that responds to the asynchronous needs of grassroots organizations throughout the year. It would collect and organize our diverse skills and replicable tools from facilitation techniques and transformative justice processes to eviction resistance and political education curricula, enabling us to share practical knowledge and build collective autonomy across locales.

Conclusions and next steps

In the final panel of the gathering, we will hear the main conclusions reached in the three subgroups of Workshop 2, and based on that, we will propose ways that the participating organisations can become part of the network to receive and provide support – both locally and within the international decentralised knowledge-sharing platform that we are building.

Rebuilding our autonomy is not a one-time event, but a gradual process that is already underway and can only become stronger and more structured through our work together.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

Breakfast, Evaluation of the gathering and Departure