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Presentation of the LGBT day

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gays
bisexuell[le]s
transexuel[le]s

In this society, sexuality and individual behaviour are not free : standards force us into roles in regard with our gender. Those roles and the genders force us to turn to the opposite sex for sexual relations, having children, etc. Those who do not conform are stigmatised. It is the case for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transsexuals. Although, their struggles have imposed steps forward in some countries.

As revolutionaries, we fight for a society free from oppression, therefore without standards or gender. We are in solidarity with and taking part in the LGBT struggles.

They are necessary for millions of oppressed who undergo social repression in all countries and judiciary repression in some cases. They are also part of an ensemble of struggles for the emancipation of the whole humanity. This morning's forum will discuss what oppression, standards, the role of family, are ; and in a second intervention, what we are fighting for. Our demands are not limited to equality of rights. What we want is sexual liberation.

Workshops will discuss practical struggles (for equality of rights, against abstinence), theory (the role of family, the Queer theory),

the forms of organisation of the LGBT movement, the danger of institutionalisation... At noon in the LGBT spaces, an educational will take place on the place of LGBT matters within our revolutionary project and our strategy within the autonomous movement.

An intervention on LGBT pride will take place during tonight's meeting, followed by a presentation of the party...And we also have some surprises!

Today Schedule

8h Breakfast

9h Delegation meeting
Tasks, présentation of the day

9h30 Forum LGBT
• LGBT's oppression, norms and family
• What we fight for : equality of rights, sexual liberation

11h Workshops
• LGBT-Struggles for civil rights
• The role of family in capitalism
• Queertheory
• The «Fuck Abstinence Campaign» in Scotland
• Different forms of organisation in the LGBT movement
• Pink market and the LGBT movement
• The backlash-effects of legislation and systematic oppression

12h30 Lunch, Woman space, LGBT Space

14h Practical workshops

15h Interdelegation meeting

16h30 Excursions
Où ? Quoi ? Quand ?

19h Delegation Meeting

20h Diner

21h30 LGBT Rally
• Prides
• Political explanation of the LGBT Party

22h30 LGBT Party

The LGBT Party

We are convinced that the concepts of masculinity and femininity are social constructions. Therefore, so are heterosexuality and homosexuality. If those are constructed things, it means that we can try to destroy them.

We have indeed integrated a lot of behaviours. Being in a self-organised camp for a week does not erase everything. We do not have the pretention of getting sexually free in a evening!

The LGBT Party proposes to experience other behaviours, to lift inhibitions through some games which will be explained during the party. Of course, nothing is mandatory. It is always possible to feel unequal to certain game experiences. The point is to enjoy and to discover other sexualities as much as possible.

During the LGBT party, homo-

sexual behaviours prevail, while everywhere during the rest of the year, heterosexual behaviours are the visible ones. In the street, in the society, in the clubs, homosexuals have to hide. It is the contrary in the LGBT party : it becomes normal for a man to kiss another man, for a woman to kiss another woman and so on.

In order to protect this space of experimentation, some rules will be given. Notably, not to force anyone to do anything and to respect the LGBT aspect of the party. This does not mean prohibiting anything but allowing the disco space to be reserved for experimentation and games, without heterosexual behaviours invisibilising the others.

This party is usually the funniest but it also gives its participants an opportunity of discovering themselves. Do not hesitate, and come!

Balancesheet

International Solidarity Rally

We went to the rally yesterday filled with anticipation and enthusiasm for what was to come. Those comrades that attended the camp last year will probably remember the speeches at the international solidarity rally as being very emotional and passionate, this year saw more of the same energy. We recognise the importance of hearing from our international comrades involved in the violent struggles in their countries, their experiences are so far removed from our own struggles in Europe and it is vital to understand that despite the dangers they face they still manage to carry on their struggle. The building of international solidarity links can only help strengthen our united stand against brutality and unfair treatment suffered at the hands of our capitalist oppressors. We do not hear much about the Italian situation in Britain so it was fascinating to get an overview of the recent left-wing struggles from our Italian comrade. Although the Italian comrades face many problems, it was obvious from the passionate speech and the break-out in to song straight after, that they are not giving up and are very positive in their fight. 179 Everyone left the rally in good spirits, as capitalism makes people feel isolated it showed hope in the form of a united international youth, committed to fighting capitalism in every country. Long live the Revolution!

LGBT Pride around the world

Danemark

The Pride of Copenhagen is commercialised and sexualised with no mal political perspective. The Queer group of the Red and Green alliance is involved in the Queer Festival that exist to two years as a non-profit. Do it yourself political and experimental space, an alternative to the trakshow commercial of the pride.

There is also an alternative party at the same time of the institutionalised pride. First it was called SKAM (shame) then KLAM (disgusting). It's a mixed party of non-hetero sexist social space. Both the Queer festival and KLAM are antiracist and anticapitalist, with a couple of hundred people.

Netherland

Like the most of LGBT movement in the Netherland, the Pride is quite institutionalised. The political content is little, but some left-wing parties take part in it. Its character is mosly

that of a quite commercial party, drawing many spectators and tourists. The good thing about the Pride is that's it's a very visible and accessible. Some of ours comrades takes part in forming a new LGBT-party in the Socialist Party that takes part in the pride.

France

In France, there was LGBT Pride in about 20 city. The biggest gather 500.000 in Paris. The LCR and the JCR were present when it was possible. Some "radical blocks" of the movement emerge in some demo against the mercantilization and the lack of revendications. In Paris, they organized an action against UMP (Sarkozy's party) who was in the demo too...

Belgian delegation

«The Belgians are the most brave of all the Gaullois» said once upon a time a certain Julius Caesar. Small but courageous, the belgian section of the Fourth knows its antecedent! In real Asterix and Obelix – style, they fight the fascists of Vlaams Belang, the catholics dominating the flemish countryside and the french-speaking liberals who adore a certain Sarkozy, whose bad breath is starting to disturb the belgian ecosystem. No problem, the belgian section, which is called SAP at the Flemish side and adopted recently the super-original name LCR (yes!) in french-speaking belgium, is wholly committed to the struggle against those who spoil the climate with their neoliberal sauce. With their slogan «change the world, not the climate», they terrorise the lobbyists of nuclear energy, the advocates of the free market and those who deny any climate change (yes, these dinosaurs still exist in Belgium, at the extreme right!). They are at the initiative of a broad mobilisation (ok... let's hope) for a socially just solution for the climate problem, on the 8th of december, the international day of action against climate change. Their appeal 'climate and social justice' even succeeded in convincing the trade unions of the necessity to mobilise.

The belgian exception is still there (Belgium is almost the

only country in Western Europe where there is no antineoliberal force with a minimum of credibility), but the comrades of the SAP-LCR don't give up. They have at least the advantage to live in a country with a political structure which is totally incomprehensible for foreigners. In the meantime, the good breath of a certain Olivier starts to haunt Belgium as well: recent polls in belgium gave the candidate of the French LCR a score which was even higher than the one he obtained in his own country. Taking him in hostage to unblock the difficult belgian situation was an option... But finally, the copy is never as good as the original, and they thus chose to cultivate their own (limited) creativity as little belgians. Their preferred slogan (which comrades from other countries started to shout with them during the closing meeting of a former camp) being 'frietten bakken, flikken pakken hey hey hey' (which means «making fries, attacking the police, hey hey hey»), you are warned! Beware if you meet people who don't stop talking about climate change, are playing street theatre or are very creative in finding names for their organisation....

Presentation of the Italian delegation

Sinistra Critica

The Italian delegation in the camp is composed of 85 militants and supporters of the association Sinistra Critica (Critical Left, "association for an alternative left-wing", which still has comrades inside the PRC – the Communist Refoundation Party- and outside). The anomaly in the Italian political system that was the PRC as an organ of construction and representation of the struggles, has been rapidly integrated into the logic of Prodi's government's neo-liberal policy. Evocatively, the government's war policy is in total continuity with Berlusconi's. In February, in spite of great mobilisations against the construction of a new American military base in Vicence, almost the whole of the Italian Parliament (including the PRC) voted the funds for military intervention in Afghanistan. Only a small

numbers of MPs held on the Italian people's position "without if or but" against the imperialist war. These MPs were punished right away by the PRC, following the government's logic, with the exclusion of Senator F. Turigliatto.

June 9th was marked by the drift of a part of the radical left and other struggle activists when, on a visit of Pdt Bush in Rome, Sinistra Critica and other autonomous unions gathered 100.000 people in a demonstration, while in opposition the PRC organised a lame concert. The centre-left-wing government keeps its socio-liberal policy going against the people, to undo decades of social rights conquests won through the struggle of the Italian workers. It has been fostered these last days with the announcement by the government of the worst retirement benefits reform

Philippines' delegation

Peoples' Based Peace Negotiation in Mindanao

The neo-liberal offensives in the Philippines have destroyed our economy, especially in Mindanao which is considered the Food Basket of the country. These offensives reorganized the economic activities of the people and displaced them away from their homes and usual way of life. Contributing 55% to 60% to the country's economy, Mindanao is only getting an average of 8% annually in terms of services and programs from the government. What Mindanao is constantly getting in large proportions is militarization and repression.

This unfair and unjust situation have lead the people to poverty. Basic services such as education, health care, water systems, electrification, housing and some other social benefits are not available. The people felt left-aside and alienated from the government. Massive unrest and resistance had been made by the people and revolutionary groups, but protracted war only caused unnecessary deaths, destruction of houses, deaths of farm animals and displacement of the civilian population.

This situation has compelled the Revolutionary Workers Party of Mindanao (RPMM), together with its army the Revolutionary Peoples' Army (RPA) to engage in a Peace negotiation with the government. This Peace Negotiation is anchored

on the Party's framework that the people needs to have relief immediately from their situation without necessarily having armed confrontations with the government to push for the peoples' demands. It is on these framework that the RPMM proposed the Peoples' Based approach in peace negotiation with the government.

The peace negotiation is a totally new approach. Unlike typical peace negotiations that the government would talk to the revolutionary groups, in this approach, the government should talk first direct to the people in the form of village consultations and answer their demands before RPMM would have formal talks to the former.

Since its beginning in 2003 upon the signing by the Government and the RPMM of the Joint Commitment to Pursue Peace and Development in Mindanao, there have been significant victories achieved. The 100 villages which were identified by RPMM as priority villages because of the very high incidence of poverty have already recieved 80% of their demands, which are all basic services. Because of these experience, more villages wanted to be included in the lists of villages to be consulted.

Despite the victories that the people enjoy from these kind

ever seen.

The youth of Sinistra Critica live this camp with faith in rebuilding an credible anti-capitalist left-wing and with the will of putting the lessons of this camp in practice as soon as they will be home. Some events are awaiting us in the fall. First of all, the first congress of our association, where we will discuss the content and frame of the tools such an organisation should give itself. Above all is the construction of a big mass mobilisation with all the political and social forces available.

of negotiation, there has been attempts to sabotage this process. The Maoist constantly calling the concept as reformism and a way of selling the revolution. Sometimes Maoist guerillas even harrass the village when a consultation is about to take place. The government for their part have always played tricks to discredit the RPMM in the eyes of the people. There are times that they would purposely delay the implementation of the demands of the people so as to make the people blame the revolutionary party. But the people already understand the framework of the negotiation and collectively assert thier demands and envoke that it is their peace negotiation. Thus putting the government in the bad light instead.

This model of a peace negotiation is considered by RPMM as one of the means to raise the consciousness of the people and make them realize that it is through collective action that victories would be achieved. RPMM is telling the people that this negotiation is their negotiation and the Party is only the instrument. We made the people realize the concept of collectively owning these victories, protecting it and developing it themselves.