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Fourth International

International youth camp

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In a context where the winds of war blow more strongly every day and the capitalist societies are starting a huge wave of remilitarization, where the war economy already has started, with big inflation rates and cuts to welfare state, health and education systems, it is of crucial importance for the anticapitalist youth to find moments to meet and coordinate.

It was 1984 when the revolutionary youth camp in solidarity with the Fourth International took place for the first time in Europe. Since then, every summer hundreds of young militants meet for one week to learn, exchange their experiences and organize.

How the camp functions

The 2024 youth camp will take place in the middle of France, in Vieure, from the 20th to the 26th of July, and gather hundreds of young activists from France, Belgium, Denmark, Spanish State, Switzerland, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Italy. As in past editions, probably some participants from extra-European countries will also join, such as Philippines, Mexico, Brazil, US or Argentina.

The young comrades will try to build in the camp place the society that they fight for everyday in their contexts: anticapitalist, anti-racist, anti-sexist, anti-lgbtphobic and anti-ableist society of all and for all.

Every day at the camp the young activists will participate to educational, theoretical and practical workshops, non-mixed spaces (feminist, lgbt, trans and racialized people's spaces), permanent commissions, following the program that has been collectively prepared in advance. Each day will be focused on one topic, although the connections between them will always be highlighted: living in a world at war, the strategic importance of the feminist, lgbt and antiracist struggles, the rise of the far right, the solidarity with Palestine, strategy ad party and the ecosocialist perspective: these will be the main topics that will be discussed, following a red line that leads from analysing the current status of capitalist society and of the movements to organize fightbacks and find a common strategies to change overthrow it.

Discussions of 2024

While educational in the mornings will provide some theoretical introduction to the topic of the day together with some concrete perspective, such as for "Anti-imperialism: how to build solidarity in times of war?", "Between progresses and reactionary attacks, how can we build a feminist response?" or "Lenin in Sainte Soline: strategie and tactics for ecosocialism", the workshops present a variety of approaches, from the more theoretical ones (such as "The role of the family in the oppression of LGTBIQ people" or "Imperialism: the highest stage of capitalism"), to the ones starting from specific experiences (such as "Kurdish movement's struggles against Turkish imperialism" or "The constitutionalization of abortion in France") to the practical ones (such as "feminist self-defence" or "how to build a tripod").

Moreover, delegations from different countries will have the chance to exchange experiences in a deeper way in the interdelegation meetings.

The whole campsite will be self-organized, from the kitchen to the bar, from security to cleaning, with shifts equally divided among delegations according to their size.

And - don't forget! – there will be time for leisure, social games and party, because “If I can't dance, this is not my revolution!”

It's time to plan a revolutionary summer and live the revolutionary youth camp experience. Get in contact with your local organization and sign in to participate!

Programme of the 39th Fourth International Youth Camp

Day 0 (20 July):

18.30 - 20.00: Delegation meeting

20.00 - 21.30: Dinner

21.30 - 22.30: Welcome meeting and opening of the camp

Welcome meeting, speeches on the political context and the Olympic Games
Presentation of the camp and practical information

Day 1 (21 July): Living in a world at war

08.00 - 09.00: Breakfast at the camp

09.00 - 09.30: Delegation meeting

09.30 - 11.00: Educational: Anti-imperialism: how to build solidarity in times of war?

Imperialism
Colonialism
Remilitarisation
War and the international balance of power
Perspective of the global South
Responsibility of the main imperialist forces
How to organise solidarity

11.00 - 11:15: Break

11.15 - 12.30: Workshops:

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Imperialism: the highest stage of capitalism

What solidarity almost two years after the start of the war in Ukraine?

The struggles of the Kurdish movement against Turkish imperialism

War and sexual violence. The case of the Congo

Homonationalism and heteronationalism

Practical workshop: art against war

12.30 - 14.00: Lunch and rest

14.00 - 15.30: Feminist space: Internalized sexism, how to detect sexist practices in our organizations and movements, what tools do we have to fight sexism and sexual violence in our organizations/movements?

15.30 - 17.00: Palestine Standing Committee

The state of the international movement.

17:00 - 18:30: Meeting of delegations

18:30-20:00: Break and games

20.00 - 21.30: Dinner and camp coordination

21.30 - 22.30: Social games

Disco until 01:30

Day 2 (22 July): Women on the front line, women in resistance!

08.00 - 09.00: Breakfast

09.00 - 09.30: Delegation meeting

09.30 - 11.00: Educational: Between progress and reactionary attacks, how to build a feminist response?

Resisting a wave of attacks

Trans-inclusive feminism

Femonationalism

Anti-punivist point of view

11.00 - 11:15: Break

11.15 - 12.30: Workshops :

The constitutionalisation of abortion

Psychiatry as a tool for the social control of women
Anti-punitivism and cancel culture
Rape and incest culture
Practical workshop: how to get involved in the awareness team
Practical workshop: feminist self-defence

12.30 - 14.00: Lunch and rest

14:00-15:00: Inter-delegation meeting

15.00 - 16.30: Racialised space: how to evolve and deconstruct in anti-racist and anti-fascist circles and give a voice to racialised minorities within the party, how to evolve as a racialised minority in a predominantly white political group and make social issues evolve.

16.30 - 17.30: Break

17:30 - 18:30: Preparation for the feminist party

18:30-20:00: Delegation meeting

20.00 - 21.30: Dinner and camp coordination meeting

21.30 - 22.30: Feminist meeting

Practical information about the evening
What we need for a feminist party
There's still a lot to do / Rape in wartime

22:30-02:30: Feminist party

Day 3 (23 July): Resisting the rise of racisms

08.00 - 09.00: Continental breakfast

09.00 - 09.30: Delegation meeting

09.30 - 11.00: Educational: The rise of fascism: racist policies at work

Racist policies
Migration and security
Anti-fascism and the role of racism in the rise of fascism
How to fight racism

11.00 - 11.15: Break

11:15 - 12.30: Workshops :

Anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism
Immigration law in France
Ordinary racism
Anti-cellism and racism
Populism and the rise of the far right
Practical workshop: how to build a tripod

12.30 - 14.00: Lunch and rest

14.00 - 15.00: Inter-delegation meeting

15.00 - 16.30: LGBTIQ+ space: LGBTIphobia at school and at work, how to detect lgbtiqphobic practices at school and at work, how to combat lgbtiphobia at school and at work?

16.30 - 17.30: Break

17.30 - 18.30: Palestine permanent commission: Exchange on strategies, drafting of a solidarity declaration, solidarity banner group

18:30-20:00: Delegation meeting

20.00 - 21.30: Dinner and camp coordination meeting

21.30 - 22.30: Screening of the film 'Priscilla, madwoman of the desert

Disco until 01:30

Day 4 (24 July): LGBTIQ+ Marxism: as a strategic art

08.00 - 09.00: Breakfast

09.00 - 09.30: Delegation meeting

09.30 - 11.00: Educational: When the queer movement and Marxism meet

Identity politics
Neoliberalism
The challenges of an anti-capitalist LGBTIQ project
How to organise

11.00 - 11.15: Break

11.15- 12.30: Workshops

The role of the family in the oppression of LGTBIQ people

The anti-trans offensive

Reclaiming anger against pride

Control and self-determination of the body

Historical perspective of the lesbian movement

Dynamic workshop: sex and sexuality in capitalism

12.30 - 14.00: Lunch and rest

14.00-15.00: Inter-delegation meeting

15.00 - 16.30: Trans space: The revolutionary approach to the trans struggle! Drawing up a 10-point TRANSitional programme

16.30 - 17.30: Break

17.30 - 18.30: Preparing for the LGTBIQ evening

18.30 - 20.00: Delegation meeting

20.00 - 21.30: Dinner and camp coordination meeting

21.30 - 22.30: LGTBIQ meeting

Practical information for the evening

Our need for an LGTBIQ party/Watching the straight world fall apart

Pink washing

22.30-03.00: LGTBIQ Party

Day 5 (25 July): Strategy and Party

Morning for sleeping and chilling and playing at the beach until 11:00.

09.00 - 10.00: Breakfast

11.00 - 11:30: Delegation meeting

11.30-12.30: Anti-validism conference: What are disabilities? Why is society validist?

12.30 - 14.00: Lunch and rest

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14:00-15:30: Educational: The urgent need for revolution: paths, limits and contradictions

The working class today
The need to organise, and how to do it
The role of the parties
Hypothesis of revolution
The strike according to Bensaïd

15.30 - 16.00: Break

16.00-17.30: Workshops

What is the purpose of having youth organisations?
The role of revolutionaries in elections
Anti-validism in the struggle
Housing unionism and revolutionary strategy
Revolutionary organization: strategies and theories through the ages
Dynamic workshop: Can theft be a political tactic?

17.30-18.30: Inter-delegation meeting

18.30-20.00: Delegation meeting

20.00 - 21.30: Dinner and camp coordination meeting

21.30 - 22.30: International meeting

Disco until 1:30

Day 6 (26 July): Ecosocialism or barbarism

08.00 - 09.00: breakfast

09.00 - 09.30: Delegation meeting

09.30 - 11.00: Educational: Lenin in Sainte Soline: strategy and tactics for ecosocialism

Economic planning
Ecological Leninism
Strategy
Concrete experiences

- 11:15: Break

11.15 - 12.30: Workshops:

The food system and the mobilisation of farmers

The water crisis and touristification

The diversity of tactics in environmental mobilisation

Ecofeminism and queer ecology

Dynamic workshop: how do we imagine life after the revolution?

Practical workshop: how to organize a soup kitchen

12.30 - 14.00: Lunch and rest

14:00-15:00: Palestine Standing Committee: End of the discussion, final work on the declaration and banner.

15.00 - 15.30: Break

15.30 - 16.30: Interdelegation meeting

16:30 - 18:00: Delegation meeting

18:00-19:30: Tidying up (+Camp coordination meeting, camp report)

19.30 - 21.00: Dinner

21.00 - 22.30: Closing meeting and goodbye until next year (Camp report, statistics, space report, next camp)

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