

How to meet us?

No administrators or communication service, neither headquarters in Reclaim the Fields.

Next meeting:

Nearest contact:

A helping hand?

Wish some information?

<http://www.reclaimthefields.org>
see "mailing lists" for sign in it

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contact@reclaimthefields.org

RECLAIM THE FIELDS



A constellation of collectives and people who struggle for food autonomy and land access

The land is for everyone!

Who we are?

We are... a group of peasants, landless and prospective peasants, as well as people who are taking back control over food production.

We understand "peasants" as people who produce food on a small scale, for themselves or for the community, possibly selling a part of it. This also includes agricultural workers. We support and encourage people to stay on the land and go back to the countryside. We promote food sovereignty (as defined in the Nyéléni declaration) and peasant agriculture, particularly among young people and urban dwellers, as well as alternative ways of life. In Europe, the concept 'food sovereignty' is not very common and could be clarified with ideas such as 'food autonomy' and control over food systems by inclusive communities, not only nations or states. We are determined to create alternatives to capitalism through cooperative, collective, autonomous, realneeds-oriented, small-scale production and initiatives. We are putting theory into practice and linking local practical action with global political struggles.

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We support the struggles and visions of la Via Campesina, and work to strengthen them in Europe. We wish to share the knowledge and the experience from years of struggle and peasant life and enrich it with the perspectives and strength of those of us who are not peasants, or not yet peasants. We all suffer the consequences of the same policies, and are all part of the same fight.

What we do?

Participation and help to collective initiatives for taking back land and food production:

occupation of wilderness land, urban or rural community gardens, setting up of community farms... to do it, to speak about it, to create the wish of going into it!!!

Participation in struggle against big projects of capitalistic territorial planning

such as Notre-Dame-des-Landes airport project, or high-speed railway project in Susa Valley

Actions and support to peasant struggles here and elsewhere

for seeds and land access... against GMO, land grabbing and industrial norms...

Local and European level meetings

about the questions we are interested in: why peasants? why food autonomy? How to cooperate? How to oppose? ... about skill and know-how sharing

An European bulletin

for giving news from the constellation, starting debates, sharing informations...

A farms network for learning community

to share and learn about agricultural skills and political engagement (contact: fourcheetchamp libre@lists.reclaimthefields.org)

