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INTRODUCTION

The year of 2020 has been a turbulent one for all of us & with an unprecedented and unexpected global pandemic that made the world re-evaluate (many of) its actions: Covid19. Looking back, we can say that thanks to the engagement and enthusiasm of our crew & supporters, EYFA's office made it through the year! A lot of adjusts and compromises had to be arranged in order for us to keep going but, thankfully, we could provide our team a safe and healthy environment. On the other hand, many of our programs and projects had to be canceled or put on hold. Some were re-designed into online formats, what was quite an experiment for all of us.

EYFA's Network, however, witnessed that along with those changes that impacted us so deeply in many different levels (health-wise -in both physical & psychological ways, socio-economically, etc), there has been an ongoing growth on community organising. As governmental entities keeps taking little to no care of its poorer & less advantaged populations, it was the people themselves, again, who created their own network, providing basic survival tools for their own safety during these times. We have noticed the expansion of solidarity actions, mutual-aid and care networks - from the people to the people! Not surprisingly, our focus in 2020 went strongly towards transformative social -justice, bringing awareness to our youth on topics related to community organization, promoting and strengthening their networks & boosting their solidarity circles.

As an office staff, we learn a lot from the groups and individuals in our network. We reinforced our approaches to collaborations based on diversity, respect and a better understanding of one another. The complex picture drawn by people in power makes us live in unsustainable and hostile circumstances -specially now- but power can and is taken back by people that are courageous to oppose, creative to reinvent and determined to act on the changes they wanna see.

In our little office in Berlin or at home, from our (improvised but cozy) home- office corner, we continued to support independent and fearless GRASSROOTS organisations, equipping them with better tools to fight our current bigoted & broken system meanwhile taking care of themselves and each other. Emancipatory projects, for self- and collective-care, mutual support and non-hierarchical organising have played a key role in the development of alternatives free from the logic that brought us to the current generalised chaos and social disarray. New alliances were born throughout the year in our network, that has now come out stronger and re-energised. Together, from the bottom, and with the experience of 2020 we are ready to face the new year full of exciting new EYFA projects and adventures.



1. About us

1.1. The EYFA story

EYFA developed from a tour that was initiated by a Swedish/German group in 1986 to save the old-growth forests in Europe: then named European Youth Forest Action. From these beginnings, EYFA has developed into a network of individuals, grassroots organisations and collectives working to transform local and international communities in their approach to environmental and social, political and economic positions.

EYFA focuses particularly on intersectional youth-initiated activities and projects. EYFA projects are mainly for young people, giving them the opportunity to act and encouraging them to participate actively on local and international levels. A special focus is put on providing access for groups to take part in international grassroots movements. EYFA always puts effort into including youth from all corners of the continent, with different social, geographical and cultural backgrounds. EYFA's organisational structure consists of a Europe-wide network of grassroots groups, an office, and an advisory board.

1.2. What does EYFA do?

EYFA provides a platform and practical support for new radical ideas to grow into their full potential.

The international office located in Berlin coordinates EYFA's activities through administrative and communication functions and being the network's contact point for sharing local information.

EYFA supports and encourages grassroots projects and initiatives in the following ways:

- Organizing exchanges, forums, trainings, network gatherings, actions and projects of different kinds.
- Promoting innovative ways of working in the field of social and environmental activism (i.e.: participatory education, consensus-based decision-making, art and activism, free and open source software, etc).
- Disseminating call outs and information on environmental and social justice issues.
- Giving advice, knowledge and support in planning and implementing projects, networking and a set of essential topics (facilitation of meetings, fundraising, strategizing, dealing with conflict, campaigning, burn out and anti-oppression among others).

1.3. Who does EYFA support?

- Grassroots groups combating xenophobia, homo-, trans- and queer-phobia, racism, fascism, sexism, ableism and all other forms of exploitation and injustice.
- Grassroots groups promoting cultural diversity and the rights of women, LGBTIQ+, indigenous, refugees, migrants, and other vulnerable minorities.
- Grassroots groups combating environmental degradation, ecosystem destruction and animal exploitation and promoting biological diversity.
- Grassroots groups promoting young people's access to social rights like health, housing and education.

1.4. EYFA's Vision

EYFA's main aim is to encourage young people's initiative and autonomy. We strive for a world where youth from all backgrounds have access to resources that allow them to gain knowledge, skills and to raise their voices to advocate for change in their communities. A just world where they are empowered to exercise their activism and rights, while developing new ways of organizing communities based on environmental and social sustainability .

We believe that only through an intersectional and decolonial approach can we achieve social justice for all. This approach to organizing recognizes how oppressive systems of power affect different groups differently. To identify solutions, we find it important to understand the historical factors from which problems arose.

We dream of and act on changing the current society we live in into a society based on social, environmental, racial and economic justice, advocating for lasting political changes in all its shapes and levels, including disabled youth, Black youth, queer&trans* youth, Indigenous youth , neurodiverse youth & each and all groups and identities of youth European-wide.

Towards this we have four core objectives (Capacity Building; Civic Engagement and Participatory Processes; Cross-regional; Intersectional Cooperation) and two priority areas (Social and Environmental Justice; Accessibility & Inclusion) to guide us.

1.4.1. EYFA's Objectives

EYFA has four core objectives at the center of everything we do:

- **Capacity Building:** from at least 3 levels, empowering individuals to combat precarity; helping groups develop the skills and knowledge to gain access to funding, resources, training and the tools to articulate, debate and enact their ideas; and supporting movement-level solidarity (beyond the superficiality of 'networking') among like-minded youth initiatives.
- **Civic Engagement and Participatory Processes:** To support grassroots in developing more egalitarian, conscious and participatory processes and to cre-

ate their own legacy by developing resource materials which can be disseminated in their communities . To engage environmental and social justice movement in challenging their own racism, white privilege, euro-centrism, and colonialism.

- **Cross-regional Cooperation:** To develop closer cooperation through joint initiatives and the sharing of ideas, histories and experiences amongst grassroots groups working in different political and social contexts around Europe.
- **Intersectionality:** An intersectional approach is fundamental for a just society. We believe that all different kinds of injustices are inter-connected and for that we need to take into account the multiple axes of power, privilege, and oppression, name and address them all, calling people in, in order to achieve transformative social justice.

1.4.2. EYFA's Priorities

Over the course of EYFA's existence, the network has focused its energy on a wide variety of projects all across Europe. Out of these projects, patterns have emerged that point to some of EYFA's priorities. Developed by the network, office and Board, and re-evaluated each year at network strategy meetings, these priorities provide focus for EYFA's work.

a) Non-formal Education

Non-formal education is a central component to EYFA's work. The activities co-organized by EYFA are usually created along side those who will be taking part in them, be that as trainers or trainees, encouraging open collaboration and adaptable learning practices. A guiding question for this approach is, how can knowledge be shared and passed on in a way that doesn't create a hierarchy of those who know and those who don't? Centering the learning process not only on the experience and knowledge of trainers but also on the trainees/learners promotes a holistic experience where different learning styles can be addressed and attainable goals can be set and met in a supportive environment.

EYFA also encourages horizontal dissemination of information and knowledge. For example, anyone attending one of our trainings should feel empowered to organize and facilitate their own workshops, discussions and skill shares as a result of their experience with EYFA, sharing their new acquired skills with their peers and encouraging them and supporting them in doing the same.

It is particularly important for LGBTIQ+, BIPOC, D/deaf and disabled, migrants and other minority groups to take active roles in teaching, facilitating and mentoring, thus combating discrimination, and creating more inclusive spaces of political action and thought, empowering and inspiring others.

Consensus is quintessential to how we do everything, and this also relates to our non-formal education focus. We discuss everything along the way and things can change if it is required and necessary for the participation and well being of our volunteers, trainers and trainees. Above everything we do, there is a focus on teaching, sharing and exchanging skills on horizontal decision making processes as well as organizational tools based on consensus.

b) Social and Environmental Justice

In an era where social and environmental injustices keep advancing rapidly, we can not stress more the necessity to look closely into these two factors, studying its core and finding their intersections in order to better mitigate its impacts. For that, it's fundamentally important to understand that communities are made of diverse people, with different backgrounds, experiences and needs that are based on class, gender expression & identity, sexual orientation and race.

We would like to expand our concept of priorities by acknowledging the topic of racial justice as an essential part to social justice in our approach. Systemic racism affects people not only at institutional levels but also within our movements, as internalized attitudes, tendencies and practices. Identify, name and address racially-motivated actions, even when they are unconsciously reproduced, is fundamentally important in order to dismantle all forms of racism, as well as internalized racism, in our movements, personal lives and every aspect of our interactions.

When environmental injustice strikes, we can easily identify that its footprints is mostly harsher on less privileged people. Communities with little to no access to basic resources struggle in deeper levels, and it can vary from minor inconveniences of daily life to more severe life threatening situations. EYFA's perspective is based on the intersectional understanding that social and environmental issues are deeply interlinked and are also expressed in patterns of economic injustice.

It is notably harder for populations with limited access to resources and basic needs for survival to adjust to difficult circumstances caused by environmental and social injustices. With poor access to health care, cases of natural catastrophes or pollution, for example affect such communities disproportionately more than for privileged populations. We prioritize issues of marginalized communities to engage the environmental justice movement in highlighting the wide gaps in social inequalities that influence the global fight against climate change.

Socially sustainable and just communities go hand in hand with environmentally conscious ways of living. EYFA's many environmental and social justice projects have aimed to draw the links between capitalism's economic growth-obsession and the ongoing exploitation and destruction of our natural & human environment that results on the exclusion of large populations, preventing them to access basic human rights resources. In order to pursue more just futures, we need to set changes into motion at both the local and global scale, starting by identifying the roots and causes of such injustices, raising awareness and promoting immediate conscious actions on a daily basis. For that, we keep empowering our youth to take the change on their own hands, acting better in the present in order to experience a future where we can all live in safety and harmonic abundance.

c) Accessibility and Inclusion

Social, cultural, institutional or individual beliefs and practices exist which privilege some human beings and exclude, by subordination and oppression, others based on attributes of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality or class, among many other distinctions.

EYFA acknowledges that social and economic exclusion are directly connected to colonialism and patriarchy, as well as war, profit and power. These experiences have at times given rise to equally oppressive and excluding practices and policies. If we are to create a peaceful society free from hierarchy, exploitation and oppression that instead respects the autonomy and dignity of all human beings, the way these forces interact must be recognized and addressed. These forms of oppression must also be tangibly addressed through active practices of inclusion. Our current work includes many grassroots groups working towards social and institutional inclusion, peace-building, intercultural dialogue, gender equality, and safer spaces while vehemently combating right-wing extremism, nationalism, racism and homophobia.

Accessibility and Inclusion are areas in which EYFA wants to further and continuously develop. Access to knowledge, resources, as well as who is creating, developing and implementing projects and initiatives in youth movements is a subject that needs continual reviewing and questioning.

In the past, EYFA has focused on providing or facilitating translation for activities and workshops, as well as translating materials in an effort to bridge language barriers and make resources and knowledge more attainable, but these efforts are not enough. This is why we created, as a result of internal discussions with our network members, a Working Group on Accessibility and Inclusion. We want to encourage and facilitate groups to ask themselves who are the persons not taking part in activities and not feeling as belonging in the spaces and why? From this question we need to actively work on creating more inclusive groups and spaces. We would like to make it a priority to have, for example, access ramps and gender neutral bathrooms, or childcare available at events; and educate our staff and network members on awareness and consideration essential to inclusion to their movements. These are only some examples of how we could further push for accessible spaces.

1.5 EYFA's Structure

1.5.1. Decision-making

Decisions are made during different meetings throughout the year. During these meetings the following is discussed: old and new projects, focus of the network, strategies and future cooperation plans. Though we do often make use of on-line meetings and decision making tools, face-to-face yearly network meetings are crucial for our work, and informal network discussions take place alongside all EYFA events. EYFA board meetings are organized once a year at the EYFA office in Berlin. The board has better insight in the works of the office this way and with everything at hand it heightens practicality.

All organizational decisions are made through reaching consensus. Consensus is a decision-making process that fully utilizes the resources of a group, seeks the agreement of most participants, and resolves or mitigates the objections of the minority to achieve the most agreeable decision. Consensus is also used during all EYFA meetings, projects and events. EYFA functions on the belief that people in a group will relate to each other in a much more fair and productive way if everyone's contribution is considered and is equal to everyone else. Consensus requires use of communication hand signals during meetings and decision making processes, and, sometimes, presence of trained facilitators and mediators.

1.5.2 EYFA's Office

EYFA has one international office, located in Berlin. The office coordinates EYFA's activities, including administrative and financial tasks, as well as big part of the communication functions of the network. This includes producing the EYFA newsletter, acting as an information and support point for organisations in the network and as a communication liaison between local and international projects.

The office is organised collectively and non-hierarchically, meaning that all staff and volunteers are expected to take an equitable role in day-to-day tasks and decision-making processes. From watering the plants to writing applications, tasks are shared and rotated among all of those in the office.

The office also acts as a 'training ground' for young people to develop various skills, such as project coordination, fund-raising and bookkeeping. EYFA does not require office staff to arrive already equipped with all the necessary knowledge and experience to carry out their tasks. Rather, the goal is to be a place where young people can work to develop skills in a supportive environment, learning-by-doing. It is normal for staff and volunteers to work in the office from 2 to 5 years, before moving on to share their new skills with other groups and projects.

1.5.3. EYFA Advisory Board

The 'Advisory Board' oversees the work of the office. The Board provides support and advice to the office – particularly in terms of strategy and finances.

Currently, there are three Board members, two of them used to be part of the office team. In both the office and the Board, effort is made to maintain balanced representation among the different corners of Europe.

1.5.4. EYFA Network

EYFA is a network that consists of individuals, collectives and organisations from all around Europe. There are no membership rules or fees required to join the EYFA network – EYFA is open to all current grassroots and alternative youth movements focusing on environmental, social justice and alternative economics and related issues.

The EYFA network is primarily used to share information, skills and resources. It connects groups working on similar topics around Europe, and groups wanting to

share experiences or gain training from one another. The network acts as a way to connect local issues and struggles trans-nationally. In particular, the network works to connect groups in east and west Europe, building solidarity among different regions.

The EYFA Network has two permanent working groups, Network Strategy and Cross-Border Collaboration, which help the international office in Berlin identify the needs of groups in the network and decide where and on what issues upcoming gatherings should focus. This ensures that EYFA consistently works towards its aims of capacity building, participatory processes and East-West networking. For each EYFA project a temporary working group is also created to support the logistics and develop the content of the project. Sometimes these groups continue working together after the project's completion.

Typically, the network has one meeting each year where the priorities and strategy of the network are decided upon and projects and activities are developed. Between meetings, members can stay in touch via mailing lists and online calls. Like all EYFA meetings, decisions are made on a consensus basis.

1.6. Partner Organizations & Network-members

ESC partner organizations 2020:

- Fialta - Youth Education Centre (BELARUS)
- Alternative-V - All-Ukrainian association for youth cooperation (UKRAINE)

EYFA's work is also possible due to all kinds of support (informational, infrastructural, technical and organizational) of our allies, friendly and partner organizations and network members:

Institute for Democracy and Human Rights (Armenia)	ASEED (Netherlands)
Belarus Freedom of Speech (Belarus)	SPINA (Poland)
Labovzw (Belgium)	GAIA (Portugal)
Vredesactie (Belgium)	Bla (Portugal, France, Germany)
Firefly (Bosnia)	LENKA (Republic of Macedonia)
Zelena akcija Zagreb (Croatia)	Food not Bombs (Russian Federation)
UKE (Croatia)	Alternativna Kulturna Organizacija (Serbia)
Auto*Mat (Czech Republic)	Art Centre (Slovenia)
Klimakollektivet (Denmark)	Fracking Ez (Spain)
Hyokyaalto (Finland)	Ecologistas en Acción (Spain)
La Rhonce (France)	Carbon Trade Watch (Spain)
Skills for Action (Germany)	Eroles project (Spain)
Tools for Action (Germany)	EcoDharma (Spain)
Kommunikationskollektiv (Germany)	Collectiu Eco Actiu (Spain)
VOID Network (Greece)	Rhythm of Resistance Istanbul (Turkey)
Vedegylet (Hungary)	Stop Xenophobia Youth Federation (Ukraine)
Gluaiseacht (Ireland)	Campaign to Protect Pont Valley (United Kingdom)
Re.Generation (Romania)	Coal Action Network (United Kingdom)
Zali.LT (Lituania)	Tripod (United Kingdom)

2. Projects

Due to the Covid19 pandemic outcome, some of EYFA's work program 2020 was partially disrupted & temporarily put on hold. However, in order to assure that the learning processes and exchanges among youth all over Europe keeps expanding, we have managed to put on practice some of our activities by adapting them into more accessible formats when possible: adjusting timing and used layout (e.g. migrating to online seminars, courses and conferences), in order to meet all the requirements that were necessary to preserve our collective health and well-being in a respectful and mindful way and keep sharing knowledge at the same time.

Unfortunately two of our main projects could not happen in 2020: The E+ European Youth Exchange, with a main focus on diversity & inclusion and its ties to climate justice movements, had to be postponed to 2021. The International Activity, however, was sadly canceled. It's initial idea was to bring together young grassroots activists from all over Europe in an intensive capacity training focused on environmental and climate justice.

Putting those two projects aside was extremely necessary in order to take better care of our collective health as a whole. We highly expect that we are gonna be able to get back to them very soon again, alongside with so many other revolutionary activities we have already planned for the upcoming year.

This year's projects were focused on instigate socio-economic awareness with an intercultural sensible approach, developing structures of mutual care and aid among grassroots groups & their communities. We aimed to share knowledge and promote a broader network between various groups of youth from different backgrounds, acquiring new skills and raising awareness on topics such as racism, class, gender identities, mental health and their intersections. Thorough capacity building activities and seminars, youth from various networks across Europe had the chance to develop new tools to better organize themselves, strengthening their participation in existing structures and/or creating one of their own, by implementing intersectionality and accountability in every step & interaction.

2.1. Help desk

1st January - 31st December. Berlin, Germany.

The EYFA Help Desk project was established in 2017 and continued successfully throughout 2020. This is the space in Berlin, where activists – both groups and individuals, can come when they need advice, a second opinion or a helping hand in terms of formal organizing, fundraising, legal support, but also group dynamics, sustainable activism, horizontal and inclusive organizing etc. We work as a consultation point two days per week and are available online or via phonecalls. We do not only support people with our knowledge, but also offer the space for exchanging – skills, experiences, good practices – in the form of trainings, workshops, info-events, discussions and so on. We strongly believe that knowledge has always been present in our movement, but sometimes needs to be facilitated or welcomed in the proper space. Thinking of that we, as EYFA, make sure that the Help Desk project keeps having a long and successful life, so young activists can exercise their power and knowledge in a more free, practical and skilled way.

In 2020 we experimented with a newly adjusted format by offering, mostly, online & per phone consultations. In person meetings were considerably reduced in order to provide a safe environment both for our office team, as well for the activists. Despite all the changes this year brought us, roughly 65 young activists advocating for social and environmental justice took part in our weekly advisory sessions covering: community building & organizing, active solidarity, mutual-aid, transformative leadership, restorative justice & conflict transformation. We provided an easier access to resources and guidelines, raising awareness of the EU policy agenda in the field of youth (i.e. EU Strategy), therefore supporting marginalized youth in the active citizenship in society through non-formal and non-judgmental education.

2.2. Local trainings

26 local youth from grassroots groups participated in training workshops to build competences in fields of formal organizing, fundraising, legal support, but also group dynamics, sustainable activism, horizontal and inclusive organizing, solidarity, civic engagement and campaigning. We additionally provided information about EU programs and youth work opportunities.

2.3. Hosting ESC

2.3.1 ESC Plant awareness to grow solidarity

July, 2019 – June, 2020. Berlin, Germany

The project strengthened young people's engagement as promoters of intercultural dialogue and social inclusion across Europe. In times where rising financial uncertainties and undercurrents of right-wing extremism causing waves of anti-migrant violence and loom over a potentially vibrant community of European youth, we explored and debated innovative solutions, ensuring the active participation of underprivileged groups in civil society.

This ESC Project brought together 3 volunteers (from Ukraine & Belarus) to our office in Berlin. As the program was partially disrupted by the Covid19 outbreak, some adjusts were done along the way: from moving content into online format to applying practical mutual-aid actions in the neighborhood, we did managed to have a vast program where the volunteers could have the full chance to exercise their activism on social justice, inclusion, solidarity, anti-racist and anti-oppression community-based educational work.

Some of the workshops, info-events & actions organised by the volunteers are:

- Presentation and Discussion: Belarus and Ukraine – our struggles for social justice there.
- Documentary Screening on LGBT inclusion in Belarus
- Anti-Oppression Workshop – Let's work on Healing
- Facilitated Discussion: European solidarity in social movements
- Panel Discussion: Mutual Aid as an Inclusion Practice, with examples from our Berlin community (ONLINE)
- Workshop: Social Justice and Anti-Gentrification Community Work (ONLINE)

- Solidarity Actions for COVID-19 risk groups & Info Share:

Due to the increasing need for care and solidarity during the lock-down moments of the pandemic, our volunteers conducted weekly solidarity actions for people falling under certain risk group categories. Every Friday they gathered to buy and deliver basic goods for those unable to. They organized several cooking actions for homeless people, engaged in neighborhood book-exchanges, etc...

2.3.2 Moving towards an accessible future

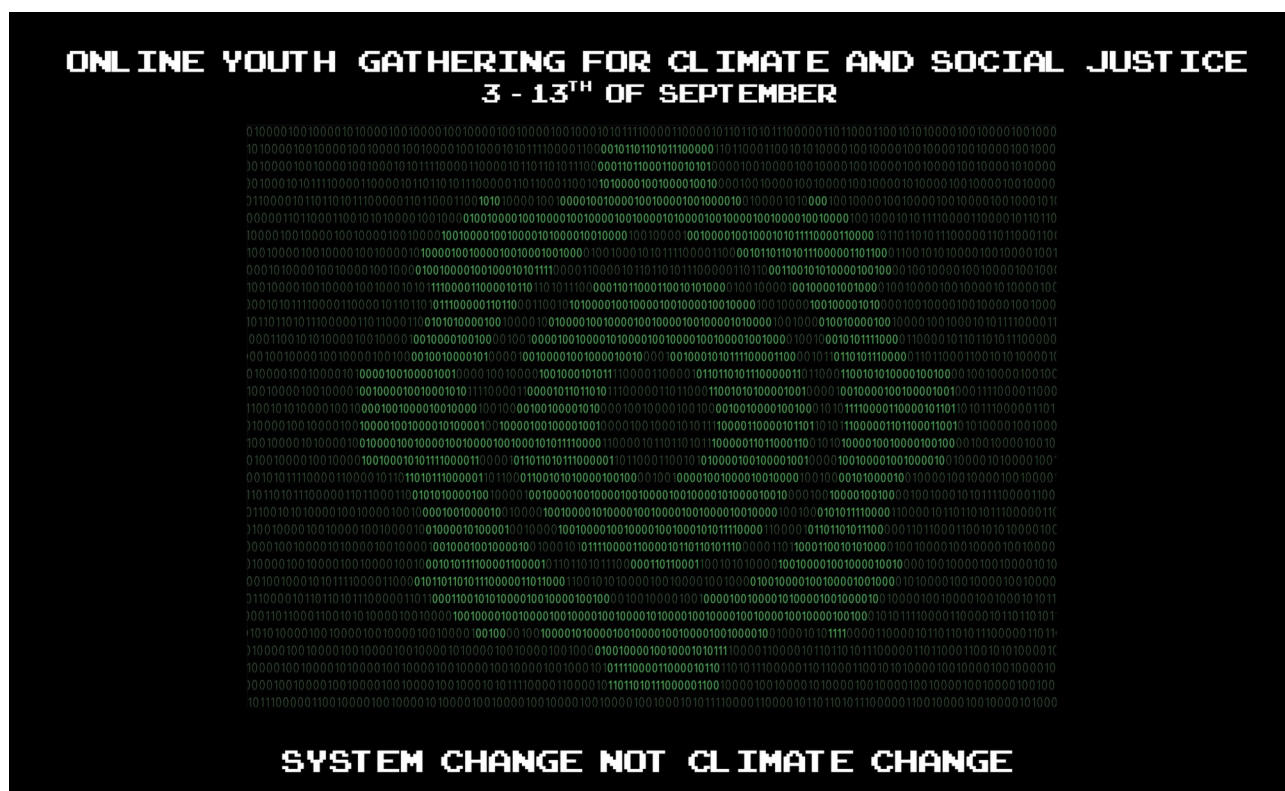
December, 2020 – January, 2021. Berlin, Germany

This ESC Project initial idea was to bring together 3 volunteers (from UA & BY) to the EYFA office in Berlin. Due to the Covid19 pandemic outbreak the project was adjusted into an experimental online format. For the first 2 months, the volunteers received online support and first hand overview on EYFA's work as a preparation to their in-person experience, which is expected to happen latest by March 2021. Until there the activities are gonna be held online and the volunteers are provided with all support necessary to access the program's content remotely.

In the newly adjusted ESC online format, volunteers have put together a participatory virtual program composed by a series of interactive discussions and lectures on methods of collective care practices, where they discuss all kinds of alternative structures of care work that is being organised in their respective communities as a direct response to the current systematically violent state we live in.

2.4 Online Youth Gathering for Climate and Social Justice. 03rd– 13th September, 2020.

Under the motto “System Change not Climate Change”, EYFA’s Team joined a group of young climate justice activists, supporting them in an 10day online conference where knowledge and awareness on topics around Intersectionality, Commons, European Green Deal and the injustices behind the pandemic of Covid-19 were extensively diffused. The program covered several kinds of activities, such as presentations, workshops, trainings, debates, screenings, etc... Thanks to its specially creative and interactive format, youth Europe-wide could get better equipped with tools to continue exercise their brilliant activism.



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3. Statutory Meetings

3.1. Board of Directors Meeting

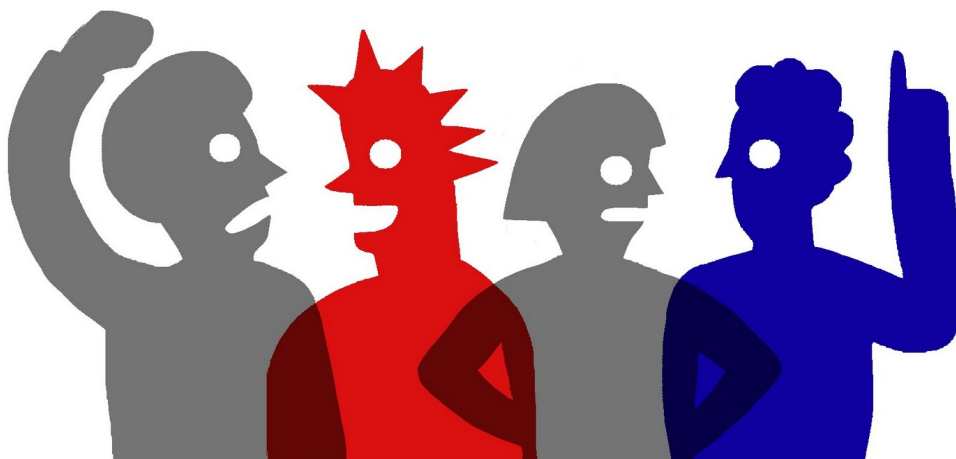
Every year, our office team & Board of Directors members gather for 2 Board of Directors meetings in Amsterdam, Netherlands. However, this year, because of Covid-19 and the impossibility of travelling, these meetings took place online.

The first statutory meeting took place in May of 2020, while our second statutory meeting took place in December of 2020.

During these meetings, EYFA and the Board of Directors discussed the status of activities in relation to the restrictions and obstacles that the pandemic brought, how this impacted the implementation of projects, the financial consequences of this impact, as well as strategic planning for the upcoming year taking into consideration the possible extension of the lock down Europe-wide and it's travel restrictions.

3.2. Finance Meeting

This year, EYFA also held a Finance specific meeting in order to asses the state of the organization's finances and the impact that Covid-19 had up until that point and could be projected to have for the rest of the year on our activities and projects. This meeting was held online during the month of August.



4. Network Actions & Initiatives/Coached Projects

4.1. Amarauna Ziordia – Basque Country

Amarauna is a self-managed space and project located in Ziordia in the Sakana Valley, more specifically in the former convent of Ziordia and the Amarauna Collective is responsible for managing this space.

In May 2015 we were presented with the unexpected opportunity and challenge of managing the former convent of Ziordi in Sakana through a transfer. At first, we were able to make use of a house and the whole land. Today, having already travelled part of the way in the creation of the bases of our project, thus defining the values and ideas that drive us and unite us as a group... after multiple assemblies, debates and some experience in practice (communal gardens, animal group, fruit group, meetings of Kommunal Autonomy...) and having made the necessary arrangements for the opening of this space, we finally have the possibility to open the whole building, and in turn, offer this tool to any person or group that feels recognized in some values and principles.

<https://amaraunaziordia.wordpress.com/>



4.2. Bewegungsschule Berlin

Bewegungsschule is a radical self-organized group, offering counseling and capacity building trainings to activists, in order to strengthen their active participation in social movements. Their main goal is to support people in their processes of getting to know their rights properly, to fight the system and to win!

The team, that has an experience-based and direct-learning approach, counts with a selection of hard-working organisers from all different backgrounds, fighting tirelessly for political change and promoting an unlimited solidarity chain among people affected by injustice and discrimination.

“Together we create spaces to learn about change: in us, our communities, organizations, companies and in our society as a whole.”

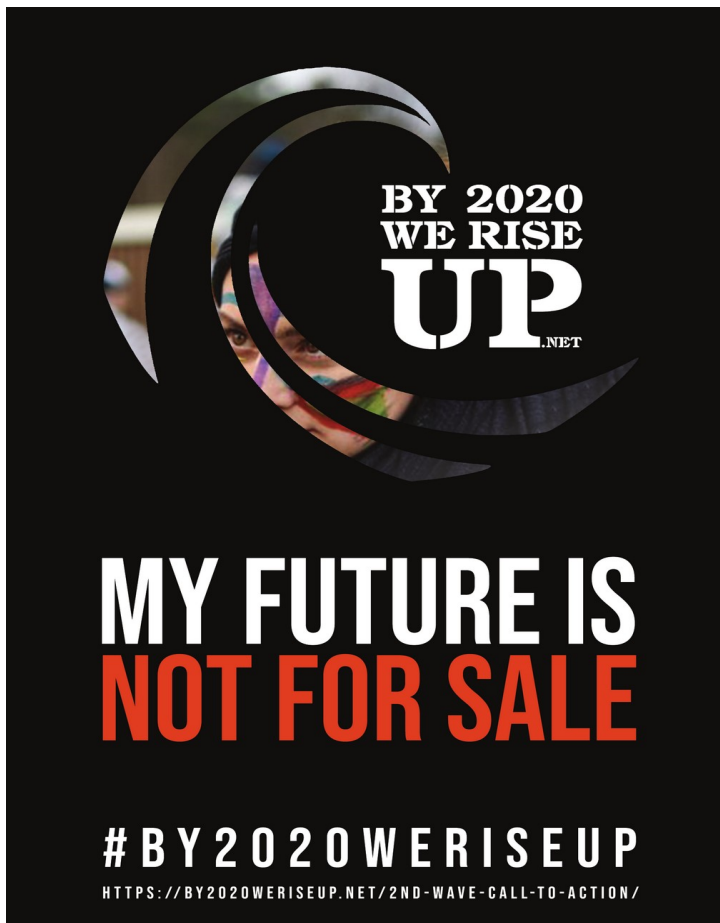


<https://bewegungsschule.org/>

4.3. By 2020

By2020WeRiseUp was a platform supported by 60 (climate) justice groups mostly based in Europe. Their aim was to be a bridge between different struggles, to help groups and movements escalate their actions, and to strive towards a strategic and coordinated uprising.

After two years their campaign came to an end. By2020 issued a call for papers to hear about perspectives on coordination efforts during the past two years, so that By2020 can grow as a movement on the basis of the campaign's achievements as well as the lessons learned.



The goals of the By2020 platform:

- Empower ourselves as civil societies to take collective action at unprecedented levels to respond to the challenge of the 1.5 degree upper limit.
- Take immediate and decisive steps to end the fossil fuel era now.
- An emancipatory transition overcoming systemic injustices, towards societies based on relations of mutual care and solidarity.

Societies respecting planetary boundaries, which recognize themselves as part of nature.

4.4. Casa Kuà



Casa Kuà is organized by trans* and non binary BIPOCs to make health more accessible to other trans, inter, non binary and queer people, and especially for those affected by racism.

The aim of the community center is to bring alternative, traditional, and conventional medical treatments together. We also want to bring communities together, centering the needs and wishes of BIPOC (Black,

Indigenous & People of Colour) trans* people, because for us, communities and health are inseparable.

The health care system in Germany is designed according to white and cis-male norms, and this goes hand in hand with sexist, racist, classist, ableist and body-negative discrimination. For this reason, many inter*-, a-binary, trans* people, women, disabled and fat people fall out of the regular health system and suffer from health-impairing conditions, or have to resign themselves to poor quality health care.

We see health as holistic and not only as the treatment of symptoms, because ill health can be caused by societal conditions, intersectional discrimination, and also loneliness and isolation. For this reason we want to build a space that is both an alternative health structure and a community center.

Casa Kuà is especially meant for the marginalized in the health system and in society, and who are disadvantaged due to discrimination, sexism, homo, trans* or inter* hostility. As we work from our own social positioning, the groups most important for us to work with are women, lesbians, queers, a-binary, inter and trans* people who are also affected by racism and illegalization.

4.5. Coal Action Network



Coal Action Network is a grassroots campaigning organisation which works to end open-cast coal mining and burning coal for electricity in the UK. They do this by working in solidarity with communities affected by open-cast coal mining and pollution, both in the UK and internationally towards a just end to coal now.

4.6. Cultivă Orașul, Cultivating seeds of community.



Cultivă Orașul was established in 2017 and it has been blooming ever since. Founding members met while collaborating in actions initiated by the Romanian Permaculture Association, A-casa Social Centre in Cluj, Romania, among other similar initiatives, which promote gardening as a direct action and access to farmland. The core group grew in time from 4 to 10 members.

Member experience includes organising various workshops and a gardening school, securing land for gardening, organising seed sharing events, tending to 4 gardens and an orchard in the city. Cultivă Orașul have connected and cultivated mutual aid relations with other urban and peri-urban gardeners and have worked towards creating a community of conscious consumers by organizing critical debates on the lack of farmland in the city and by disseminating principles of community-supported agriculture.

Cultivă Orașul has emerged into a point of reference for good practices, principles and perspectives on urban gardening, at local and national level.

<https://www.facebook.com/cultivaorasul/>

4.7. Feros ASBL

Feros ASBL is a new grassroots collective, running a residential training and retreat center, in Hodister, BE, which main goals are to support and strengthen social- and climate justice movements.

Radical ecology and queer intersectional feminism are the foundation of the collective and they work according to the principles of popular education and anti-oppression. Even though the collective is relatively young, the trainers bring with them many years of experience in movement building and activist training. Some of the trainings' topics include: sustainable activism, (white) privilege, resilient organising and holistic action for sustainable social change. Apart of the capacity trainings for non-violent social action, the center also provides a refuge, as a temporary safer space for activists who need a space to retreat when risking burn-out or to recover after experiences of trauma or eviction.

4.8. Mutual Aid Bike Riders



Mutual Aid Bike Riders is a self-organized collective, based in Milan / IT, acting locally and actively working on behalf of environmental justice meanwhile supporting people on times of lock-down/curfew and social distancing.

They've implemented a network of ecological goods delivery, provided by local fair sources. They've also created a small guide to highlight small business within their community, strengthening the local economy and promoting solidarity. The network organizes the deliver of donations in order to help mitigate the impact of socio-economic gap among people in their own community.

The initiative actively supports local farmers and producers against the large scale retail trade that exploits and pollutes. Apart of reducing the hard impacts big corporations leave on us, they also aim to bring more awareness on several forms of daily activism such as collective / sustainable living, mutual-aid and radical self care. Cycling against the virus, spreading solidarity!!



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4.9. RICO e.V. Guatemala

RICO (Red de Iniciativas Comunitarias) is a network of communities based in Latin America and Germany that acts as a platform for project development and the intercultural exchange of knowledge and practices, within the framework of climate justice. The network encourages local initiatives that promote the economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being of communities through food and energy sovereignty.



In Guatemala, we started 2020 with a series of visits to the community of Barra El Jiote (Jutiapa) with a view to starting a permaculture school and a project in solar energy from self-management.

Today, we are aiding in the recollection of funds for several campaigns for humanitarian support, in two communities in the country.

In addition, we have developed various initiatives and events in Germany and France – we have sought to problematize themes such as energy transition, the Western development model, gender equality and even social and political activism through a decolonial lens. Likewise, many of our initiatives in Latin America have been nourished by creative and financial support from our solidarity networks in several European countries. Concretely, we have participated with activist collectives such as Fridays For Future, Ende Gelände – Berlin Brandenburg, ABC Tageshaus Hüll, Black Earth, Decolonize!, the Coal Action Network, Diskussionen für ein Neues Hispanoamerika, and Corporación Lomas.

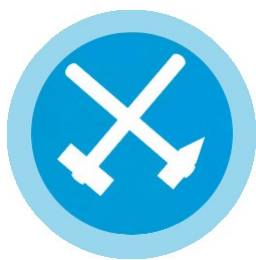
4.10. EYFA Newsletter

The EYFA newsletter is published once or twice a year and is targeted at young people interested in issues of inclusion and environmental sustainability. The 2020' s spring edition had an innovative format.

Touched by the consequences of the pandemic we reached out to our network members asking them to share their personal stories and struggles, but also the socio-political context they operate within. This activity facilitated a temporary platform of exchanges for news, campaigns, resources and new initiatives tackling the new issues brought up by Covid19.

In this collaborative publication, along with other 10 young writers/editors, collectives and groups, we worked on the preparation and dissemination of our annual newsletter, covering not only capacity building, open access to educational materials and media work, but as well we could highlight topics such inclusion, environmental sustainability, mutual-aid & social justice specifically in its direct correlation to the actual pandemic.

5. EYFA Media & Publications



Ende Gelände. EYFA is one of the allies and supporters of Ende Gelände call for action:

<https://www.endegelaende.org/de/aufruf/unterstuetzerinnen/>

Ulex – trainer Network

Ulex works with an extensive network of experienced trainers across Europe, working together to develop and share tools, practices, resources and activities which address participant needs. In 2020, several EYFA network members were able to attend online trainings at Ulex to develop themselves and thereby contribute to the overall capacity development of the groups in our network.

<http://ulexproject.org/who-we-are/trainer-network/>

SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect, follow, share EYFA's events and call-outs via our Twitter account:

- https://twitter.com/_eyfa_

Find the videos that we produce via Vimeo:

- <https://vimeo.com/user90137588>



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