

FOOD AUTONOMY FESTIVAL

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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO THE FOOD AUTONOMY ZINE, WHERE WE CELEBRATE GRASSROOTS MOVEMENTS, FOOD SOVEREIGNTY, AND THE POWER OF COMMUNITY. THIS ZINE SERVES AS A REFLECTION ON OUR FESTIVAL DEDICATED TO BUILDING COALITIONS AGAINST THE FOSSIL FERTILIZER INDUSTRY AND EMPOWERING LOCALS TO EXPLORE SUSTAINABLE FOOD ALTERNATIVES IN EUROPE AND GLOBALLY. **OUR GOALS ARE ROOTED IN AN ANTICOLONIAL, AND QUEERFEMINIST ETHOS, AIMING TO CREATE A SPACE FOR EVERYONE—ESPECIALLY THE YOUTH—TO ENGAGE, LEARN, AND TAKE ACTION.**

IN THIS ZINE, WE'LL SHARE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FESTIVAL, EXPLORE THE THEMES WE DOVE INTO, AND CELEBRATE THE CONNECTIONS MADE BETWEEN DIVERSE COMMUNITIES.

TOGETHER, WE STAND STRONG AGAINST CORPORATE CONTROL OF OUR FOOD SYSTEMS, ADVOCATING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND FOOD AUTONOMY!



THE POWER OF COLLABORATION

OUR PRIMARY FOCUS WAS ON BUILDING COALITIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT COLLECTIVE ACTION IS ESSENTIAL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE FOSSIL FERTILIZER INDUSTRY, WHICH DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. BY BRINGING TOGETHER FARMERS, ACTIVISTS, ARTISTS, AND YOUNG ACADEMICS, WE CREATED A SPACE FOR DIALOGUE AND STRATEGIZING

WORKSHOPS & TALKS: THE FESTIVAL FEATURED ENGAGING WORKSHOPS AND INFORMATIVE TALKS THAT ALLOWED PARTICIPANTS TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND KNOWLEDGE. TOPICS RANGED FROM THE DANGERS OF AGROCHEMICALS TO STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE. TOGETHER, WE EXPLORED HOW TO DISMANTLE CORPORATE CONTROL OVER OUR FOOD SYSTEMS AND ADVOCATE FOR PRACTICES THAT PRIORITIZE SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE.



CREATING SAFER SPACES

A HIGHLIGHT WAS OUR QTIBIPOC FARMERS' SPACE AND WORKSHOP, FOCUSING ON LAND REPARATIONS AND CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR QUEER FOLKS OF COLOR IN RURAL AREAS. THIS INITIATIVE WAS VITAL IN ADDRESSING THE INTERSECTIONS OF RACE, GENDER, AND LAND OWNERSHIP, SHOWCASING THE IMPORTANCE OF REPARATIONS AND HEALING WHEN IT COMES TO OWNING LAND AND FARMING.





FIGHTING AGROCHEMICALS & CORPORATE CONTROL



AGROCHEMICALS AND CORPORATE CONTROL ARE AT THE HEART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS WE FACE TODAY. THROUGH OUR DISCUSSIONS, WE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR SYSTEMIC CHANGE IN AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES. WE SHARED STORIES OF RESISTANCE AND SUCCESS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN FOOD SYSTEMS

FOOD SYSTEMS ARE NOT JUST ABOUT WHAT'S ON OUR PLATES; THEY REFLECT BROADER SOCIAL INEQUALITIES. WE EXPLORED HOW ISSUES OF RACE, CLASS, AND GENDER INTERSECT WITH FOOD ACCESS AND LABOR RIGHTS. OUR PANELS HIGHLIGHTED THE VOICES OF THOSE MOST AFFECTED BY INJUSTICES IN THE FOOD SYSTEM, ADVOCATING FOR EQUITABLE SOLUTIONS.

FOOD AUTONOMY IN PRACTICE

FOOD AUTONOMY MEANS HAVING THE POWER TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT OUR FOOD SYSTEMS. THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL, WE FACILITATED HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, ALLOWING PARTICIPANTS TO LEARN ABOUT URBAN GARDENING, PERMACULTURE, AND FORAGING. BY EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES TO GROW THEIR OWN FOOD, WE TAKE STEPS TOWARD SELF-DETERMINATION AND RESILIENCE.



MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

AS WE WRAP UP FAF, WE'RE INSPIRED BY THE CONNECTIONS MADE AND THE KNOWLEDGE SHARED. BUT THE WORK DOESN'T STOP HERE! HERE ARE SOME NEXT STEPS IF YOU WANT TO FOLLOW UP:

- 1. STAY INFORMED AND GET INVOLVED:** KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY UP TO DATE ON FOOD JUSTICE AND IF YOU CAN JOIN LOCAL COLLECTIVES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT FOCUS ON FOOD AUTONOMY, ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY, AND SOCIAL EQUITY.
- 2. PRACTICE SOLIDARITY:** FOR EXAMPLE THROUGH MUTUAL AID, FOOD SHARING
- 3. GROW TOGETHER:** START A COMMUNITY GARDEN OR JOIN ONE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. SHARE SEEDS, KNOWLEDGE, AND RESOURCES WITH OTHERS TO CULTIVATE A MORE EQUITABLE FOOD SYSTEM.
- 4. CONNECT WITH US:** STAY IN TOUCH! FOLLOW EYFA AND ASEED ON SOCIAL MEDIA, ATTEND FUTURE EVENTS, AND KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING. TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A STRONGER MOVEMENT FOR JUSTICE.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF FAF! LET'S CONTINUE TO CULTIVATE RESISTANCE, CREATE CONNECTIONS, AND NOURISH OUR COMMUNITIES. TOGETHER, WE CAN GROW FOOD JUSTICE FOR ALL. 🌱





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