

Reclaiming the commons: From austerity and debt to public space and health as commons. Identifying strategies, practices and challenge

Récupérer les communs : de l'austérité et la dette à l'espace public et la santé en commun

Recuperar los bienes comunes: de la austeridad y la deuda al espacio público y la salud en común

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Wednesday, 27th January 2021

18:00 - 20:00 GMT/UCT

<https://ca.meet.coop/b/rem-jgn-dic-lvx>

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In 2020, we have experienced the impact of cuts to public services and we have seen communities and activists respond with mutual aid and self organising spaces of collective care, where communities conceive health and care in an expanded way: not only by providing access to medical services and equipment, but also by providing solidarity in the form of psychological support, defence against domestic violence, support in struggles for housing and income and sustaining environments for cultural production.

The impact of Covid-19 is not only a crisis of healthcare and economy, it is a systemic crisis. This event is intended as a space for shared reflection on the ways activists have and will continue to self-organise.

The format of the event will be in two major rounds of dialogue followed by a concluding assembly that will give consideration to - problems, challenges, strategies, perspectives, for recognising and making visible the commoning of care and health.

Preparation for the event

You can find up to date information about the event on the following pad

https://pad.femprocomuns.cat/p/common_horizons_jan2021

The event will take place online using the cooperative platform meet.coop

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Collaborative Note-taking and Multi-Lingual Support

The event will be accompanied by a process of collaborative note-taking, this process will include multi-lingual support whereby the discussion will be directly transcribed into the following

languages - English, French, Italian, Spanish. For this reason is important for all participants to have access to the pads during the event.

If you have any questions you can -

Join our Telegram channel

<https://t.me/joinchat/DQCT6RbE2p2Lq6D4qId44Q>

Or contact: Kevin Flanagan - kev.flanagan@gmail.com

Stories

We have prepared and collected some articles on the initiatives that will take part in the event. We encourage you to read these in advance as it will enable us all to engage more deeply with each others experience and practices.

- [No shortage of masks, self-organised network in Premià de Mar](#)
- [Capella de la Misericordia: we talk to Guillem Capdevila](#)
- [Taking collective action against unjust debt: from citizen audits to community organising](#)
- [The Hologram – Peer to Peer Healthcare](#)

You can find more stories - <https://commonhorizons.cc/en/category/urban-commons/>

If you want to share links to your own projects you can post them here on the pad -

<https://pad.femprocomuns.cat/p/healthascommonsprojects>

What is Common Horizons?

Common horizons (for the common movement) is a proposal based on the recognition of the diversity of gender, de-colonialism (north/south), and the diversity of opinions and ideological approaches that make up the commons movement. It aims to create conditions for collectively addressing strategic issues for the commons informed by a process of open dialogue with the mixed production of documentation in terms of knowledge (academic/practical), culture and languages, forms of expression (modes of expression, analogue/digital, artistic/journalistic...) and of encounter (offline/online). Common Horizons gives continuity to the process started between 2018 and 2020 within the commons movement of the WSFTE (World Social Forum of Transformative Economies) and the process of confluence, for activism and commons practices through Commons Camps

Organisers

This process has been organised by a number of activists, individuals belonging to other collectives and organisations. These include -

[Remix the commons](#)

[Assemblée des communs de Grenoble](#)

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