

You wish to train and act in favor of international solidarity?

Join **Hemispheres**, an european youth action-training in favor of international solidarity.



Hemispheres, whom for, what for ?

Because marginalization, poverty, discrimination and submission experienced by the majority of the inhabitants from southern countries are not disconnected from the situations lived by many Europeans. Because the local initiatives can be shared at an international level by associating our hemispheres, some European associations want to implement **Hemispheres**, an action-training project not only aimed at understanding the interdependences between situations in the North and in the South, but also at promoting mobilizations that can lead to social changes.

You live in Europe, you are between 18 and 30, you speak "international" English and you are interested in international solidarity, come and participate in **Hemispheres**.

Practically, what is Hemispheres ?

What do we learn, what do we do?

Hemispheres is an action-training which gathers European young people.

It is training because within a group of 20 European young people during three weeks, you will be able to:

- ✓ clarify and have a better understanding of some of the mechanisms that generate poverty, exclusion, discrimination and disregard of human rights both in North and South
- ✓ discover mobilisations and positive energy of people who make things change
- ✓ learn artistic and technical knowhow (to organise international solidarity consciousness raising actions). For instance: how to lead a public debate, to collect people's speech and opinions, to create an exhibition, to write an article, to build a website, etc.
- ✓ Create within a multicultural group, one or several educational tools which aim to sensitise as many citizens as we can. These creations will be the support for the activities you will implement back home.

It is action too because when you go back home (in your town, with your sending organisation for instance), you will be able to implement in a real situation an international solidarity consciousness raising event. The educational tools, the knowledges and the methods gained during the training will help you for that.

To be involved in **Hemispheres** means to participate in the 3 weeks training then implement an international solidarity consciousness raising activity/ event, accompanied by your sending organisation.

Where? How?

The 3 week-training takes place in Paris, where you will be hosted close the city centre. Weekends and evenings (to be checked with the group) are free and you can make the most of your stay in Paris.

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The 2011 issues :

From 13 March to 2 April 2011, with MST (Brazil) and UGPM (Senegal)

Can food farming feed the planet ?

Spanish tomatoes, Brazilian chicken or Kenyan green beans, the average European meal goes round the planet before ending up in a plate. However, our planet is not prospering, with more than a billion under-nourished people, out of which 70% are peasants!

Green revolution, export-oriented monocultures, GMO's, acceleration of global agricultural trade, destruction of the environment and biodiversity: our modern farming methods have been intensified, but they don't feed everyone. Faced with industrial and productivist farming, peasants all over the world over are resisting (local distribution, organic farming, agro-ecology), with the aim of restructuring the relationship between urban areas and the countryside, between farmers and consumers.

We will be tackling the interdependence between our models of production, processing and consumption in the North and South, via initiatives and concrete alternatives.

From 3 to 23 July 2011, with Fedina (India) and APEF (Democratic republic of Congo)

Women's role and position in the fight for the respect of economic and social rights

Globalisation has changed the international division of work, and increasingly affects women, both in the North and the South. The world's economy is powered by gender inequality: Female workers exploited by multinationals companies in free trade zones, illegal or legal migrants working as domestic servants abroad, daily inequality and discrimination through increasing discrepancies in salary, salary cuts...

Unequally distributed worldwide, work is « gendered »: paid or unpaid, more or less skilled, stable or insecure; it is a completely different for men and women. Far from being based on nature or fatality, these differences can be changed.

How do gender policies can leverage the promotion of economic, social and cultural rights? This is the question we will be exploring, using examples from the North and the South.

From 2 to 22 October 2011, with Pergerakan (Indonesia) and Adec-ATC (Peru)

Public property or commodities; who owns natural resources ?

The world has never been richer, and yet in 2011, one out three people still live below the poverty line. One's resource consumption should not affect the consumption of another one's. Despite the fact that free access to water, land, food or health is a universally recognised right, global inequalities are growing to the detriment of the poorest. The world has become a commercial product, and the over-exploitation of natural resources has accelerated: land grabbing, privatisation of water sources, destruction of biodiversity...

The development models chosen by Northern and Southern countries tend to ignore the notion of universal public goods. Who profits from the natural resources of a region or country?

With the aim of reappropriating natural resources for the benefit of local populations and of their environment, we will be studying some examples of concrete alternatives and of citizen mobilisation, implemented in the South and the North and in favour of fundamental human and ecological rights.

⇒ If the issues will allow you to acquire specific knowledges, all the learnings related to animation and communication techniques can be transferred to other domains.



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