

New general strike on may 30th in the Basque Country: for a different model in the Basque Country, dignified social and labour rights

The struggle has given its fruits

From the beginning of the crisis the Basque Country has been answering "no". We have responded to the series of attacks that they have been imposing on us with General Strikes, and most important, day by day, in sectors and on the streets.

The governments of Pamplona - Iruñea and Vitoria - Gasteiz know that the Basque Country can't do with all of the cuts and privatizations that they want. The government of Navarre, drowning in their own corruption and in the most absolute solitude; in the Basque Autonomous Government they have had to retire their budget that cut 1,200 million Euros. **A cause of the complete ruptures with society and their lack of credibility they are governments in crisis. And this is the fruit, also, of the pressure from society.**

Also they promised that management would be very happy with the labour reform that was given from Spain. However, the struggle that we have carried out in businesses and sectors has had success: we are protecting our agreements in front of this labour reform. The strike has to serve to also give an impulse in this struggle. **We want to build another model, but another social and labour model is impossible without instruments like collective bargaining, and there is no possible model without labour rights.**

The situation of social emergency obliges us to give a forceful response

The levels of unemployment are unsustainable and unacceptable, and every day fewer people receive no kind of help; they continue in their policies of privatization, from Madrid as well as from Pamplona - Iruñea and Vitoria - Gasteiz; **it's all a strategy of impoverishment, with salaries, pensions and social protection in their sights.**

Facing the attacks that come from Spain, they ignore what the society of the Basque Country demands and they ally themselves with capital. They say, sometimes, that they are obligated to do it, but many other times, like in the coming pension reform, the right wing governments **give their full support.**

All of these policies have as their objective to enrich even more a few people and they are the ones who brought us this situation of emergency: it isn't a fruit of the crisis but a direct consequence of the policies that they are applying with the excuse of the crisis. They are ruining us and they know it. **We have to force them to change the priorities of the governments of the Basque Country:** from the interests of the banks and the multinationals – or personal benefits, as in the scandalous case of the right wing party UPN in Navarre – to the working social majority.

More than a response

We have to give the most forceful response that is in our hands and that is the general strike. We have responded up to the moment and we have had some success, but it isn't sufficient. For that, we have to put in march a plan, **a plan to join forces, to unite and activate all of society and to build an alternative among everyone.**

We don't want to return to the past. We need a true social change in the Basque Country and among all of us we must decide on what we should base this change. **We need an alternative that stops looking at the disaster that Madrid designs for us and one that is based on the decisions that we make here, the working social majority of our people.**

It is going to be a social process that turns the situation around and as a first step we are going to, among all of us, define the social charter for the Basque Country. **And this strike, on May 30th, apart from being an emphatic response and an act of disobedience and commitment, will be a decisive impulse to this social process.**

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