



# -PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLIES-

PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLIES REPRESENT THE SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME TOGETHER AND BLEND THEIR KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, AND PASSION.

PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLIES ARE A VEHICLE THROUGH WHICH THE MARGINALIZED AND WORKING-CLASS CAN BUILD DUAL POWER PROPORTIONATE TO THE GOVERNMENT. THEY OFFER SAFE SPACES FOR THE COMMUNITY TO PRACTICE GOVERNANCE AND COORDINATE STRATEGIES OUTSIDE OF STATE INFLUENCE.

## Basic Functions:

**Organize autonomous and self-organized social projects.**

**Hold the government accountable for oppressive practices.**

## In Practice:

**Collectively develop a political analysis of the current moment and the systemic root causes of our problems.**

**Come up with visions of the world we want and create plans together (consider short, medium, and long-term demands).**

**Create and coordinate related collective actions, campaigns, and strategic movement agendas (consider short, medium, and long-term actions and agendas).**



## PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLIES (PA) GATHER INDIVIDUALS TO ORGANIZE AND ADDRESS ESSENTIAL SOCIAL ISSUES AND QUESTIONS IMPORTANT TO THEIR COMMUNITY.

- PA ARE AN INFLUENTIAL TOOL COMMUNITIES CAN USE TO **BUILD INTO DIRECT ACTION**.
- THE PURPOSE OF THESE ASSEMBLIES IS TO LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR **PEOPLE'S ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT**, ENERGIZING THEM TO BRING ACTUAL CHANGE TO THEIR COMMUNITY.
- RATHER THAN LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES MAKING DECISIONS FOR EVERYONE, **PA DO NOT RELY ON TOP-DOWN POWER DYNAMICS OR PROFIT**.
- INSTEAD, PA ENABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO EXPLORE AND **CREATE WAYS OF CARING FOR THEIR COMMUNITY THAT DO NOT RELY ON OPPRESSIVE, PROFIT-DRIVEN INSTITUTIONS**.
- PA ARE A **RADICALLY INCLUSIVE PRACTICE**. THE EMPHASIS IS ON OPEN AND SAFE PARTICIPATION WITHOUT FEAR OF JUDGMENT OR RETALIATION.
- THERE MAY BE FACILITATORS TO KEEP THE SCHEDULE, BUT **MUTUAL RESPECT** AND A **COLLECTIVE TRUST** FOR HOW MEMBERS ENGAGE IS VITAL (EXTINCTION REBELLION, 2020).

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