



**PEOPLE'S
GLOBAL
ACTION**

**AUGUST
2006
EUROPEAN
GATHERING**

P.G.A. [People's Global Action]

started in 1998, tool and a diffuse structure coordinating groups and people sharing common struggles and practices, in accordance with various anticapitalist and anti-authoritarian principles (see the hallmarks).

PGA initiated the Intercontinental caravan in 1999, as well as international action days of actions against the G8, the WTO, the World Bank, the IMF... In Seattle, Genoa, Prague, and in a number of less media-tic events, PGA was a driving force behind numerous actions and reflections.

Amidst counter-summits, social forums & various actions, groups close to the PGA are now looking for new drives to challenge stagnation.

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HALLMARKS

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1 A very clear **rejection** of capitalism, imperialism and feudalism; all trade agreements, institutions and governments that promote destructive globalisation.

2 We reject all forms and systems of **domination** and discrimination including, but not limited to, patriarchy, racism and religious fundamentalism of all creeds. We embrace the full dignity of all human beings.

3 A **confrontational** attitude, since we do not think that lobbying can have a major impact in such biased and undemocratic organisations, in which transnational capital is the only real policy-maker.

4 A call to **direct action** and civil disobedience, support for social movements' struggles, advocating forms of resistance which maximize respect for life and oppressed peoples' rights, as well as the construction of local alternatives to global capitalism.

5 An organisational philosophy based on decentralisation and **autonomy**. PGA is a tool for coordination, not an organization. PGA has no members and does not have and will not have a juridical personality. Nor organisation or person represents PGA.

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In Europe, groups who identify with the PGA principles meet about once every two years, through the initiative of a "convenor" collective. Since 1998, these conferences have been the opportunity for several days of exchanging practices and knowledge, and of establishing bonds, which allow us to be better organized in common actions. The last conferences were held in Leiden (Netherlands) in September 2002 and in Belgrade (Serbia) in July 2004. Each time, they drew hundreds of people together and generated contacts, exchanges and strategical reflections. This year, the Francophone group STAMP is the convenor and the next european gathering of PGA will take place from the 19h of August to the 3rd of September 2006.

— **yeepee.**

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**FROM 19TH AUGUST TO
THE 3RD OF SEPTEMBER**

The organization of this gathering is a political and joyful project for us. It requires a lot of energies and commitment in order to become an open collective adventure, rather than the performance of a few "activism experts".

Regular organizational meetings will bring STAMP to different towns during the upcoming months. International meetings allow us to assess the advancement of this project and open up the organization to other people and groups of PGA Europe. The next one will take place the 20th, 21st & 22nd of April in Budapest.

Any initiative, from money to help for travel/visas as well as other logistic costs, to mosquito repellent cream, screwdrivers or tofu...) is welcome. Donations can be made to "**Accueil caravane**" at : **STAMP c/o Longo Mai 04300 Limans France**

STAMP started through a bunch of individuals involved with “sans-titre”, a network of individuals involved in direct action, autonomy and self-managed spaces around France. They now would like to open up the organizing process to all, around the few following principles:



Decentralization and local grounding : This gathering will take place in two stages:

1. Decentralised gatherings

From saturday the 19th to sunday the 27th of august will be held between smaller groups of people (around a hundred) in different places, we'll mix thematic discussions and workshops linking local issues with reflections and initiatives from participating European groups. Each space will also propose a collective practical project and common realisation (construction, action...).

Several locations are anticipated : Lyon, Toulouse, Lavour, Dijon, Geneva...

2. A centralised part

from wed. the 30th of august to sat. the 2nd of Sept.

(after 2 days of cleaning & travelling)

will bring everyone together on one site to allow everybody to share previous discussions and take decisions about the organization and future projects of PGA in Europe (on September 3rd: cleaning & departure).



Non-specialization and “dishwashing-theory” mix : During these meetings we want to favour non-specialization and the horizontal sharing of tasks. We would like to put particular attention on the collective organization of everyday life. Projects proposed by each conference space should allow us to exchange practical know-how, linked to the needs of the host locality.



A desire to strenghten links with Eastern Europe : During the months leading up to the meeting, several travels will take place in these regions, in order to present the meeting and get to know local projects. Solutions will be investigated, in terms of visas and transport, to help people and collectives in precarious situations to travel here.

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**Development and Preservation of squats & various autonomous spaces
Gender issues, struggles against patriarchy
Industrial society & human relationships
Social control & repression of protest
Digital struggles, alternative servers, indymedia
Education, parenthood, ageism
Rejection of the State, self-management & direct democracy
Non-market based economies
Struggles of workers & unemployed, anti-wage slavery
Struggles against structures & institutions of capitalism
Post-colonialism & abolition of borders
D.I.Y. ecology
The activist ghetto, escaping its narrowness & elitism
Critique of the religious relation to « nature » & essentialism,
Animal liberation
“Across the Board” strategy
Direct action
Practical alternatives building
Methods of organisation, actions and debates
What about institutions, unions, NGO’s and The Left? etc. etc. etc. etc.**

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