

# What Is Humboldt Grassroots?

## Our Platform

We identify ourselves as anarchists and with the anarchist-communist tradition of anarchism. We recognize a need for anarchist political organization around a common platform. This is a starting point for our politics and not an end point.

The core ideas of this tradition that we identify with are the need for anarchist political organizations that seek to develop:

Theoretical Unity  
Tactical Unity  
Collective Action and Discipline  
Federalism

Anarchism will be created by the class struggle between the vast majority of society (the working class) and the tiny minority that currently rule. A successful revolution will require that anarchist ideas become the leading ideas within the working class. This will not happen spontaneously. Our role is to make anarchist ideas the leading ideas or, as it is sometimes expressed, to become a "leadership of ideas".

A major focus of our activity is our work within the economic organizations of the working class (labor organizations, trade unions, syndicates) where this is a possibility. We therefore reject views that dismiss activity in the unions because as members of the working class it is only natural that we should also be members of these mass organizations. Within them we fight for the democratic structures typical of anarcho-syndicalist unions like that of the Industrial Workers of the World and the 1930's Spanish C.N.T. However, the unions no matter how revolutionary cannot replace the need for anarchist political organization(s).

We also see it as vital to work in struggles that happen outside the unions and the workplace. These include struggles against particular oppressions, imperialism and indeed the struggles of the working class for a decent place and environment in which to live. Our general approach to these, like our approach to the unions, is to involve ourselves with mass movements and within these movements, in order to promote anarchist methods of organization involving direct democracy and direct action.

We actively oppose all manifestations of prejudice within the workers' movement and society in general and we work alongside those struggling against racism, sexism, [religious] sectarianism and homophobia as a priority. We see the success of a revolution and the successful elimination of these oppressions after the revolution being determined by the building of such struggles in the pre-revolutionary period. The methods of struggle that we promote are a preparation for the running of society along anarchist and communist lines after the revolution.

We oppose imperialism but put forward anarchism as an alternative goal to nationalism. We defend grassroots anti-imperialist movements while arguing for an anarchist rather than nationalist strategy.

We recognize a need for anarchist organizations who agree with these principles to federate on an international basis. However, we believe the degree of federation possible and the amount of effort put into it must be determined by success at building national or regional organizations capable of making such international work a reality rather than a matter of slogans.

## Our goals:

1. Popularize Anarchism as a theory and practice.
2. Make libertarian socialism the conscious goal of radical activity
3. Sharing of information/coordination between various forms of activity Anarchists are involved in so as to help each others' efforts as opposed to getting in each other's way.
4. Let people know what anarchism is about why this method is effective for analyzing the world and acting to change it.
5. Helping build anarchism as a political force that speaks for itself as opposed to being pulled into bourgeois progressive parties and projects.
6. Provide a tactical avenue for developing a one struggle mentality.
7. Build solidarity between grass roots community resources and struggles

We will do this through

A way for newcomers to get involved

Anarchist Book fair

Participating in actions and organizing campaigns

Promoting Anarchist ideas and strategy in various groups and projects

Helping to build alternative media

Speaking tours

By putting forward a political agenda of free cooperative society held by our group Humboldt grassroots we will open dialogue within and without the anarchist movement Provide a tactical avenue for developing a one struggle mentality, all forms of oppression are interconnected, none are free until we all are.

Help workers, those in the group, and outside it, to push working class interests.

Membership is: Agree with our Platform and goals

Participate in activity to further these goals, including staying in regular communication with Humboldt Grassroots.

Fill other membership responsibilities defined by current bylaws.

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