

## CHALLENGES FACING GALIZAN YOUNG PEOPLE

In the face of the advancing capitalist policies and the constant loss of rights that we are suffering a united response is essential, taking to the streets together.

In Galiza, unemployment continues to rise and job instability is the order of the day. The vast majority of young people only have access to temporary and part-time jobs, sometimes with contracts for one month, one week or even days. Meanwhile, many young people without real alternatives are forced to emigrate and look work abroad.

In Galiza Nova we demand the implementation of political measures in order to guarantee our rights, such as the elimination

of temping agencies, the elimination of overtime and a 35-hour week and the immediate repeal of the labour reforms carried out by the PSOE and the PP. We want a Galiza that is capable of producing decent and stable jobs for our youth, ensuring us emancipation and a future in our own country. We are well aware that this will only come with organisation and struggle.

In this context, Galiza needs to take a different direction: sovereignty, independence from Spain and the end of the dictatorship of capital, directly responsible for our situation.

We want a Galiza where young people have the right to decide, work and live in their own country, where we can study without having to repay what has already been paid for out of taxes, with leisure facilities and activities. We want a Galiza with media in Galizan and objective and plural information, with investment in Research and Development. We want a Galiza where we can manage our own energy resources and with a proper forestry management in order to fires. We want a Galiza without discrimination, feminist

and free from aggressions and feminicides, tolerant and defending LGBTBI rights.

That Galiza is possible, but in order to achieve all of that we need the right to take our affairs into our own hands: labour rights, health care, education, energy, leisure time, etc. We can do all that in a sovereign country. Independence is the key to solving our problems and transforming Galiza.



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Galiza Nova is a Galizan nationalist youth organisation, standing for the national and social liberation of Galiza and fighting against the capitalist and anti-Galizan policies which go against the interests of the majority of society imposed by the Spanish State and the European Union. We organise young people in order to defend our right to decent jobs in our own country, public, Galizan, quality education, women's equality, the right to live and learn in the Galizan language, demanding sovereignty for the peoples of the world and speaking out against imperialism.



## 25 JULY, GALIZAN NATIONAL DAY

As part of the Galizan National Day celebrations, Galiza Nova, with the collaboration of the BNG organised the 'Galizan National Week 2017' over 60 activities that Galiza Nova programmed all over the country the week after the 25th of July in order to popularise Galizan National Day and promote national and patriotic awareness amongst the Galizan population, especially young people.

During the "Galizan National Week" we organised events on a range of topics, all of which focused on the need for sovereignty, with talks, debates, educational events, visual actions,

concerts, etc. This initiative was designed to attract more young people to join the struggle for Galiza's full national sovereignty and our right to decide, leading to the building a new Galiza where young people will no longer be forced to emigrate due to unemployment and job instability.

The commemoration of Galizan National Day began on the afternoon of the 24th when Galiza Nova organized the tribute to Rosalía and Castelao, symbols of our people's struggle for freedom and examples of the defence of our rights, including political speeches followed by a concert. It ended with the traditional floral offering next to Rosalía and Castelao's tombs. After the event, we held a march demanding independence for Galiza as the solution to the harsh situation that Galizan young people are suffering.

We also took part in the youth demonstration for independence as we have do for the last five years. This demonstration is held by different student, youth organisations and other grassroots associations which defend national independence for Galiza in order to solve the structural problems faced by Galizan young people.

We took our part in the 16th edition of the Festiga!, a festival with various cultural activities and concerts between 24-25 of July, defending our sovereignty in the cultural sphere as well.

In Galiza Nova we call upon the youth to rebel against the policies imposed by the Spanish State and the EU that oppress us and are the causes of our main problems: job instability, emigration and the lack of opportunities in our own country.

## IN DEFENCE OF THE PRODUCTIVE SECTORS AND THE WORKING CLASS

Nobody can deny that Galiza has great potential. Our geographical situation gives us great natural and energy resources with huge industrial and productive potential. The problem lies elsewhere: the limits on fishing set by the European Union, the rise in the price of the electrical energy in the Spanish State, even though the electrical energy is produced in Galiza, bleeding us dry economically or the economic sacking, pay into Madrid more than we get out. There are more examples, such as the fact that military investment has gone up while regional investment has gone down or that it costs the same to travel to Madrid as it does from Ferrol to Vigo. This once again shows that we need to master our own resources and manage our own affairs.

Galiza also leads the way in

innovation and creativity. We have a highly educated population with the knowledge necessary to make Galiza move towards becoming a country with a strong technological and scientific potential, capable of relying its own resources to cover its needs and to create wealth and decent jobs for our workers.

Over recent years, the policies of the Galizan and Spanish governments have been geared to attacking workers' rights, salaries and conquests, with working young people amongst the hardest hit by these policies dictated by capital and the powers that rule the EU.

The huge rise in unemployment is the main expression of these devastating policies for the working class in our country, reaching 52% for Galizan youth, as a result of the destruction of our productive sectors and the tendency to please the big foreign companies and the interests of the EU.

Job instability also particularly affects young workers, suffering from temping and the lack of basic labour rights. Current labour legislation seeks to protect the profits of the big companies. This

situation is particularly serious in sectors such as distribution, telemarketing, the hotel industry and the retail sector. Compulsory over-time and the persecution of trade unionists are now common and have been reported by the CIG in many companies around the country.

There have also been several tax increases, including VAT and electricity.

For all these reasons, the class struggle must be intensified as a defence of the right to decent jobs in our country. It is time to put an end to this situation and make it clear that can be no definite or permanent rights as long as the employers and the banks are the ones wielding real power. In capitalism, social achievements depend upon our capacity as the working class to act together and organised through mobilisations and conflicts.

In Galiza Nova we reaffirm our activist commitment to union struggles as the only way to strengthen the working class. We demand that both the Spanish and Galizan governments adopt political measures to end the continual attacks on our labour rights.

