

REBEL, SPEAK GALIZAN!

During the first months of 2017, Galiza Nova carried out a campaign in defence of our language. Under the slogan "Rebélate, fala galego!" (Rebel, speak Galizan!) we travelled the country organising debates and concerts to show the full potential of the Galizan language. We had an important presence in the social networks, where our poster and promotional video reached a large audience. We also drafted tips for young people who want to start speaking Galizan in all areas of life and to help them keep speaking in our language in contexts where people usually speak Spanish.

The Galizan language is currently in a difficult situation. Spanish legislation, with the support of the PP government, seeks to completely eliminate every Galizan last sign of identity that distinguishes us as a nation. Our linguistic rights are not guaranteed in Galiza, with many cases where we do not have access to exams in Galizan, have to use Spanish to speed up administrative processes or give up on our language in order to get a job.

That is why today speaking Galizan in all contexts of life is a true act of rebellion, and in Galiza Nova we encourage all Galizan youth to take the leap: to say no to the system that wants to destroy our distinctive characteristics as a nation with the power of our language. Rebel, speak Galizan!



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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.



AVANZA GALIZA, A NEW STRATEGY FOR THE BNG

The BNG has completed its process of renovation following a thorough analysis in over 120 local assemblies all around the country. At its 16th National Assembly, the BNG voted a new manifesto and new regulations. The sovereigntist organisation also drafted a mid-term roadmap known as the Estratexia Avanza Galiza (Forwards Galiza Strategy), for the period 2017-2020, which aims at putting an end to the current status quo in order to put the country on the track towards sovereignty.

Our aim is to give Galiza its rightful place, on a par with any other country around the world, defending the right to exist as a nation, to express ourselves in our own language, to collectively build our own history and to decide on issues affecting our economy, our present and our future. We want to provide Galiza with full political powers and the institutional tools necessary to achieve our freedom as a nation and our cultural, social and economic development.

In the current political scenario in the Spanish State, where nations such as Catalonia and the Basque Country are placing the debate around sovereignty centre stage, our response is to become proactive and join the struggle as the main players of our own future. To this end, the BNG has designed policies concerning Galiza's political status as a nation with the right to self-determination. We need full powers to decide for ourselves on productive and economic issues in order to carry out adequate economic and employment policies, such as the creation of a Galizan public bank or a Galizan electricity rate. We also need to have a say over education, healthcare, housing, access to energy, pensions and issues such as the struggle against sexist and LGBTphobic violence as political and social priorities. We also need to overhaul our administrative model regarding territorial planning and transport, including the creation of a Galizan railway system. We also aim to promote social and cultural development based on our own political, economic and commercial interests.

In a word, Galiza cannot continue to be held back by Spanish interests and the global rules of the capitalist system while our population sees its rights and economic prosperity dwindle. The BNG is determined to combat dependence in order to give Galiza the political and social status it deserves as a nation in its own right.

FEMINIST AND LGBT STRUGGLES

Feminist and LGBT struggles are as urgent as ever. The most reactionary sectors of society are hardening their attacks against women and LGBT people's rights under the twisted guise of freedom of speech. One such attack was carried out by Hazte Oír, the ultra-Catholic creator of CitizenGo, an international lobby whose main aim is to fight against sexual freedom, condemning abortion and euthanasia and trying to impose their Christian dogmas dressed up as religious freedom.

On 4 May, their bus with transphobic messages came to Santiago de Compostela. This bus is touring the Spanish

State and part of the American continent. The LGBTI Assembly of Galiza Nova liaised with other organisations to show our outrage and once again stand up for LGBT rights. In the afternoon, we also took part in the large demonstration held in Compostela.

In June we were invited by Crida LGBTI to take part in their LGBTI Study Days of the Catalan Countries where we spoke about the community in Galiza and our experience organising work in Galiza Nova. We claimed 8 June as the Galizan Day of Lesbian Visibility, commemorating the marriage of Marcela and Elisa in 1901, highlighting the four-fold oppression of working-class, women in a colonised nation. The Assembly of Women and the LGBTI Assembly work together with concerted actions and in liaison with the feminist and LGBTI working groups of the BNG because the heteropatriarchy attacks us directly for being to comply with the established relationship norms. Galiza Nova reaffirms its commitment to feminist and LGBT struggles: We want a Galizan Republic where we can live and develop our sexuality with work in every part of the country. We have organised talks

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