

YOUTH NETWORK: PLENARY PRESENTATION

Interpretation note: this is only a draft. Speakers will change the words somewhat and will be speaking in Spanish, English, and French.

PERSON 1 Gaby (Spanish)

Queremos comenzar agradeciendo a todos los jóvenes cooperativistas que participaron y a los compañeros que editaron el video de manera colaborativa y solidaria.

Hicimos este video a partir de identificar ideas clave y propuestas en un conjunto de declaraciones que varios grupos de jóvenes cooperativistas, de diferentes países, regiones y sectores desarrollaron entre 2012 y 2017.

Este video es un borrador de nuestro Manifiesto, la culminación de cinco años de trabajo colectivo de cientos de jóvenes

Este video tiene como objetivo ilustrar:

- Nuestro nivel de autoorganización, ya trabajamos de forma colaborativa y en sólo dos meses y con muy pocos recursos.
- Nuestra existencia como más diversa de lo que somos capaces de demostrar en persona, ya que muchos de nuestros compañeros de juventud no pueden asistir a estas conferencias porque la participación es demasiado costosa o ...
- el inmenso trabajo que hemos realizado a lo largo de los años, como jóvenes, para identificar nuestras visiones, deseos y necesidades colectivas.

Consideramos que este video y su contenido, el manifiesto, es un gran logro y una muestra del crecimiento del movimiento cooperativo.

- We would like to thanks the young cooperators who participated and edited the video in a collaborative and solidarity way.
- We made this video of a sampling of key statements aggregated from several statements that various groups of cooperative youth, from different countries, regions and sectors developed between 2012 and 2017.
- This video is a draft of our Manifiesto, the culmination of five years of collective work by 100s of youth
- This video aims to illustrate -
 - our level of self-organization, as we collaborate and pulled this together in two months with very few resources.
 - our existence as more diverse than we are able to demonstrate in person, as many of our coopoyouth peers cannot attend these conferences

because participation is either too expensive or access is gatekept by elders and others in power, and finally

- the immense work we have done over the years, as youth, to identify our collective visions, desires, and needs.
- We consider this video and its content, the manifesto, to be a grand achievement and an indication of the cooperative movement's growth.

PERSON 2 Sebastien (French)

- Now, the cooperative movement is challenged to fully support the evolution of our statements into actions. So - we, as youth - alongside all of you, our allies in our intergenerational cooperative movement, have work to do. You, our allies, can specifically address this challenge by supporting us to help ourselves and practice the cooperative value of self-responsibility by empowering us with the resources and flexibility we need to continue building an autonomous global network of youth.
- The most crucial step that can be taken within the ICA to this end is the approval of a refined Action Plan with a budget (and accompanying budget the Youth Network will be submitting to the Board in the coming year). This is the first such Action Plan and Budget from the Youth Network - we compel the Board to pass it as proposed. It is the result of years of work by Youth Network leadership - essentially building up an organization and its systems from nothing. Through this plan, we will build out our own Network through online participation and consultations, as well as connecting with coopyouth without access to the ICA structure.
- Youth have challenges all across the world (unemployment, precarity, lack of education, default...) and we think our role is to bring cooperatives solutions to this issues. That's why want to map youth initiatives all over the world, not just to gather statistic but to give example to young people.

PERSON 3 Emily (English)

- We have done so much work in a short period of time and with very little resources. Imagine what we could do with sufficient funding and intergenerational collaboration - we would be able to offer leadership to the broader cooperative movement in key areas where we feel innovation and growth is needed - our practices of governance, communications, and ability to demonstrate our model and movement's relevance to more and new people.
- All that we plan to contribute to our intergenerational cooperative movement, if we are fully empowered and resourced to do so, will not just be of benefit to those of actively living and working cooperatively. Through the increased

engagement of youth and the implementation of our practices and systems of organization throughout the broader movement will enable all of us to more effectively fight in the global cultural battle against neoliberalism, which has hurt humanity by making competition and individualism central values within society, and imperialism, which has impaired our efforts to cooperate globally by centering wealth and power accumulation as goals within our politics. Given this context, we seek through our work not only to build a dynamic and participatory cooperative movement, but we seek to address the increasingly urgent task to build a just, healing, caring, and cooperative world in which many worlds can fit - "Un mundo quepan muchos mundos."