

ALTER SUMMIT

Workshop “Commons & Public services”
Brussels – 25&26 November
Rue Pléтинckx 19 Pletinckxstraat
Start: 25.11 at 10:00, End: 26.11 at 16:30

Dear friends,

We are organizing the second edition of the Alter Summit conference on November 25&26 in Brussels that will focus on social and labour rights and our struggles to defend and expand them (“Social & Labour rights in times of austerity and deregulation: Strengthen and connect struggles in Europe”). The conference will be organized around 4 main streams:

- 1. Struggles against climate change and austerity: could the ecological transition be the issue that unites us?**
- 2. Defend and promote commons and public services for all.**
- 3. Resistance 2.0: Digitalization and technology push production and economy into transition. Organizing responses for a new labour reality.**
- 4. Towards convergence of struggles, building bridges to unity!**

As an important actor of the struggle, we are very interested in your participation/in the participation of your collective/organisation to the stream « **Defend and promote commons and public services for all!** » (more details below). We aim to gather diverse collectives coming from different backgrounds and have an intensive debate on our organizational experiences, our current struggles and of course the possibility of joined action.

We are still evaluating our capacity to cover travel and accomodation costs, but perhaps you could already save the date and let us know if you are interested in participating to the Conference.

Feel free to take contact with us for any question about the Conference and/or the workshop.

Thank you in advance for your feedback !
All the best,

Global Social Justice, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Campaign for the Welfare State, Confederacion Intersindical Galega, European Anti-Poverty Network, Transform and Alter Summit
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Defending and promoting commons and public services for all

The financialisation of capitalism is opening new avenues for the commercialisation and privatisation of the commons and public services. Free-trade agreements, austerity and fiscal policies and new public management complete the picture.

The commons and public services are essential in sustaining life in society and for the well-being of all its citizens, making universal access to both fundamental. They are part of a redistribution of wealth in societies currently based on inequality. In doing so, they reflect the social and political balance of power within the society.

Defending public services and commons, is to also defend democratic practices and the participation of the population in defining the path for society. It is therefore important to rethink their utility in responding actual social needs and to see them as a project for the whole of society.

But under which flag could we unify our many struggles for the commons and public services ? Is approaching this question through the commons useful for this task ?

How important is the territorial aspect of the commons and public services ?

Which alternatives do we have to carry/propose ?

Which principles and criteria have to be highlighted?

Starting from concrete experiences of resistance but also from existing/emerging alternatives, we will debate and try to build a common dynamic for reflexion and action. Join us during the Alter Summit's Conference on November 25&26 in Brussels !

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