

ALTER SUMMIT

Workshop on Ecological transition
Brussels – 25&26 November
Rue Pléinckx 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 « Struggles against climate change and austerity: could the ecological transition be the issue that unites us? » (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,

Campaign for the Welfare State, Transform, The Cornerhouse, Corporate Europe Observatory
For any question, please contact sebastian@altersummit.eu

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« **Struggles against climate change and austerity:
could the ecological transition be the issue that unites us? »**

If climate change is not limited to the 1.5 degrees outlined by political leaders in Paris last December, it will not only become job-killer number one but will lead to enormous social and environmental degradation, seriously threatening our communities and the world we are fighting to create.

But the climate crisis can be prevented! The main barriers are not technological, but the social, political and economic power relations in society.

Winning the fight for the climate, which is within our reach if we act rapidly and forcefully, is fundamentally a fight for social and economic justice, democracy and participation ; a fight to overturn the current power relations.

But there are also internal barriers, in the way our movements are organised and how we work together. Even if we may have already made positive steps, many more are needed, and fast, in order to meet the challenge before us.

Neither the trade union movement, nor the environmental movement, nor single-issue movements are able to win this struggle alone. Only massive pressure from below from a broad coalition fighting for radical and systemic change can save us from climate catastrophe. That means trade unions, other social movements, environmentalists, progressive political parties and others. Now, more than at any time before, we need to build broad alliances and political unity to turn the tide and move away from our unjust and broken system, away from business as usual.

As a starting point for a debate that neither starts nor ends with this conference, the workshop will be focused around three key questions :

« How far have we come so far ? Where do we need to go ? How are we going to get there ?

By combining concrete experiences from people coming from different horizons but also from emerging resistances, we aim to begin the process of mapping out these central questions and their possible answers, building a common dynamic for continued discussion, construction and action.

Join us during the Alter Summit's Conference on November 25-26 in Brussels.

With the participation (for the moment) : Campaign for the Welfare State, Transform, The Cornerhouse, Corporate Europe Observatory
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