



Peoples' Summit: Building alternatives 11th of June 2015 , Brussels

Dear all,

On June 10 and 11, 2015, Brussels will be the scene of an important meeting between two regional blocs: the Latin-American and Caribbean countries, organized in CELAC (Comunidad de Estados de America Latina y el Caribe) and the European Union.

European and Latin American leaders will come to Brussels to discuss on various fields of cooperation. As Belgian social movements, we believe it's important that the voice of the peoples of Latin America and Europe will be heard as well.

That's why we decided to organize a parallel Peoples' Summit. We are active in different fields such as international solidarity, environment, human rights and media, on a Belgian or international level. Being Brussels the stage for this meeting we feel it's our responsibility to take this initiative.

Latin-America has a long tradition of Peoples' Summits. Social movements and grass roots organizations discuss with each other parallel to the official Summit, in order to influence the outcome of the Top and the policy of the different participating countries. This tradition inspires us to mobilize and organize Belgian social movements and their European friends in a dynamic international meeting.

While the world is overwhelmed by a global crisis on the economical, political, social and cultural field, the 99% also are affected by the policy of the 1%: a policy of austerity, in advantage of the private profit and far from beneficial for the peoples.

But people are rising up and claim what's theirs. People are aware that there is an alternative to the neoliberal approach of the crisis, and feel the need to share experiences and take joint efforts in the struggle.