

- Worldwomen in Europe - call for May Day 2013-

May Day 2013: militant - international - women moving forward!

„Accroche à ton cœur un morceau de chiffon rouge, une fleur couleur de sang
Si tu veux vraiment que ça change et que ça bouge, lève-toi car il est temps“*

We, the coordinators of the „worldwomen“ in Europe call upon all women: take part in the demonstrations and rallies of the unions as well as in the events of the militant worker's parties on May 1st 2013! Bring forward your concerns, desires, demands and visions! Strengthen the unity between women's - and working-class movement with an unmistakable drum roll!

May 1st has been celebrated as a worldwide day of struggle of the working-class since 1889. We strengthen our international bonds on the joint days of struggle which were decided upon on the World Women's Conference - International Women's Day March 8th, May Day and the 25th of November, the day against violence against women. May Day always has to be the day to discuss and fight for perspectives in our struggle. To us this is a vision of a world of liberated women in liberated societies, of an end to exploitation and oppression of people by people!

We need joint actions and strong cross-country militant women's movement against the worldwide imperialist competitive battle, which is especially carried out on the back of workers, women and the youth in Europe!

European worldwomen are engaged in the unionist work for the cause of women, in the working-class movement. Here the participation and membership of female workers on an equal footing and the demand for equal pay for women's and men's work is always fundamental but not undisputed.

Instead of subcontracted labour, low wages, mini-jobs, part-time jobs we worldwomen demand pay rises in Europe in order to be able to lead a life in dignity and to take action against old-age poverty.

**Instead of rushed work and destruction of jobs we worldwomen in Europe fight for preservation and creation of new jobs! Fight for every job - contracts for young and old - for the hiring of all former apprentices!
Working-time reduction to 30 hours with full pay - more time for living, learning, love!**

The world economic and financial crisis leaves deep traces in everyday life: The planned dismantling of the health and elderly care as well as of other social achievements, increasing costs in combination with the aimed dismissal of up to 200,000 women in the

elderly care in the Netherlands; cutbacks in the rights of pregnant women in Russia; decimation of the elderly, invalids and immigrants in Serbia; falling birthrates and rising poverty in Spain, higher cost for childcare in Denmark, only part-time jobs for women in Switzerland; sexism; women-trafficking and prostitution not only in the Ukraine; anti-women politics of the Merkel-government, that enforces Germany's leading role in the EU.

Everywhere the militant women's movement has to fight attempts of intimidation, oppression and repression. Accompaniments of the world financial and economic crisis are the rising domestic violence and bullying at the workplace. Girls and young women are under pressure because of sexism, women-trafficking and prostitution. But women are raising their heads and fight and a dynamic women's movement is developing in several countries. Female workers and workers' wives organize in women's committees as in Spain, Greece, Germany, France, Portugal and other countries.

We worldwomen in Europe organize ourselves Europe-wide in the struggle against the increasing doubled exploitation and special oppression of masses of women and strengthen the women's movement in each country, in Europe in the whole world!

Forward to the 2nd World Women's Conference of rank and file women in Asia 2016 - a future-orientated project!

In order to finance the 2nd meeting of the international coordinators to prepare the 2nd World Women's Conference 2016, which will take place in October 2013 in Africa, we call for collecting donations with imaginative activities on the demonstrations and rallies on May Day!

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* French Workers' song