

Arcàdia

Self-managed
educational collective

Ricarda
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PROJECT

Arcàdia is a self-managed educational collective, with „petit Arcàdia“ providing care for children aged 6 months to 7 years.

LOCATION

Based in a squatted neighborhood in Barcelona, integrated into the local community.

VALUES

equality, mutual aid, and collective responsibility-conscious freedom.

ACTIVITIES

Children learn autonomy, responsibility, and collaboration through structured collective activities.

GOAL

To foster autonomous, responsible individuals who are conscious of collective action.

„La lluita educa‘ — ‚The struggle educates‘ — is more than a motto at Arcàdia; it’s about living the practice of collective responsibility. At the childcare center, I’ve seen even the youngest children, some not yet able to speak in full sentences, engage in resolving conflicts together. From the age of 2, they plan weekly activities and take on responsibilities, with older children helping the younger ones. It’s remarkable how naturally they discuss conflicts and find ways to improve things for everyone. For me, this place is special not only for the children’s growth but also for its connection to the wider Can Battlò neighborhood, where local initiatives thrive.“

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[www.instagram.com/
fem_arcadia](https://www.instagram.com/fem_arcadia)

Bluo Verda

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Latin American Initiative for Sustainable Development and Climate Education

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The initiative, founded by Latin American students in Dresden, focuses on environmental protection and sustainable development.

LOCATION

Based in Dresden, working with global partners in Latin America, Europe, and beyond.

VALUES

socio-ecological change, sustainability, and climate resilience

ACTIVITIES

Online programme on food systems and climate („Climate Action Academy Food“), securing water supply for a drought-threatened indigenous community in Paraguay

GOAL

To advance sustainable development, climate education, and community resilience against climate change.

„I continue to fight for a better world, even when the news seems terrible, because I believe in people and their ability to put their beliefs into action. I often feel like a gardener, planting seeds everywhere. Some seeds grow and bear fruit before my eyes, while others take a little longer to develop. Working in education for sustainable development is like planting these seeds - we share our knowledge and create spaces where people around the world can come together, exchange ideas and build new networks. It's wonderful to see people from countries as diverse as Colombia, India, Rwanda and Afghanistan come together in our courses to pursue the same goal and then apply what they've learned in their own countries.“



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Link to the initiative:
www.bluverda.org

Direct Support LE

Leo

no pronouns

PROJECT

Direct Support Leipzig redistributes money between individuals unconditionally and without bureaucracy since 2020.

LOCATION

Based in Leipzig, Germany, serving local communities facing economic hardships.

Values: social justice, solidarity, and addressing issues of redistribution and classism

ACTIVITIES

Provides small donations to those in need (e.g., single parents, refugees, marginalized groups) and promotes awareness through events, workshops, and campaigns.

GOAL

To encourage everyday redistribution practices and foster community support through donations and solidarity structures.

Redistributing money between individuals



„People often write to us telling us their story and justifying their need for money. When we reply that we don't need to be given any reasons, people react with relief and sometimes disbelief that „something like this“ even exists. Receiving money without having to prove your need is practically unheard of. It motivates us to create a system of give and take that is completely different from our supposed welfare state: a visionary

system based on trust and goodwill.

In our society, it is always the poor who have to justify themselves, never the rich - despite mass low taxation of wealth and tax evasion by the super-rich. However, more and more people and initiatives are denouncing this and calling for political change (such as the European Citizens' Initiative for a European Wealth Tax). That gives us hope.“

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Link to the initiative:
www.directsupportleipzig.net

Biosain

Community Supported
Agriculture

Tristan

PROJECT

Small farm growing vegetables and various crops on 4000m², mainly distributed via a CSA with 90 boxes.

LOCATION

Wachtberg, Thunau am Kamp, Austria (70 km northwest of Vienna).

VALUES

agroecology, permaculture, biodynamics, regenerative agriculture.

ACTIVITIES

Cultivating a biodiverse ecosystem, supplying produce to restaurants and events, processing products, and offering educational programs.

GOAL

Promote sustainable farming and agroecology, including the Dala Seeds Project in Mali.



„When we started our business on Wachtberg, local farmers familiar with the dry, sandy, and rocky conditions doubted our ability to grow vegetables. However, by observing the forest and nature around us, we discovered the right methods to cultivate healthy vegetables while building the soil. After our first year of using plenty of mulch, we were overjoyed to harvest celery, revealing active soil life and beautiful celery bulbs beneath the fertile soil.“

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Link to the initiative:
<http://biosain.at>

Deutsche Wohnen & Co. enteignen

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Campaign for the socialization of housing companies

PROJECT

The initiative fights to socialize large profit-driven housing companies with over 3,000 apartments in Berlin.

LOCATION

Based in Berlin, Germany, addressing the housing crisis and rising rents in the city.

VALUES

affordable housing, public ownership

ACTIVITIES

Campaigns for the socialization of housing, organizes referendums, and raises awareness about housing issues and public control of rent levels and building management.

GOAL

To achieve public ownership of housing companies, giving citizens control over rents and housing distribution. Currently preparing a new legislative referendum after winning the 2021 vote with 59.1%.

„I moved to Berlin for the freedom and diversity it offers, but rising rents and corporate interests threaten that. That's why I joined DWE, to fight for a democratically organized economy where housing is common property and managed with community participation. We don't want to leave housing to the state alone, but involve tenants, workers, and the urban community. Initiatives like DWE give me hope for an economy focused on public well-being. Together, we can find democratic solutions that meet the needs of both people and the environment.“



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Link to the initiative:
dwenteignen.de

Food not Bombs

Sharing Food with All

Yuval
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PROJECT

„Food not Bombs“ is an anarchist initiative that began in the USA in the 1980s and has grown into a global movement of independent collectives.

LOCATION

Active worldwide, with collectives in Tel-Aviv, Haifa, and Jerusalem, particularly focused on protests against the war on Gaza.

VALUES

protests government priorities that favor war over basic human needs, solidarity and food security.

ACTIVITIES

Collects discarded food, cooks it, and shares it with the public through weekly stalls, highlighting food waste and resource misallocation.

GOAL

To protest war spending and promote food justice by redistributing surplus food to those in need, especially in the context of current protests against the Gaza blockade.

„Being part of Food not Bombs has shown me how food is used as a political tool rather than a basic human right. FNB isn't charity—it's solidarity, challenging the idea of “less fortunate” by addressing food insecurity as a political choice. The movement inspires me daily, not just because it provides meals to those in need, but because it creates spaces for meaningful discussions and learning among people often overlooked by the system.“



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Link to the initiative:
foodnotbombs.net

Global Movement for Climate Justice (GMCJ)

Soumayatou

Climate Action for Socio-Ecological Transformation

PROJECT

GMCJ is an association with a common vision of shared responsibility for the planet and its inhabitants, addressing the climate emergency

LOCATION

Based in Cameroon, working globally

VALUES

climate justice, socio-ecological transformation, solidarity with the Global South.

ACTIVITIES

Collaborates with workers, indigenous peoples, feminists, activists, religious movements, and environmental/social movements across the Global South and Global North to campaign for the cancellation of climate debt.

GOAL

To promote a just and self-determined energy transition and propose effective local, regional, and international solutions for climate action, mobilizing financial resources to support the Global South's efforts in combating climate change.



„One of the highlights of my involvement has been raising awareness of the climate problem through our campaigns to promote climate justice at national level in Cameroon. I saw individuals mobilising, communities coming together and governments listening. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of collective voice and concerted action. I realised that despite the climate emergency, there is still hope, as long as we continue to fight together for a better future for all.“

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Link to the initiative:
gmcj-organization.org

Shared Economy

Luca
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Collective Financial and Interpersonal Support

PROJECT

A group organized in a shared economy, pooling financial resources and engaging in political discussions.

LOCATION

Not specified.

VALUES

solidarity, financial and interpersonal support, freedom to stay active in various struggles.

ACTIVITIES

Sharing financial resources, exchanging experiences with other shared economies.

GOAL

To create a dignified livelihood for all members and, in the long term, support people and structures outside the group.



„We are motivated by the trust that we have built up with each other and that enables us to grow and learn together. The joint discussions about financial topics that often carry shame are very valuable to us. They also enable us to develop a different approach and talk openly about these topics. We learn how to deal with money, time and resources together. At a time when the future seems so uncertain, it gives us a lot of security to organize ourselves collectively and to take our needs seriously and support each other.“

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unfuck fashion

Campaigning
Against
Fast Fashion

Lee
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PROJECT

Collective focused on combating the big fashion industries, particularly fast fashion, through upcycling abandoned clothes.

LOCATION

Active in urban areas, specifically Barcelona and Berlin.

VALUES

sustainability, creativity, and community engagement.

ACTIVITIES

Collecting discarded clothing, hosting open workshops for upcycling, and showcasing creations through public catwalks while giving away free clothes.

GOAL

To raise awareness about fast fashion and promote sustainable practices in the fashion industry.

„What motivates us is the urgent need to inform people about the social and environmental destruction caused by the fashion industry, which often hides its crimes behind clever PR and green-washing. We love seeing people get excited about recycling clothes, reminding them that fashion is an art they can create at home or with friends. It's much more fulfilling to wear self-made clothing that reflects your personality than to settle for mass-produced outfits from brands like Zara. Our recent catwalk during a mass protest against a Louis Vuitton show was empowering; it demonstrated that we advocate for a better fashion future and that another world is possible—one where our clothes surpass the luxury brand offerings.“



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un.fuckk](https://www.instagram.com/un.fuckk)

Functional Living

CharLee
they/them

Sharing Living Space

PROJECT

We live in a functional shared apartment with communal spaces: a living room, a bedroom, an office, and a retreat room.

LOCATION

Leipzig, Germany

VALUES

sharing, community, open communication, care.

ACTIVITIES

Joint shopping and rescuing of food, collective wardrobe, weekly meetings to discuss apartment matters and cleaning parties, and biweekly therapy sessions.

GOAL

To consume fewer resources through sharing, experience more community, and learn the foundations for a just, sustainable, and caring society.



„I come home from a tiring day, I'm very hungry and don't feel like cooking food. There is still cooked food in the kitchen and I don't have to wonder who it belongs to and whether I can eat it, but I can just help myself because everyone is always cooking. I'm really motivated by the feeling of community: I don't just think about myself, I also keep other people's needs and feelings in mind and it's important to me that we're all there for each other.“

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AK BIPoC

Anti Racism
Projects

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PROJECT

The BIPoC Working Group at the University of Regensburg works on internal and external anti-racism projects to create safer spaces for people affected by racism.

LOCATION

University of Regensburg, Germany.

VALUES

anti-racism, safe spaces, intersectional discrimination.

ACTIVITIES

Since the winter semester of 2023, we have offered a reading circle for BIPoC* where we read and discuss anti-racist texts. We also collaborate with the student council (ASTA).

GOAL

To raise awareness of various levels of discrimination and create a safer environment for BIPoC at the university.



„What motivates me most is the feeling of not being alone. Through the BIPoC Working Group, I’ve met people who share similar experiences. The discussions in our reading circle, especially about personal experiences with racism, have inspired me. At the first safer space meeting in summer 2023, I was hesitant because I didn’t know many other BIPoC. But I met 15 wonderful people there, and it felt like we had known each other for years. The sense of empowerment I experienced that night will stay with me for a long time.“

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bipocregensburg](https://www.instagram.com/bipocregensburg)

Foodsharing

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Saving food that would have gone to waste

PROJECT

Foodsharing rescues food considered waste in the capitalist system and returns it to the consumption cycle.

LOCATION

Active in various local communities, organized online.

VALUES

solidarity, sustainability, and conscious use of resources.

ACTIVITIES

Rescuing and redistributing food without conditions, public outreach, and educational work to increase food appreciation.

GOAL

Raise awareness of food waste and build networks for socio-ecological transformation.



„Large-scale pick-ups at events are particularly memorable, as they require a lot of organisation, which is often managed really well. The collection itself then takes several hours and a great team feeling develops. The vast quantities of LM that are saved are distributed everywhere, processed and used creatively. This could be 350kg of spaetzle dough (German egg pasta) or a pallet of sliced tomatoes. Foodsharing works if people put their heart and soul into it - and they do!“

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Link to the initiative:
www.foodsharing.de

Life giving forest

Marta

Tree Planting Project in the Philippines

PROJECT

A tree-growing project involving people with disabilities, planting native trees to combat climate change.

LOCATION

Philippines

VALUES

inclusion, climate protection, biodiversity

ACTIVITIES

Planting native trees to enhance biodiversity and create wildlife habitats. Promoting organic farming practices, including fermentation techniques to improve soil fertility.

GOAL

Empower people with disabilities to contribute to environmental conservation, enhance social inclusion, and improve their livelihoods.



„I am a person with a disability and use a wheelchair. Some people ask why I work on this project. I love what I do because it lets me care for Mother Nature and teach children to do the same. I'm not a forester by profession; it is my passion. One of my favorite activities is called „A Wonderful Start for a New Beginning.“ We invite kids and teenagers to the community for fruit-eating and seed-planting. The goal is for them to appreciate the value of every seed from the fruit they eat. They learn about the seed cycle: from fruit to planted seed, to seedling, to tree, and back to fruit again.“

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<https://life-giving-forest.org>

Junge ABL

Young Working Group
for Peasant Agriculture

Manuel
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PROJECT

Young people from agricultural and farming backgrounds advocating for just, sustainable agriculture and food sovereignty.

LOCATION

Germany

VALUES

agroecology, food sovereignty, land justice, social equity

ACTIVITIES

Fighting against land speculation and soil sealing, promoting caring human-nature relationships, just land policies, and sustainable farming. Organizing educational projects and campaigns.

GOAL

Ensuring fair access to food, creating a sustainable agricultural and food system, and dismantling (neo-)colonial dependencies and exploitation.

„I love compost, soil and soil organisms (edaphon). For me, the process of decomposition represents the basic mode of life. A constant process of becoming, decaying and becoming again. When I put my hands into a compost heap and feel the warmth and all the life that is there, the isopods, springtails, microorganisms, fungi, compost worms and many more. They fill me with joy and hope that this damaged planet can be repaired. All of these creatures continuously care for the preservation of all life in the earth and on the earth. Without their caring practice, there would be no (fertile) soil, no means of life, no people. Compost heaps and soil creatures teach me humility and motivate me every day to take a stand against sealing, speculation and selling off (agricultural) land.“



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Link to the initiative:
www.junge-abl.de

MIAPS

Association of Indigenous Women for the Preservation of Jungle Territories

Clara

PROJECT

Indigenous women from eight communities protect and preserve the jungle through traditional practices of land management and care.

LOCATION

Jungle area (specific country not mentioned)

VALUES

conservation, food sovereignty, traditional practices

ACTIVITIES

Management of „Chagra“ plots (forest areas for cultivation and care), sustainable cultivation for 3 years followed by a 5-year recovery period. Utilization of trees, palms, and animals as part of the communities' food sovereignty.

GOAL

Preserve and maintain the jungle to ensure the food sovereignty of indigenous families.

„Climate change and constant interventions have weakened the forest's natural wealth, affecting our lifestyle and agricultural calendar. Indigenous women are now making collective decisions to revive the traditional practices of their grandmothers for forest management and care. By restoring the „Chagras“ and planting systems for fruit trees and palms, we aim to enrich the forest, preserve the diversity of birds and mammals, and ensure the food sovereignty of indigenous families. In doing so, the Chagras also contribute to mitigating climate change.“



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Poliklinik

Solidarisches Gesundheitszentrum Leipzig e.V.

Mari
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PROJECT

Low-threshold healthcare for ALL.

LOCATION

Leipzig, Germany.

VALUES

equity, Community Empowerment, Holistic Health, Inclusivity.

ACTIVITIES

Interface between community work and counseling/group offers, collaborating closely with local initiatives and the Polyclinic Syndicate.

GOAL

Establishing a general medical and psychological practice with health insurance coverage



„Every Friday, I hold consultations on daily support, focusing on sleep hygiene, daily structure, and relaxation techniques. Many clients come from refugee backgrounds or face disadvantages in the German healthcare system due to language or gender. Recently, we've seen more adults with ADHD. Together, we explore how to create a satisfying daily life despite challenges. It's essential to provide a welcoming space for those excluded from healthcare to find free advice on health and psychological issues. Feedback shows that this low-threshold point is crucial for those in distress. Our next goal: establishing a general medical and psychological practice with health insurance coverage. Any major donations would be greatly appreciated!“

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Link to the initiative:
www.poliklinik-syndikat.org

Repair Cafe

Purna

PROJECT

Loose collective of repair enthusiasts.
Location: Bangalore, Hyderabad, and Mumbai, India.

VALUES

creativity, reuse, community engagement, skill-sharing.

ACTIVITIES

Hosting training sessions and repair workshops, documenting professionals for recommendations, working with kids to teach them how to fix things.

GOAL

Promoting repair culture and engaging communities in reuse and repair.

Promoting a Culture of Repair and Reuse

„This project is my passion, and every part of it is incredibly motivating. We used to hold bicycle repair workshops for children, and over time, many underprivileged kids began to join our program. I recall one child attempting 20 patches on his punctured tyre just to keep his bicycle running. Living nearby, I often witnessed them using their old bicycles to transport sacks of grains or deliver newspapers.“



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Link to the initiative:
[https://linktr.ee/
repaircafebengaluru](https://linktr.ee/repaircafebengaluru)

via campesina

Peasant Feminism for a Just Agriculture

PROJECT

We are farmers working for a good life for everyone and advocating for change in agriculture.

LOCATION

International, with activities in Austria through öbv.

VALUES

small-scale feminist agriculture; appreciation of work in fields, barns, and kitchens; diversity is at the heart of food sovereignty.

ACTIVITIES

Grassroots education, workshops, seminars, group hikes; creative protests such as the farmers' cabaret „The Messy Pieces.“

GOAL

To fight together for a good small-scale future, food sovereignty, agroecology, and good food for all.

„In the women's working group, we implement changes through grassroots education. During our meetings, we step back from our daily lives, reflect on our situations, and recognize connections. This „looking behind“ leads us to rethink and develop further – personally and in our shared ideas. We discover our strengths and support each other to create change. This can include seminars or group hikes that empower us and serve as a space for ideas – whether for creative protest actions or the farmers' cabaret. With humor, we raise awareness of political injustices and bring everyday situations closer to a broader audience.“



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Link to the initiative:
[www.viacampesina.at/
inhalte/frauen/](http://www.viacampesina.at/inhalte/frauen/)

Projecto Sunseed

Non-formal educational project for sustainability and social change.

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she/her

PROJECT

Sunseed is a non-formal educational project for sustainability and social change.

LOCATION

An off-grid village close to Almería in the arid Southeast of Spain.

VALUES

preserving traditional regional knowledge in agriculture, food processing, natural building, and water management, deep sustainability, environmental justice

ACTIVITIES

Hands-on research in areas such as permaculture, eco-maintenance, appropriate technologies, food processing, cosmetic making, non-violent communication, community building, and self-organization.

GOAL

To create a laboratory for learning regenerative collective self-organization, promoting resilience and social-ecological transformation.



„Sunseed project allows me to live a life in harmony with the territory, other beings and myself. Creating a safe space like this for other people motivates me to do the work I do. Seeing the transformation in the members of our community through our stay and their learning processes motivates me to keep creating a safe space for people to come together a co-dream and co-create an alternative future for our planet where we live based on the values of sustainability, cooperation, mutuality, care and justice. By the way, we are always looking for volunteers who want to come and join our experiment, check the opportunities on our website.“

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Link to the initiative:
www.sunseed.org

Treibgut

Lisa
she/her

PROJECT

Treibgut saves discarded materials and makes them available to Munich's independent art and culture scene at low cost. A wide variety of resources from government, commercial, or private sources are collected, stored, and passed on here.

LOCATION

Munich, Germany.

VALUES

sustainability, social inclusion, resource protection

ACTIVITIES

Treibgut also serves as a networking hub open to all interested people and institutions. It raises awareness about sustainable planning, construction, and reuse.

GOAL

With a socially inclusive and flexible pricing system, even financially weaker projects have the chance to realize their artistic visions.



Non-Profit Initiative for the Rescue and Reuse of Materials

„A key moment for me was during my art studies when I visited a big film studio for the first time. In the studio next door, a film set was being dismantled. Huge partition walls that were used only once were simply sawed up and thrown into a garbage container. As an art student who almost exclusively used rescued materials, this was incomprehensible to me. The vision for Treibgut emerged from this experience: a place where such materials could be stored and passed on to artists and low or no-budget projects. I am especially motivated by the enthusiasm with which Munich's art and culture scene has embraced the initiative and made use of our offerings.“

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