

Anti-Capitalist Organization Building

Solidarity Halifax is designed to be a training ground for activism based on anti-capitalism.

We strive to create a democratic, pluralist, and non-sectarian organization. We aim to resist styles of organizing that are based on cliques, friend-groups, or prioritizing the defense of political turf over solidarity.

Our goal is to grow, regenerate ideas, and welcome new activists.

Solidarity Halifax will take care to create a membership of people from all groups, inclusive of persons oppressed by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, (dis)ability, and nationhood.

While attending to the above, we will remain conscious of the need for those oppressed by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, (dis)ability, and nationhood to prioritize their own struggles and comfort in their own organizations.

As a result, recruitment will reflect this issue and working as allies will be accepted as a process for building trust on the long-term in united struggles.

Why Membership-Based

Solidarity Halifax is membership-based in order to:

- Develop discipline and collective accountability.
- Counter individualism.
- Create commitment and relationship building to help address the alienation of capitalism.
- Build a spirit of comradeship in struggles for justice.
- Develop a practice of democracy.
- Create the conditions to be able to count on each other in planning political goals.

Commitment to Each Other

Contemporary culture encourages internet activism where online interactions become a substitute for in-person organizing. We recognize that online organizing is valuable, especially when in-person participation may be limited by geographic location, time, (dis)ability, and other barriers.

However, we feel that internet activism by itself is insufficient to challenge the hegemony of capitalism. Therefore, we aim to create a culture of learning to work together in person and developing collective problem-solving skills.

Membership requires time and effort and needs to be taken seriously.

The struggle against capitalism requires the development of organizational structures and models adapted from both the positive and negative lessons of the history of the Left.

The membership committee shares responsibility to create methods of work able to address conflict with respect.

The Membership Committee of Solidarity Halifax coordinates the recruitment and engagement of Solidarity Halifax members as a part of our process of organization building.

Recognizing the need for long-term organization on the Left, Solidarity Halifax proposes the following considerations for anti-capitalist organizing.

We expect these to constantly be a work in progress.

We are organizing in the
Halifax Regional Municipality
and across Nova Scotia to create space for respectful

dialogue, debate, activism and education

on alternatives to capitalism. Capitalism is an oppressive economic system that puts

profits ahead of the needs of people

and the planet. It is a system in which great wealth and power are concentrated in the hands of a few. To oppose capitalism is to

demand something better

for ourselves, our families, and our communities.

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