

Principles of the ‘Montreal IWA Friendship Circle’

The ‘Montreal IWA Friendship Circle’ is—for now—a propaganda group. We commit to acting in accordance with the following anarcho-syndicalist principles:

Internationalism

- Adherence to the statutes of the International Workers' Association (IWA)
- A polyglot, a-nationalist approach

Rejection of Reformism, Statism, and Capitalism

- Membership condition:
 - No higher position than a union delegate
 - No leadership roles in political parties or companies
- No top-down alliances, only grassroots alliances

Libertarian Federalism

Direct Action

Mutual Aid

- Continuous self-education
- Cooperative organization

Self-Management

- Horizontalism
- Assembly-based decision-making
- Direct democracy
- Self-determination/autonomy

Solidarity (promotion, practice, and alliances)

- With anarchist expression groups
- With grassroots workers' organizations
 - Encouraging the formation of self-managed workplace councils (excluding corporate executives, union bureaucrats, and political leaders)

Ethics and Anarchist Values (promotion, practice, and alliances)

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI), atheism, ecology, anti-militarism, libertarian education, libertarian communism, anti-colonialism, anti-nationalism, anti-racism, anti-fascism, anti-patriarchy, etc.
 - Example: Gender-inclusive writing:
Association Internationale des Travailleuses-Travailleurs
Asociación de les trabajadores

Demands

- Against the commodification of the world. For example: open Source/nonprofit computing
- A 30-hour workweek without loss of wages
- Struggle for labor emancipation: fighting against forced labor and wage labor

Final Goals

- A continuous process toward social revolution
- Libertarian communist self-management of the means of production (factories, workshops, social services, housing, fields)
- Federations of industries and geographical federations of neighborhood councils and workplace councils

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