

# **Role of the Revolutionary Organization**

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## **Revolutionary Organization & Mass Work**

The revolutionary organization seeks to contribute to the theoretical and practical development of revolutionary struggle. The revolutionary organization participates in and seeks to broaden and generalize the revolutionary potential of the working class. It strives to retain a historical memory of its experiences of success and failures in order to strengthen mass movements for its liberation. It participates in mass movements as equals in struggle. The revolutionary organization should be a tool for the active and militant members within the class. It never seeks to dominate, impose upon, manipulate, command or control mass movements in recognition of the need for revolutionary pluralism, and that those movements not the revolutionary organization itself are the revolutionary agent of social transformation.

The revolutionary organization organizes within mass movements in order to contribute towards their power, always working towards the development of an autonomous class consciousness, capacity, and solidarity. Participating in mass struggle builds the capacity of the revolutionary organization and mass movements to take direct action and shift power relations. It allows both to experience collective power through struggle. The revolutionary organization proposes collective solutions to everyday problems whether that be directly confronting our oppressors or constructing alternative institutions against Capitalism and the State.

The revolutionary organization does this in order to build a social base for anti-authoritarian approaches towards social transformation that is rooted in the struggles of working class and oppressed people. The revolutionary organization works within mass struggles to combat isolation, share resources, extend mutual aid networks and link different struggles. It works within rank and file movements and mass organizations. It strives to counteract authoritarian, bureaucratic and reformist tendencies by advocating horizontal, directly democratic and revolutionary forms of organizing within mass movements.

The revolutionary organization in its movement work creates positive relationships with other sympathetic activists and organizations. It avoids public condemnation of sympathetic groups who use different tactics. In this way it can develop an active periphery of supporters and allies who find themselves in agreement with aspects of its work and ideas.

## **Revolutionary Organization & Political Work**

### **Internal Development & Education**

The revolutionary organization develops its members through education and training in organizing skills as well as theory. It strives to empower its members to create and strengthen movements. The revolutionary organization is a school for learning and teaching the tools of social change as broadly as possible.

The revolutionary organization creates a space to cultivate and develop new conscious revolutionaries. It is a space for dialogue and discussion to continually build a shared analysis and the development of its members, supporters, and comrades from struggles. Where members can learn from others with different experiences.

The revolutionary organization does this work in order to build self-confidence, knowledge, skills and opportunities to practice these methods in social movements. For the revolutionary organization skill building is a permanent goal. The revolutionary organization is an organization

of equals not a group with leaders and followers, so it is always striving to develop its members capabilities for struggle.

### **Popular Education & Propaganda**

The revolutionary organization produces anti-authoritarian and educational propaganda. It does this through the creation of media that communicates the views and political perspectives of the organization. It promotes its views in print as well as online media, through public events and actions. The revolutionary organization strives to build a visible presence for its ideas, methods, and tactics in order to popularize a revolutionary culture.

The revolutionary culture the organization strives to promote is one of popular combativity, creativity, solidarity, mutual aid, anti-racist, internationalism, anti-patriarchy, anti-capitalist, and anti-state. It does this by developing agitational and education materials that convey these ideas. These materials have to be crafted in ways that appeal to diverse sections of the populace with varying educational skill sets. Materials should convey complex ideas in ways that are clear and stated in plain ways. Emphasis on posters, videos, art, graffiti, speaking events, all in connection with longer documents, magazines, and books. The revolutionary organization also does this by hosting social and cultural activities that broadly reflect the concepts and practice of the revolutionary organization and its' members.

## **Organizational Principles of the Revolutionary Organization**

### **Strategic & Theoretical Coherence**

The revolutionary organization is based on strategic and theoretical coherence. A clearly defined and shared political perspective and orientation. It has a common vision to guide joint activity and cooperation between its members. It is always working towards a clarification of our role. It strives to provide a forum for and promote a culture of discussion, analysis and debate in order to theorize and synthesize ideas on how to confront Capitalism, the State, and all other oppressions.

The revolutionary organization looks to the present historical moment to develop its thought, by reflecting on its participation in the social struggles of its day. In this way theory and strategy are informed directly from practice in struggles. It develops common goals and coordinates members' efforts to achieve them. It develops tactical approaches to achieving strategic goals, while maintaining tactical flexibility to facilitate the adaptation of these goals to its regional and local circumstances. The revolutionary organization collectively reviews its successes and failures and tries to learn from them. Most importantly it is concerned with the real needs and tasks of day to day organizing. Revolutionary strategy and theory is taken from the experience of working directly within mass movements.

### **Organizational Culture of Accountability & Direct Democracy**

The organizational principles of the revolutionary organization serve to strengthen its efficiency and effectiveness in developing our ideas and strategies within mass movements. The revolutionary organization is a tool of our members and sympathizers within mass movements.

In order to do this the revolutionary organization must have an organizational culture of accountability and direct democracy. It practices this internally by operating as a direct democracy. Instead of representation the organization operates using delegation. Delegates and responsables are mandated by and instantly re-callable by the membership.

The revolutionary organization is also a political home for revolutionaries. A place for its membership to feel supported and safe. The revolutionary organization strives to achieve an internal organizational culture based on respect, principled behavior and accountability to each other that fights all forms of domination and oppression. It does this through an active practice of challenging all forms of oppression within ourselves, our relationships, and our organizations. This responsibility for maintaining an organizational culture of accountability is that of the entire membership. The membership is responsible for and accountable for the memberships' actions. To do this the membership defines clear guidelines to pro-actively solve issues before they happen.

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