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FOOD AUTONOMY FESTIVAL #8

GROWING RESILIENT ROOTS IN COMMON GROUND

At the Food Autonomy Festival, we gather to address the political struggles related to food and agriculture with the goal of strengthening our resistance to the state and corporatecontrolled industrial food system.

The Food Autonomy Festival (FAF) is a place for activists, farmers, young academics, and anyone else who cares about the fight for social and ecological justice, to come together, learn from each other, and make connections to grow our resistance. Here we will make visible and celebrate existing alternatives, challenge structural inequalities and oppressions, and connect our struggles for land and liberation. Collectively, we can nurture fertile ground for resistance, solidarity, and autonomy.

The FAF is organised by ASEED, a small grassroots organisation based in Amsterdam that fights for social and environmental justice in agriculture and food systems. We advocate for alternative food production through movement-building gatherings, co-learning workshops, actions, and much more. We especially focus on opposing fossil fertilizers in industrial agriculture, and supporting sustainable and fair local food alternatives in Amsterdam and beyond. This is the 8th year in a row that we are organising the Food Autonomy Festival!

1. WHAT IS FOOD AUTONOMY AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

We believe food autonomy is important because it is central for the health of planet and people, and because it challenges structural inequalities at the level of basic rights. To us at ASEED, food autonomy means that communities have the power to choose their food, where it comes from, and how it is produced; that farming practices work in harmony with local ecosystems, that distribution chains are shortened allowing communities direct connection to where their food is grown, and that everyone in the food system is treated and compensated fairly. Food autonomy highlights the importance of locally controlled food systems to sustain people and nature in both rural and urban contexts, and aims to regenerate a diversity of autonomous food systems based on equity, social justice, and ecological sustainability.

2. OUR GOAL WITH THE FOOD AUTONOMY FESTIVAL

The FAF presents and celebrates alternatives and resistance to the food and climate crises as well as the capitalist, hierarchical systems that fail to create a socially and ecologically just world. At the festival, various food-autonomous initiatives are brought together to learn from each other. Together we aim to put food at the center of social, economic, political and climatic issues. The FAF is an example of how gathering for place-based causes and discussions on **local** problems becomes an occasion for all to learn about grassroots movements and the fight for autonomy in different contexts, within larger international actions.

3. FIGHTING FOR A JUST FOOD SYSTEM MEANS FIGHTING AGAINST ALL FORMS OF OPPRESSION AND DOMINATION

The FAF is a grassroots gathering where we can connect with each other in the fight for a just food system and build solidarity with other struggles for justice.

We believe that a just food system can only be created if different levels of oppression and inequalities are fought simultaneously. **Today, the food system reflects society where capitalism is the director, patriarchy the writer, and colonialism the producer** (among other oppressive systems). To fight for a just food system, therefore, means taking an **anticapitalist, decolonial, intersectional stance**, paying attention to the different oppressions that are keeping these systems running.

Getting together to talk about food autonomy allows for conversations about the meaning of autonomy overall, why its necessary, how to achieve it, and which oppressive systems need to be destroyed on the way there. For a just and meaningful transition, food autonomy can only be achieved if the climate crisis is fought, patriarchy is smashed, ableism deconstructed, capitalism refuted, colonialism demolished... and so on. This is why we want the FAF to be a place where we can fight for systemic justice, and, in both our perspectives and practices, challenge racism, sexism, coloniality, and oppression in all its forms.

4. WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS YEAR'S FAF?

This year, as people across the world are fighting for the right to live, work and grow food on their lands, for liberation from oppressive and colonial systems, the right to protest and the protection of autonomous spaces, we find it particularly important to **highlight the political nature of food and agriculture**.

Who has access to land, and therefore, (growing) food? Who has decision-making power over what we grow? Who profits from the agrochemical dependence and industrial agriculture? How can we build sustainable alternatives and strengthen food autonomy? How do we connect and build solidarity between our struggles for autonomy and justice?

We will explore these questions in this year's three intersecting themes: social justice in food systems, agrochemicals, fossil fuels and corporate control, and food autonomy in practice.

Strengthening Social Justice in our Food Systems

In this year's FAF, due to multiple ongoing genocides enacted for power over territories and resources, we are compelled to discuss the political domination of food and agriculture and how it relates to the domination over people and land by racist, colonial, capitalist systems. We will explore the relation between food justice, land and liberation struggles in, among other places, Palestine, Congo, and Kurdistan. **We will learn about the role that food and agriculture play in the domination and colonisation of people, and how it is an essential element in peoples' resistance.** Furthermore, we will explore pathways towards justice, with regards to gender diversity, migration, and race in farming, and how to strengthen our solidarity with each other's struggles.

Fighting Agrochemicals, Fossil Fuels, and Corporate Control

We continue to scrutinize corporate control in the agro-industry, shedding light on the role of the fossil fertilizer industry. It thrives on fossil gas and oppressive neocolonial practices, and takes full advantage of the cost-of-living multi-crises. **How does agribusiness — and how do agrochemicals — obstruct food autonomy?** And, just as importantly, how can we organise to fight them?

We will explore the interconnections between corporate control in food systems, agrochemicals, fossil fuels, human rights, and land struggles. By unveiling the multiple facets of corporate power over our food and energy systems, we can better build resilience in the movement. A movement that centers those most affected yet unheard, and that works in solidarity with those who have shown long-standing resistance to colonial oppression. Furthermore, we will learn about different struggles that fight agro-industries and corporate control of the food system, to learn, mobilise, and strategise - making our movement even stronger!

Building Food Autonomy in Practice

The FAF has always been a space to come together to imagine alternative food futures to the corporate-controlled industrial food system, and this year is no different. We will explore why food autonomy is the foundation of liberated societies and what role it plays in our resistance. We will explore how building local food autonomy can bridge local struggles and foster a culture of mutual aid. Furthermore, we want to focus on the practical aspects of what it entails to build food sovereignty in the Netherlands through specific practices and initiatives. What concrete challenges does our local context face? What alternatives already exist and can be shared? What can we learn from the experiences of other regions of the world? What is the role of Dutch farmers in the transition towards a fair agricultural model for all? On top of this, we will get our hands dirty and connect to the plants that grow around us and learn about their uses, as well as learn how to preserve food and the cultural significance of it.

5. INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE FOR FOOD AUTONOMY

The FAF stands wholly in solidarity with the Palestinian struggle for liberation and calls for boycott of Israeli agricultural products and technologies.

Lastly, we want to express that the FAF and ASEED stand wholly in solidarity with the Palestinian people, and we want to use the festival space to support Palestinian resistance and solidarity efforts as best we can. We will have a Palestine solidarity space to which comrades and allies can go to talk, plan, think, and relax. We invite individuals and groups to organise their own trainings and discussions — or use the space in another way that best fits the needs of the moment.

Fighting for food justice is always important — but let us remember now and continuously that **food is indeed the first frontier**, and that it has been weaponised countless times by (settler) colonial regimes throughout history to control and to kill.

With this in mind, we want to highlight **the role of agricultural control in Israeli warfare against Palestine**, as well as the relevance of bringing this topic to the FAF. The struggle for food autonomy is an integral part of the Palestinian **fight for self-determination** and against military occupation.

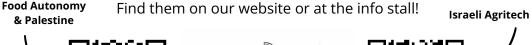
When the settler colonial entity of Israel was created, Palestinians were dispossessed of their lands, and agricultural and natural resources, including land, water, seeds and fisheries, have since been controlled by Israeli forces and illegal settlements.

Israeli agricultural technology (agritech) — such as irrigation technology, data collection technology, and pesticide / herbicide spraying technology — is an invisible player in the illegal occupation of Palestine, providing equipment and services to settlement agriculture, diverting resources from Palestinian agriculture, and greenwashing the settler colonial project. Partnerships between academic and research institutions (which are essential pillars of Israeli apartheid) and military and security companies enable the development of militarized agricultural technologies.

For example, Elbit Systems' Hermes 450 drone — which has been deployed in Gaza, Lebanon, and Sudan — is being tested for "civilian farming" use as an ultra-precise tool for pesticide and herbicide spraying. What's more, Israel has been illegally spraying fertile agricultural land along the buffer zone in Gaza to kill crops and render land inaccessible to Palestinians for years. **Militarised agricultural technologies**, such as the Hermes 450, are then **sold on the international market as "field tested" and used to repress people in all corners of the world**, making Palestine the testing ground for the weapons of colonialism and domination worldwide.

In Israeli corporate controlled agriculture, we see clearly how capitalism and colonialism conspire and reinforce each other, as industrial agricultural models are used to restrict and control the Palestinian population. Illegal settlement agriculture, exports, and water apartheid are some of the many tools used to rob Palestinians of autonomy of their food and agriculture, while at the same time severely damaging their ability to resist oppression. Here, and worldwide, corporate agriculture and agricultural technologies are militarized. Despite this, food and agriculture continuously play an essential role in the Palestinian resistance.

To highlight how the Palestinian struggle is a central topic in food justice and international solidarity, ASEED has published multiple brochures with more information and resources that we recommend you check out for more information!









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6. SAFER SPACE GUIDE: OVERVIEW

We aim to organise the festival to be as **safe and accessible** as possible to the widest range of people. Therefore we created a guide on interacting with each other, **culture of consent**, being **mindful of privileges and potential oppressive behaviours**, as well as caring for the space. While these guidelines are a collective responsibility, everyone is also personally responsible for their own behaviour. We encourage everyone to carefully read and remember the key points.

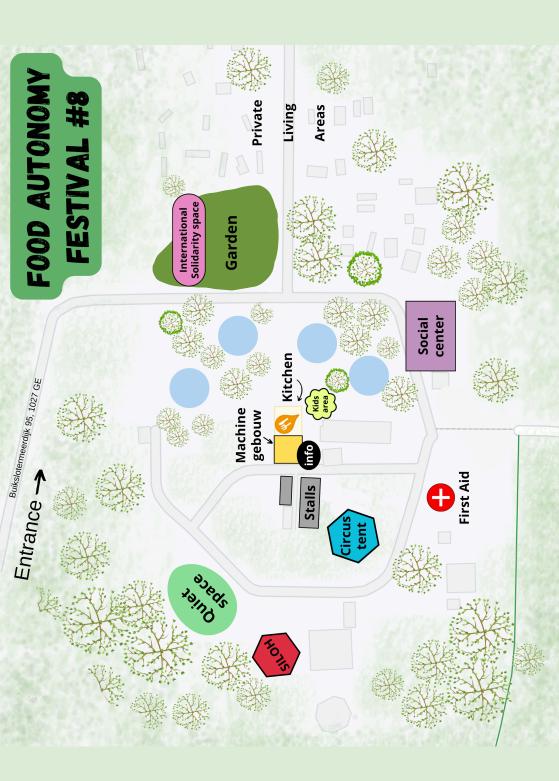
Prejudice based on ethnicity, nationality, class, gender presentation, sexuality, ability, asylum status or religious affiliation, as well as discriminating behaviour related to systemic opression like **racism**, **sexism**, **or ableism**, is **not accepted and will be challenged**. We wish to facilitate a space where there is room to learn and grow from these topics, to start thinking about systemic struggles that are present in our societies.

Even though the goal is not to hurt, embarrass, or offend anyone, conflicting moments can happen. Discrimination is not always intentional. It is important to become aware how certain people constantly struggle with discrimination. That is why we want to **encourage** everyone to acknowledge and listen to people when they feel discriminated, regardless whether it was meant that way.

The **Awareness Team's** role is to be approachable if someone is in need of support and mediation in uncomfortable situations like discrimination and conflict, as well as to ensure the safer space guidelines are respected. They are identifiable by their yellow vests and available throughout the festival.

Safer Space Guide: key points

- Foster a spirit of **mutual respect** and actively seek explicit consent in all types of interactions, really offering room for response.
- Before **smoking or consuming alcohol**, make sure everyone around you feels comfortable with it, otherwise there are designated areas for smoking.
- If taking **photographs or videos**, ask if people want to be in them, and explain what you intend to do with them.
- Non-human friends are welcome, but keep in mind that some might feel unsafe around them or be allergic to them. Please keep dogs on a leash. If your dog could put someone in danger, we might ask you to leave the festival.
- Coming from **different backgrounds**, seek clear and sincere communication, explaining what certain ideas mean to you.
- Some people tend to **dominate** spaces due to their socialization and identity: check if your will to speak is preventing others from speaking.
- Do **not interpret or assume others' identities** (gender, origin, etc.). Instead, let people speak for themselves.
- We want the FAF to be a place where we can **stand against colonialism**. ASEED stands in solidarity with the people of Palestine and other peoples and places facing oppression. No one is free until we are all free.
- Separate act and person; what you do is not necessarily who you are.
- If you feel **unsafe** seek **support** in your direct environment, everyone should be attentive to take care of each other. If needed, call in the awareness team to take action.



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SOCIAL CENTER	MACHINE-GEBOUW	CIRCUS TENT	SILOH	GARDEN / KIDS AREA
				13:00-17:00
		14:00-15:30	14:00-16:00	
		Welcome to XR	Creative Writing	Green ass gardening
		Landbouw	Workshop on	
		(XR Landbouw)	International Solidarity and	(Green Ass Garden)
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		Boycott is Resistance:		
		Infotalk about the		
		new boycott		
		campaign against		
		"Israeli" fruits and		
		veggies		
		(BDS Netherlands &		
		Sit In 4 Palestine)		

		SATURDAY		PROGRAM		
TIME	SOCIAL CENTER	MACHINE -Gebouw	CIRCUS TENT	HOTIS	GARDEN	KIDS AREA
12:00-13:30	We are walking territories, food, migration and storytelling (Radical Roots)		Soil simplified / bodem voor beginners (Prakticsche permacultuur) [NL/EN translation]	Food chain Workshop: From REST to Rest-o-rant (Samantha, Voer Voerders ADM)	SPACE	
		LUNCH			٨	
14:30-16:00	Panel: Weaving solidarity with land and freedom struggles [NL/EN translation]	Degrowth, food sovereignty, anarchism: overlaps and contradictions (Agroecology Research-Action Collective)	History and repression of the collective (Futuro Vegetal)	Theatre as Communal Experience (Astaro Theatro)	LISAGIJOS JA	ng, cooking contests, ver local biodiversity
00:81-05:91	Intersectionality in the farming world and the food sovereignty movement (La Via Campesina & De Tuinen van de Egel)	Ackersyndikat and organizing agricultural land and farms as commons (Ackersyndikat) DINNER	Economic autonomy: The social-ecological economy in North-East Syria and the Rojava Revolution (Tim Krüger & Dija Karim)	Making wild remedies (Green Ass Garden) <i>EN/NL</i> <i>KID's FRIENDLY</i>	INDITANAJTNI	ijnieq-aceî :gniogno oceib oj sameg ,ejnelq

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12:00-13:30	To become an organic farmer / it' not easy to be green (Eikemaheert organic farm)	Resisting Environmental Colonialism and Ecocide: Agroecology and Food Sovereignty in Palestine (Leiden University)	Energy Futures: What's going on and where are we going? (Gastivists)	Envisioning Utopia: A Creative Workshop (Reframe Play) [Up to 10 people]	SPACE ●	
		LUNCH			٨	
00:91-08:41	Racial Justice in Farming (Landworkers' Alliance)	Peat Eats (RePeat)	Building a Left-wing Farmer Movement: lessons from the farmer protests (Toekomstboeren / La Via Campesina NL)	Monopolies, patenten, EU- regelgeving (Reclaim the Seeds) [NL/EN translation]	AL SOLIDARIT	ing, cooking contests, vyer local biodiversity
16:30-18:00	Agrochemicals: Perpetuaters of the Fossil Economy (CIEL) DINNEF	Fermented Pickles (Alon's Pickles) (Geef Tegengas: Fighting Gas in Rotterdam (Geef Tegengas) (Geef Tegengas)	Geef Tegengas: Palestine solidarity & Fighting Gas in Rotterdam (Geef Tegengas)	Rountable with Young Farmers: Collective farming projects and pathways to becoming a land worker [NL/EN Translation]	NOITANAJTNI	

KIDS AREA

SUNDAY	Op zaterdag en zondag is er ruimte om onder toezicht met een bal te spelen, armbandjes te maken, te schilderen en de kinderen kunnen de vrijwilligers vragen om hun gezicht te beschilderen!	Knutselen: Maak je eigen tuinkers hoofd belen en	de natuur Blad - en fruitdruk 14:30-16:00 Guessing Bird Calls
SATURDAY	Op zaterdag en een bal te spel en de kinderen kı	Spelletjes spelen en	knutselen met de natuur
FRIDAY	Green Ass Tuinieren Kom met ons tuinieren! 13:00-17:00	Als je kind jonger is dan 7 jaar, kom dan mee tuinieren!	

FRIDAY PROGRAM

1st time slot (13:00-17:00)

Green ass gardening - by Green Ass Garden (ADM) [@Garden] Kids friendly



In the Vegetable garden with the Geodesic Dome as a greenhouse, we grow more rare veggies from different cultures from seed. In development is the pigment or dyeplant bed. Edible wild plants can be found all over the garden and are growing around the little pond. In the Food Forest border, wild medicinal plants are growing together in groups which offer similar health benefits. Also edible shrubs, trees and mushrooms live together. Partly the mushrooms can clean polluted soil all over the Slibvelden. A sensory bed with crazy tastes, structures and looks is in development. On Het Groene Veld, the area around the water basins is developing as an edible park landscape. On raised beds, veggies for the Machinegebouw kitchen are grown and edible shrubs and trees are planted as well as "rescued" ornamental plants who find a new home here. In all of the areas, we play together with the existing ecology of the land. We also love the wonder and surprise in sustainable experiments and green arts.

2nd time slot

Welcome to Extinction Rebellion Landbouw

- by XR Landbouw 14:00-15:30 [@Circus tent]

What will we do?



During this talk & workshop we will discuss the ecological crisis, agriculture, activism and civil disobedience. Come join us to learn more about Extinction Rebellion Landbouw (agriculture) and to exchange experiences.

Who are we?

XR Agriculture is a community of Extinction Rebellion NL and functions as an icebreaker in Dutch agriculture. We are committed to a radical transition and transformation of our agricultural system for nature, climate, farmers and citizens. We focus on the power structures behind agriculture, not on the individuals in the food system such as consumers or farmers.

Creative Writing Workshop on International Solidarity and Mutual Aid

by Trash Skeleton (Loose Dog Magazine)
14:00-16:00 [@Siloh]



A creative writing workshop in three parts that focuses on the themes of international solidarity and mutual aid. The specific focus of this session will be writing about the recent Palestine liberation/student movement here in the Netherlands that has given us incredible material to imagine a more just future where we collaborate and care for each other. The three parts are all the same as I give a little lesson about writing related to the topic then give a writing prompt related to the lesson and after about 15/20 min of writing we all share our stories with the possibility of receiving feedback. These three parts can take up to 3 hours in my experience, depending on how many people are there.

My goal is to have us imagine stories that are radical and liberating, about writing on the fucked up world around us and seeing its ugly side shrivel away under the weight of our pens.

I also prioritize the comfort of every participant and want us to just have fun and be nice to each other. I try to make the atmosphere cozy and jovial as much as possible!

Boycott is Resistance: Infotalk about the new boycott campaign against "Israeli" fruits and vegetables - by BDS Netherlands & Sit in 4 Palestine 16:00-18:00 [@Circus tent]

More information will be given on the workshop itself.



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Evenings at Het Groene Veld: Friday

Buurtborrel voor de buurt - by Het Groene Veld 17:00-21:00 [@Het Groene Veld social center]

The neighborhood drinks takes place on the third Friday of the month. Bring some snacks with you. Drinks available at the bar at reasonable prices. Nice way to meet and chat with neighbors. Be sure to bring your children because there is plenty of room to play.

Eetcafe ADM Noord - by ADM Noord 18:00-21:00 [@Het Groene Veld cafe]

Vegan Peoples' kitchen in the backyard of Amsterdam North. The restaurant and also the bar are open every Friday from 17:00 h. A vegan 3-course menu is served for 10 euros between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM. We use biological products as much as possible, preferably from our own Green Ass Garden. The kitchen is run by Brian and Elly with help from volunteers. Volunteers also work behind the bar.

Solstice ceremony

- by Toni Kritzer & Elioa Steffen 20:30-21:30 [@Het Groene Veld]

Through a collective ritual together with the stinging nettle, we gather the heat of the longest day of the year – to charge ourselves with the fire of the sun and the stinging nettle, to have strength to build a future of food autonomy beyond extractivist agricultures.

SATURDAY PROGRAM

1st time slot (12:00-13:30)

We are walking territories, food, migration and storytelling - by Radical Roots [@Social center]



We will share selections from our sonic and visual archive, created while working at asylum seeker centers, to provoke sensory experiences reflecting on the role of food and its relation to soils, bodies, and territories in various migratory contexts. We will reflect on how food acts as a translation of soil, a holder of memory, and a channel of communication between people from different territories. We will foster a conversation about the art of gathering and the importance of facilitation.

We would like to prioritize the participation of people with a migrant background. People who have migrated from rural areas into urban areas, or from other places of the world to the Netherlands.

Food chain workshop: from REST to Rest-o-rant

- by Samantha (Voer Voerders ADM) [@Siloh]

Skill-sharing how to set up your own + de-centralised network of "Rest to Rest-o-Rant" Reclaimed food pickup / voku- folks kitchen / free market dustribution / donation pot (value+ pricing) / use of wasted food scraps / worm house fertile earth / herb + food garden / cooking + back to waste scraps.....DIY + DIT - Do It Together *every- body is welcome* Soil simplified / bodem voor beginners - by prakticsche permacultuur [@Circus tent] NL/EN translation



The soil is the basis of everything we eat, yet we know more about the universe than about what happens under our feet. In this workshop you will be explained the principles of soil as simply and clearly as possible. The types of soil, the soil life, how you can improve this and what it can do for the plants. Nitrogen and carbon are of course also discussed; when are they good and when are they not? At the end of the workshop you will have new tools to work with in the garden and new arguments for the next nitrogen discussion on your birthday.

2nd time slot (14:30-16:00)

Panel: Weaving solidarity with land and liberation struggles

- by Ali from the Sudanese Refugee Collective, Medhat from Utrecht4Palestine and PGNL, Muhammed Ally from FreeCongoNow/Avcollectief, Necmettin Türk, PhD candidate at the University of Hamburg. Environmental Activist in Kurdistan Ecology Platform.

NL/EN translation

We want to bring together people from different diaspora organizations and solidarity campaigns to discuss what the various groups are bringing attention to and denouncing, and what their means of resistance are. We would like to explore together how food, agriculture, and land are issues that are interwoven, in every fight and every context. How are agriculture and food used in the domination of peoples but also in their fight for freedom, autonomy and dignity? We would like to bring together collectives from Palestine, Congo, Sudan and Kurdistan to discuss how we can strengthen solidarity with land and freedom struggles from the Netherlands. How can we reinforce mutual aid networks between diaspora organizations and international solidarity campaigns in the Netherlands? How can the increasing international solidarity with the Palestinian liberation struggle be extended towards other struggles?

Degrowth, food sovereignty, anarchism: overlaps and contradictions

- by Agroecology Research-Action Collective [@machinegebouw]

Nearly 10 years ago I set out to explore what food sovereignty movements – as theorists and practitioners – had to offer degrowth ("post-growth") thinking and practice. In this discussion, I hope to share with attendees my more recent thinking on food sovereignty movement formations (in both Majority and Minority worlds), anarchist practices and theories, and the ways these overlap and cohere – but also do not.



(I also hope to learn from attendees who might challenge my ideas on these!)

Although there are some clear affinities between anarchist praxis and food sovereignty, the ways that both contribute to a potential degrowth future are full of contradictions and conflicts. In particular, the role of the state remains a friction among 'left' sectors of society who would be the necessary foundation for a socialist degrowth future. I will discuss contemporary examples from my home country of the United States, socialist states like Cuba, and the multinational efforts of La Via Campesina. I hope this workshop offers critical yet hopeful insights towards more effective organizing around food sovereignty, as a path towards degrowth economies in the Minority/global core, decolonial development for the Majority/global peripheries, and libertarian socialist futures across the board.

Futuro Vegetal: History and repression of the collective - by Futuro Vegetal [@Circus tent]

We will look at the origins of the collective, the climate situation in Spain and the institutional response to the nonviolent civil disobedience that we have been practising in the Spanish state.

Theatre as Communal Experience: a workshop

- by AstaroTheatro [@Siloh]

"Anyone can do theater, even actors. And theater can be done everywhere. Even in a theater." — Augusto Boal This theatre workshops aims at gathering around the necessity of grassroots, multidisciplinary, multilingual, transcultural artistic expression based on theatre, music, singings, visual arts, voice and body performance. This theatre workshop explores the basics of the performative practice: posture, movement, presence, body, the other in the space, games and the voice in many of its expressions. Our voices engage in spoken word, text and poetry in order to reach the poetry performance: from poetry to theatre. Our bodies will play roles and will accompany impro's and storytelling. Our practice will originate from ourselves: memories, stories and sounds of stones and steps, images of repopulated land, memories of touching each other, smell of seaweed.

3rd time slot (16:30-18:00)

Intersectionality in the farming world and the food sovereignty movement

- by La Via Campesina & De Tuinen van de Egel [@Social center]

During this interactive workshop, we will collectively reflect on questions of access, privilege, discrimination, and oppression, within the farming world and the food sovereignty movement. We will also think together on how to generate processes to be more inclusive, embrace and celebrate diversity in rural contexts and within peasant's movements!

The session includes a short talk about how La Via Campesina, the most globally representative peasant movement, has been approaching the topic of gender and sexual diversities from within. Paula Goia from the ECVC (European Coordination Via Campesina) gender and sexual diversity articulation will be present to share years of experience working with these topics.

Ackersyndikat and organizing agricultural land and farms as commons without private property

by Ackersyndikat
[@Machinegebouw]

I will talk about how commoning Land with the Ackersyndikat works, answer questions and I want to invite you all to share your knowledge to the topic. Also I want to give space in this workshop for people that want to start commoning land to network, get to know each other and so on. I will do it in english but I can also explain some things in german or spanish. At most 15 participants.

Economic autonomy: The socio-ecological economy in North-East Syria and the Rojava Revolution - by Dija Karim & Tim Krüger [@Circus tent]

I will delve into how the Kurdish Liberation Movement actively encouraged the formation of communes and cooperatives and how this has led to an increased level of food autonomy throughout the regions of North-East Syria. The role of women is particularly emphasized as most of the communes are spearheaded by women, which has very deliberately been encouraged by the freedom movement. As it is only through the freedom of women that all other parts of society can truly become free, it is especially interesting to touch on the role of women in transforming the food system in a region that is still under threat of attack from several sides. The revolution of Rojava is not only proof that an alternative way of life is possible, but that it can even be brought to life in a place where many did not think it possible; a region stricken by war that is under constant threat of invasion. It is a project of hope and it show us that with the power and will of the people, everything is indeed possible.



Making wild remedies - by Erika from Green Ass Garden (ADM)



[@Siloh]

Kids' friendly (interested kids 7+ can join) **English** with some **Dutch** translations of plant names and where needed

From the indigenous plants growing in Green Ass Garden at the spot we can make healing ointments and tinctures. In this skill sharing you will find out how to get a bit more independent from big pharma by making your own herbal medicine for minor health issues.

Evenings at Het Groene Veld: Saturday

LIVE ACOUSTIC MUSIC & DJs

The Crying Cyborgs

- by Azatron, Toastie, Per, Tinno 19:00-20:00

Travelling from the year 2123, The Crying Cyborgs are here to save your timeline. DIY, crusty and rusty, here for a good time, and increasingly a longer time than they would have expected. Stuck in the present moment, the band is here to tell you all about where we're headed – surprisingly joyful for the dystopia we're about to head toward. Variously playing on pots, pans, an oversized bass, one or two guitars (depending on who makes it through the time machine) and with varying musical proficiency, the Cyborgs are here to fulfil their prophecy – no matter the cost, no matter the place, no matter the time.

Kraaklustig band - by Kraaklustig 20:00-21:00



Since may 7 2022, when a field in Wageningen was newly squatted, we play queer-feminist & anti-capitalist music so that everyone has a house. We will play a set full of anger sadness and joy.

SUNDAY PROGRAM

1st time slot (12:00-13:30)

To become a organic farmer/it's not easy to be green - by organic farm Eikemaheert [@Social center]



We talk about our journey from a modern, mechanised, hightech, chemicals-using prospering farm to a small-scale organic farm. We can share with you the change in mindset, the possibilities and impossibilities and would like to discus all these items with a critical audience.

Resisting environmental colonialism and ecocide: agroecology and food sovereignty in Palestine - by Elisa Da Vià (Leiden University) [@machinegebouw]

This talk will focus on Israel's settler colonial project as an ongoing process of dispossession, aimed at undermining the collective continuance and socio-ecological reproduction of Palestinians. Environmental colonialism in this context takes the form of land and water grabs, green grabs, toxicity and environmental injustice, all the way to ecocide and starvation. The genocidal nature of these acts has become even more evident since October 7th, and can be seen by the targeted destruction of crops, trees, and greenhouses that sustain agricultural production and access to food in Gaza. The effects of this systematic agricultural destruction are exacerbated by other deliberate acts of deprivation of critical resources for Palestinian survival in Gaza, the bombing of hospitals, infrastructure, housing, water facilities everything that is necessary to sustain life. Against the background of biopolitical and necropolitical strategies of the settler colonial state, the talk will also focus on acts of resistance, and the role of agroecology and food sovereignty initiatives in reclaiming land and food as sites of cultural reproduction, self-determination, justice, and freedom.

Energy Futures: what's going on & where are we going? - by the Gastivists Collective [@Circus tent]

We've spent the last years focusing on fighting the gas industry. And finally, we're starting to confront the juicy, difficult questions around the energy transition. Is it even possible? What about shitty lithium extraction? How would it even work? What the heck is the energy grid? How do we relate to people who fight renewable energy projects? Whats it got to do with the urgent crises in Congo, Palestine, and more? Join us to collectively find a few answers but definitely more questions. Well share learnings from our field trips and dialogues, and host a space to explore and share together.



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Envisioning Utopia - a creative workshop - by Jana from Reframe Play [@Siloh] up to 10 people

"Activism is inherently a creative endeavor, it takes a radical imagination to be an activist, to envision a world that is not there, It takes imagination and that's not far from art." – Ava DuVernay Imagine your utopia – Through creative and playful tools, we will explore this question to visualize and share our wildest dreams and ideas!

2nd time slot (14:30-16:00)

Racial justice in farming - by the Landworkers' Alliance [@Social center]

A dialogue about racial justice in farming.

Peat Eats - by RE-PEAT [@machinegebouw]

We'll be cooking with some plants that are grown on peatlands, under paludiculture conditions. RE-PEAT will give an introduction to peatlands and discuss these ecosystems while we cook together!





Building a left wing Farmer movement: lessons from the farmer protests

 by Toekomstboeren / La Via Campesina NL [@Circus tent]

Farmer protests have swept across Europe over the past months, drawing parallels with the Dutch upheaval over the past years. The role of the agro industry and far right in using the emotions and frustrations of farmers has resulted in a narrative about agriculture which has largely been reactionary, anti-left and antienvironment. How do we built a strong leftist agricultural movement in the current context? Talk and interactive discussion.

Monopolies, patenten, EU-regelgeving... Reclaim the Seeds!

by Reclaim the Seeds / ASEED
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NL/EN translation



Al meer dan 10 jaar bestaat Reclaim the Seeds. Het was ontstaan als protest tegen nieuwe zadenwetgeving in de EU. Het protest was succesvol en het voorstel weggestemd. In de jaren daarna besteedde RtS aandacht aan de steeds maar machtiger wordende internationale zaadbedrijven, aan patenten en aan pesticidegebruik. Ondertussen werden de (bio-)diverse, kleinschalige alternatieven gepromoot. En nu is de EU alweer bezig met nieuwe regelgeving. Tijd voor een overzicht en een update. En hoe moeten we eigenlijk verder met Reclaim the Seeds? Deze lezing en discussie zijn in principe in het Nederlands. Maar er zal ruimte zijn om ook in een andere taal een bijdrage te leveren.

3rd time slot (16:30-18:00)

Agrochemicals: Perpetuaters of the Fossil Economy

- by Lisa from Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) [@Social center]

A talk and interactive session covering the following points: 1) Agrochemicals are fossil fuels in another form 2) As other sectors decarbonize, petrochemicals are a main driver of future fossil fuel demand 3) The food system is crucial: 40% of petrochemicals are food-related plastics and fertilizers 4) For a fair and sustainable future, we urgently need an absolute reduction of both, not any technofixes, like green hydrogen or carbon capture and storage. 5) Agrochemical companies want to sell blue ammonia as "clean" fertilizer, but also increasingly as fuel. It is neither.

Fermented Pickles Workshop - by Alon's Pickles [@machinegebouw]



Learn how to ferment vegetables! We will make a ferment together and I will give an introductory overview of the techniques, practicalities and science of Lactofermentation. Bring a Jar (around 1L) or get one from me.

Geef Tegengas; Palestine solidarity & fighting gas in Rotterdam - by Geef Tegengas [@Circus tent]

A action camp against the liquid gas industry(LNG) in Rotterdam is being planned for 28 August – 1 September.

We will present the camp and why we target LNG, and present links between the gas industry and the genocide in Palestine. We will discuss together: How can the climate movement connect and support the movement to free Palestine? Of what do we need to be careful? How can we truly put our intersectional politics into practise?

Roundtable with young framers: collective farming projects and pathways to becoming a landworker [@Siloh] NL/EN translation

Speakers: Dido (farmer at <u>CSA Tuinen van de Egel</u>), Edu (farmer at the <u>CSA Pluk!</u>) and Irma (farmer at <u>CSA Eetmeerbosch</u>) will be joining for this discussion that will partly guided by the curiosities and questions of the audience.

In this workshop, we are going to get to hear about three different Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) projects in the Netherlands from three young farmers. You'll get the opportunity to learn more about different concepts such as Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), agroecological farming practices, and solidarity payment systems. Most interestingly, we will get to explore the different shapes those concepts can take when they are put into into practice.

This informal discussion will also provide people with the opportunity to ask questions about the various pathways the three different speakers followed to becoming a farmers/ growers. Making farm work more appealing and accessible to young people is crucial in the context of the generational renewal crisis that the EU farming sector is facing. We will touch on different ways in which you can learn farming skills (such as formal trainings, learning as a volunteer, etc.), on ways in which one can enter farming, and on questions of access connected to these journeys.

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