Tackling the causes of poverty
Since the birth of the movement the Emmaus groups have become aware that the locally-implemented alternatives are insufficient to act against the causes of poverty, and that we need to be able to collectively build our political stance and create proposals for societal transformation on a global level to create a fair and united world. Currently, all the Emmaus groups have to operate within an unequal global system that creates exclusion and conflict, a financialised economy and privatisation of common goods.

**ORIGINS**

The Emmaus International Movement’s Universal Manifesto, adopted in 1969, is our common foundation that defines the goals of our work:

“To take action to ensure that every person, society and nation can live, have a place and be fulfilled through communication and sharing in equal dignity.”

“Any other means to raise awareness and meet this challenge should also be used to ensure that those suffering most are served first, by sharing their troubles and struggles – whether public or private – until the cause of each ill is eliminated.”

**THREE STRUGGLES FOR POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING**

10 years on from the death of Abbé Pierre, the Emmaus groups at the 2016 World Assembly in Jesolo committed to giving international solidarity refreshed momentum to tackle the causes of poverty, and to structure these efforts around three struggles:
OUR DEFINING FEATURES

Our actions are based on five values: respect for people, their dignity and their environment, sharing, solidarity, welcome and openness.

THESE COME TOGETHER UNDER SEVERAL PRINCIPLES

Prioritising those who are most vulnerable

Strengthening democracy and defending diversity

Combating prejudice and fighting against all forms of discrimination

Participation in education and awareness raising

Living solidarity as a political act

Redistributing wealth to serve the common good

Combating inequality and strengthening gender equality

Working towards empowerment of all

Ensuring that our actions are sustainable, socially just and fair

OUR METHOD

The groups’ initiatives

Building up our political stance

Proposing alternatives

Campaigns

Highlighting both the successes and the challenges we face
CAMPAIGNS

Giving visibility to the work carried out by groups on a local level (Act Emmaus)

Creating spaces in each Emmaus region to promote solidarity and leading lobbying activities

Working with the groups to launch campaigns to lobby decision-makers, the media and citizens regarding our 3 struggles

In 2018 working with our allies to organise the 1st World Forum of Alternatives Led by the Most Excluded

Publishing the 1st Emmaus World Report of Alternatives for a Just, Sustainable and Fair World in 2020

YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MOVEMENT’S STRUGGLES ON THE ACT EMMAUS WEBSITE
www.actemmaus.org

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WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER TO SHARE ABOUT THESE STRUGGLES