In the month of June is approaching and, just like every year, it is the time when the Emmaus groups organize the annual solidarity sale. This is a great opportunity to link their groups to the others in the international movement. The proceeds of the sales enable Emmaus International to offer funding to groups experiencing difficulties, cope with emergency situations or get back on their feet following an unforeseen problem or needing support to launch a new activity, either alone or in the form of a support structure. All of these situations are experienced every year for Emmaus groups worldwide.

The main idea behind the solidarity sale is to create a means of funding for solidarity projects and is therefore a tangible mechanism. The solidarity sale is also a flexible format to adapt to everyone’s situation. It is a very practical way to support other groups in the Emmaus movement. The proceeds of the sales enable Emmaus on the move to access to funding to embark on a new adventure or set up a new mechanism. The solidarity sale is also a tangible way of extending the ethos that guides Emmaus’s work: supporting and accompanying those who need our help most - internationally.

The solidarity sale is also an opportunity to give others people their opinion to raise funds to meet the needs of less well-off groups. This is a very important aspect of the solidarity sale, and a way to involve a local organisation. Some of the companions are mainly collect and recycle paper, cardboard and plastics but the others also sell clothes, wooden furniture, crockery, printed fabrics, handmade bags or even a musical event!

A few individuals coming together who seeing the distress of others, decide to combine their efforts.

What is the Emmaus Movement? It is a movement that aims to make our society more just, to give everyone their opportunity to participate, to open our hearts and minds towards the poorest. This movement gives a voice to the poorest of the poor, and is also a means of funding for solidarity projects. For almost 50 years, the Emmaus movement has been helping people to participate in all areas of society and development in the field of education, training, promotion, employment and poverty reduction.

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Emmanuelle Larcher, Head of Solidarity at the International Secretariat

Registration is from 13 to 27 June. Take a few desirable articles, prepare your sale stand and display the goods received in containers that will stock the shelves. Then announce your solidarity sale in the local media, setting the date and venue and then publicise the event in the local media. You can already get your preparations underway. At this stage, fix the date for the sale. Even if it is not fixed, set a date around 26 June for the solidarity sale at the same time. Your solidarity sale is also an opportunity to give others people their opinion to raise funds to meet the needs of less well-off groups. This is a very important aspect of the solidarity sale, and a way to involve a local organisation.

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Readers' comments. Thanks to the books, signed post cards, documents, an exhibition from 'Les Frères Mates' from the Emmaus movement worldwide, held in the Emmaus centre. Emmanuelle Larcher, Head of Solidarity at the International Secretariat, tells companions how to organise an international solidarity sale in their communities.

Emmaus on the move

The Emmaus Movement is about a few individuals coming together who, seeing the distress of others, decide to combine their efforts. That, I think, is the heart of the Movement.” Abbé Pierre

SOLIDARITY SALE WORLDWIDE

June Mbiquidou, leader of the Emmaus Groups in Peace in the Heart of Peace, member of the World Council in Political Actions and International Solidarity, talks about the annual solidarity sale at the group.

To whom are the proceeds of the solidarity sale going? To whom are the proceeds of the solidarity sale going? To whom are the proceeds of the solidarity sale going?

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