



# TACKLING THE CAUSES OF POVERTY



emmaus  
INTERNATIONAL  
ACTIVISTS FOR CHANGE

# 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."



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.

## 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:



**AN ETHICAL AND SOLIDARITY  
ECONOMY FOR ACCESS  
TO FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS**



**SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
JUSTICE FOR A  
SUSTAINABLE WORLD**



**PEACE, FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT  
AND OF RESIDENCE  
FOR UNIVERSAL CITIZENSHIP**

# OUR DEFINING FEATURES

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

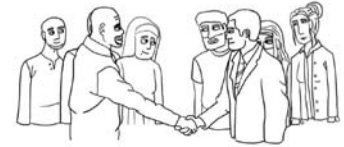
## THESE COME TOGETHER UNDER SEVERAL PRINCIPLES AVAILABLE IN THE FULL VERSION



Prioritising those who are most vulnerable



Strengthening democracy and defending diversity



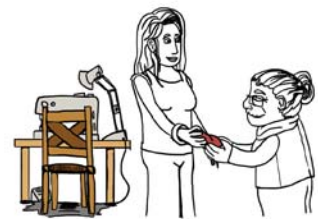
Combating prejudice and fighting against all forms of discrimination



Participation in education and awareness raising



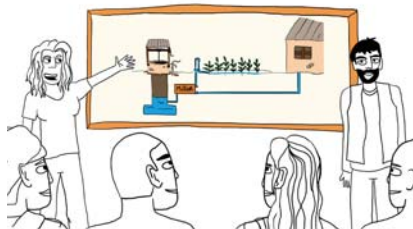
Living solidarity as a political act



Redistributing wealth to serve the common good



Combating inequality and strengthening gender equality

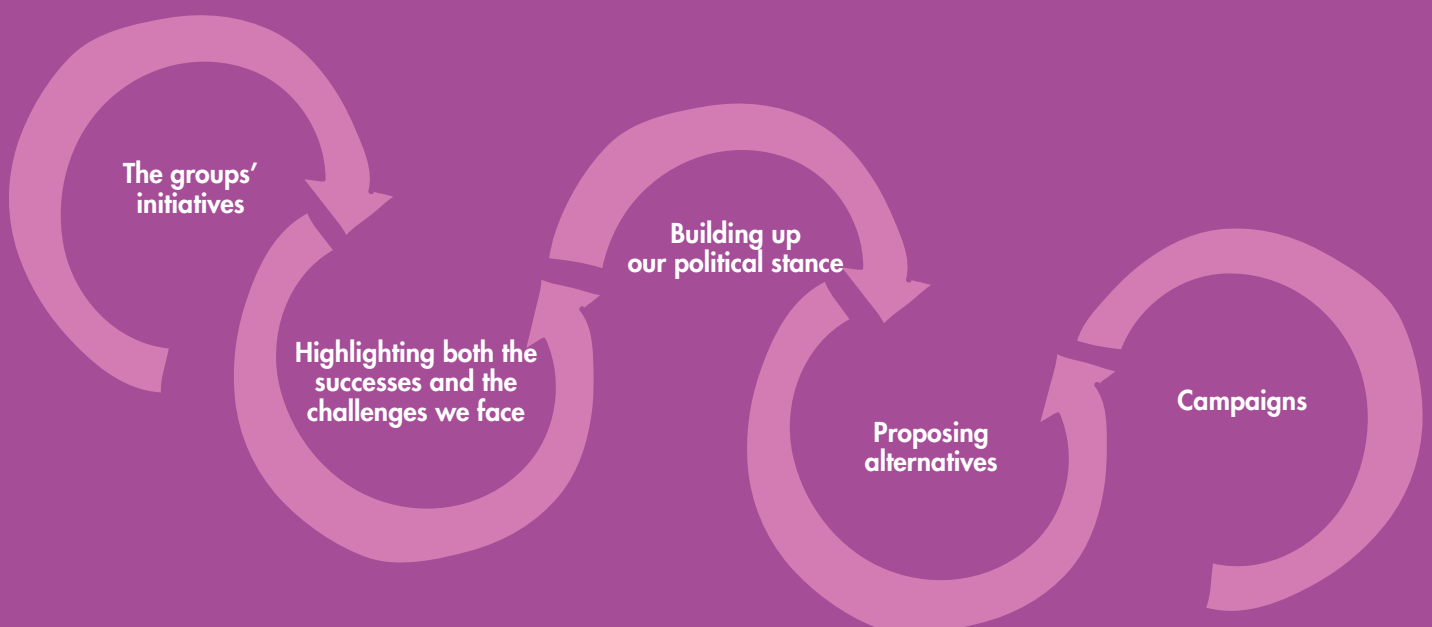


Working towards empowerment of all



Ensuring that our actions are sustainable, socially just and fair

# OUR METHOD



# CAMPAIGNS



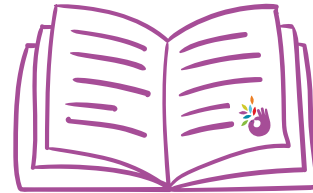
Giving visibility to the work carried out by groups on a local level (Act Emmaus)



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



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



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



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



**YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MOVEMENT'S STRUGGLES ON THE ACT EMMAUS WEBSITE**

[www.actemmaus.org](http://www.actemmaus.org)

**AND FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE MOVEMENT PLEASE VISIT**

[www.emmaus-international.org](http://www.emmaus-international.org)

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



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