

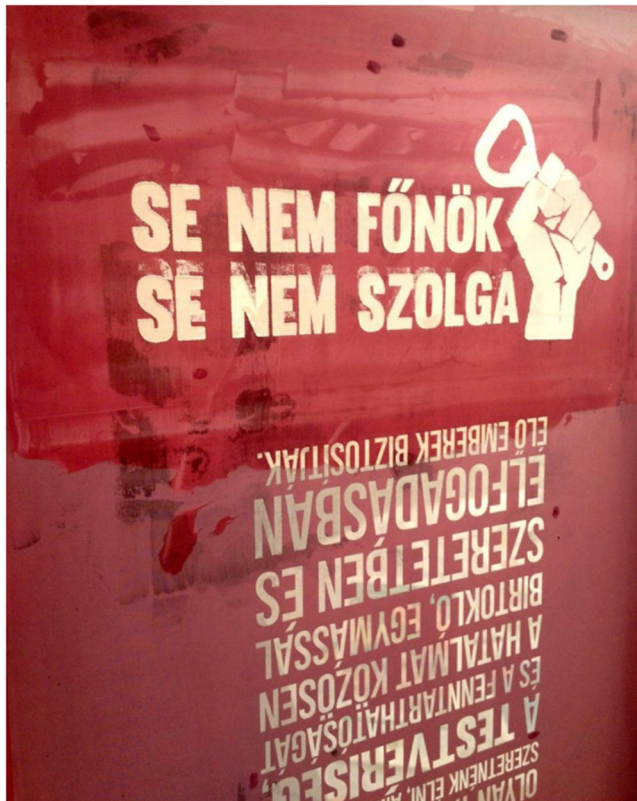
Gólyapresszó - Gólya Cooperative Pub and Community House

Budapest, Hungary: <http://golyapresszo.hu/golya-2/short-description/>

The cooperative was founded in 2012 by owners and employees in a small "regular" enterprise running a café, to evenly share economic responsibility and burdens, and with that came the equal inclusion in managing the business and the equal sharing of the generated income. From that basis the self-taught principles of cooperativism were gradually established. The development of the group was influenced by meeting similar businesses in neighboring countries and to some extent, the studying of the history of cooperativism.

Our organisation today has a clear written mission, and a charter detailing all rules and rights concerning the mutual ownership and collectively governed operation of our pub and community house. We currently have 15 members, 4 member candidates. Our vision, end-goal as agreed upon by all members is "a society based on siblinghood, which is secured and sustained by the people, who commonly hold and exercise power as a whole, and live in love and acceptance toward one another." (In Hungarian, the common word "testvériség" is gender-neutral, that is why we translate it as "siblinghood" and not "brotherhood".)

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the slogan on the top says: "neither a boss, nor a servant"

Since the beginning of our project and forming of a political identity as cooperativists, we were looking for ways to create new ways of collaboration in our community and on a larger scale, in society. We have realized that the basis for political power is economic power, and to gain that, we have to retrieve control of labor power that is currently being churned for profits in wage labor, used for reproductive work to maintain these conditions, or is deemed "useless" and degraded in the case of the unemployed and most impoverished. We need to create new

economic bonds between people to help each other in sustaining basic needs and betterment in a collective productive system, and to produce value for common use (in common ownership).

In the current state of economy and society in the global semi-periphery, more and more people are forced to sustain their livelihoods outside of the official economy, since the (never really existing) welfare state is in shambles and market-based solutions are only available to an increasingly shrinking percentage of the population, the so called "middle class" and above. We believe that now a huge number of people, all across the vertical distribution of the working classes are open to the kind of solutions we propose - and are already practicing some part of it. We want to build on this energy tumbling below the surface, and just like in the case of our co-op, to turn a defensive move into an offensive one, to turn survival into the grounding of a new form - a better form - of existence.

We are determined to spark up something really big.

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