

## MANIFESTO: For climate and sexual justice.

L'Associació nació The *Associació de Drets Sexuals i Reproductius* (Association for Sexual and Reproductive Rights) wants to emphasize the urgent need for people to join together, interconnect with each other and support a combined response for global justice and the transformation of a world worth living in.

We currently find ourselves in the midst of multiple escalating crises in which, day after day, various structures of oppression are increasingly committing violent abuses of the majority of the world's people, communities, territories and natural resources. Colonialism, imperialism, white supremacy, racism, misogyny, heteropatriarchy and capitalism mean that too many of us must face enormous challenges just to lead lives that are worth living, lives free from oppression or violence, lives within communities and within collectives.

We are witnessing a rise of the extreme right. In the economic sphere, we are seeing austerity measures which deliberately ignore the existence of planetary limits. In the social sphere, right-wing extremists are imposing their reactionary agendas on us with impunity. They have violent agendas which will destroy the common good. They assail us with hate speech and policies against the sexual and reproductive rights of women and the LGBTIQ+ population, as well as eco-fascist discourse and necropolitical migration policies that stem from the racist concept of *ecobordering*. Their slogans about the Great Replacement are insistently claiming to control women's bodies and the bodies of LGBTIQ people. They want to prohibit the right to abortion, prohibit people's right to sexual diversity, attack transgender people, attack the rights of sex workers and mothers' rights in racialized communities and the precariat. Exacerbating their negationist, distorted discourse on male chauvinism and heteropatriarchal violence, their agendas have shifted from denying the climate crisis to actively promoting, despite irrefutable scientific evidence, false solutions and one-sided transitions which only seek to perpetuate an extractivist model that is destroying the planet. All of these agendas succeed in spreading hate speech and turning it into public policies which endanger people's lives, communities, and our planet's natural resources.

Given the current global climate crisis and exponential growth in cases of ecocide, it is clear that **the structures of oppression that prevent us from achieving Sexual and Reproductive Justice are the same structures that prevent us from achieving Climate Justice. We declare that capitalism comes from and feeds off the devaluing of life and the devaluing of social reproduction. The devaluing of people's lives, people's bodies, communities, and territories.**

Thus, the fight for Sexual and Reproductive Justice is more imperative than ever, as only by interconnecting with Climate Justice will we be able to dismantle the systems of oppression and achieve collective liberation.

Feminism is the axis and backbone of the transformation: **the feminist political concept of reproduction of life and social reproduction is the subversive concept that confronts and puts a stop to the neoliberal economic model that is causing the climate crisis.** The feminist struggle of women in

all their diversity and the LGBTBIQ+ population's fight for body sovereignty are confronted every day with racism, white supremacy, poverty, environmental degradation, homophobia, misogyny, neoliberal policies, colonialism, and imperialism.

As defenders of global justice and human rights, we need to be transformative and intersectional, and declare that Sexual and Reproductive Justice is essential to achieving Climate Justice. We defend this interconnection because we know that neither objective is achievable without the other.

From the Association for Sexual and Reproductive Rights, we are calling on social movements in favour of Global Justice, Human Rights and Climate Justice to integrate the fight for Sexual and Reproductive Justice into their political agendas.

Let's do it together. Let us choose to be subversive and directly confront the oppressive powers that be.

*We have a responsibility. Our only possible move is to connect the issues, to show how everything is intertwined, connected, from the same place. You and I and the world can do anything!*

**Demand action, call for justice. Sign the manifesto for climate and sexual justice.**

## **You and I and the world. Mireia Calafell**

In the eyes of that bird flying above us,

In his gaze that recalls landscapes and faces, expressions now a distant memory,

He has drunk from rivers we have never known and seen a thousand flowers bloom where no one expected them.

In the small eyes of that bird now approaching,

A profound truth cries out:

You and I and the world are one,

You and I and the world are one body.

In the leaves of an ancient olive tree,

In the accumulated light of the vines,

In the tenacity of that endemic species fighting to survive,

In defence of a womb that says no

and in the desire of lips which seek other lips and only care about kissing.

In all this, the statement is clear, incontestable:

You and I and the world are one,

You and I and the world are one body.

In the hands of the grandmother who crosses a field and whispers:

“How I love these crops, this land of ours which has given us so much,”

In the wrinkled hands which have raised children, grown crops

and comforted us when we feared that the world would end,

that there would be no future, that there would be no memory.

In the voice which uttered soothing words of wisdom knowing that our fears combined can change everything.

They are like that wave that breaks out at sea, where everything changes and nothing is the same anymore,

where we no longer need so much and this life of ours, driven by excess and always wanting what we will never have, suddenly loses its meaning, and all of a sudden, deep inside, a cry of a thousand voices like yours shouting:

“Of course! We see it now, we have a responsibility towards those who are to come and those we do not see for they live, cry and love at other latitudes, where life exists on the margins.”

In the present that demands action and calls for justice, our only possible move is to connect the issues, to show how everything is intertwined, connected, from the same place, and urgently turn our conviction into a slogan, repeating it everywhere, as many times as necessary:

You and I and the world are one,

You and I and the world are one body,

You and I and the world can do anything!