

LA MAIN, FONCIÈREMENT CULTURELLE
*A Cooperative Community land trust
for culture*

Alternative & Independent Cultural Places (AICP), including cultural Third Places assert art, culture and space as essential commons for the development of sustainable territories.

However, the occupation of their building-tool remains precarious: the pressure of land weakens their working conditions and diverts them from their objective of general interest.

La Main, Foncièrement culturelle was born as a cooperative community land trust dedicated to cultural venues to face these difficulties with concrete and collective tools and advocacy.

Together, let's protect our places from real estate speculation and help them thrive!



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In the face of rising rents, short leases and capitalist pressure, it is crucial for the users and residents of Alternative & Independent Cultural Places to take control over the spaces they occupy through collective ownership.

La Main support and helps them towards common ownership: together, we imagine modes of acquisition that are non-speculative, supportive and collective. We act to perpetuate common places of culture, creation and emancipation.

La Main is a unique and collective tool dedicated to the cultural and artistic sector. The cooperative legal structure ensure to manage the collective artistic places as urban and rural cultural commons.



BUILDING OUR ACTION



EXPERIMENT

> To organize collective ownership of **Alternative & Independant Cultural Places (AICP)** for a sustainable collective future

> To bring together all the **users and residents** : professional workers and volunteers, inhabitants and especially the youth. We need to onboard the whole community in the common property. Let us act collectively to be build our cultural policies!



HELP AND SUPPORT

> **Cultural organizations and artistic collectives** as autonomous communities to build cooperative community land as a democratic organisation for collective ownership

> To **guarantee Alternative & Independant Cultural Places (AICP) sustainability** by protecting them from real estate speculation

> To **strengthen alternative, social and solidarity economic model** and to resist commodification of art & culture



RAISE AWARENESS

> To facilitate **networking, exchange of practices, cross-fertilization** between the cultural actors and social real estate actors through an open and contributive resource center.

By exchanging and sharing, we learn how to transform reality with solidarity processes and projects!



A PARTICIPATORY WORK SITE

La Main has chosen the legal form of a cooperative of collective interest (SCIC), a specific social and solidarity legal form facilitating the active participation of all stakeholders in its governance. Its economic model is based on the principle of social transformation, solidarity and transparency.

The SCIC embodies La Main's ambition for sustainable and fair Alternative & Independent Cultural Places.

Horizontal decision-making is a key ingredient: participation to the cooperative governance does not depend on the number of shares: one person, one vote!

The members support the cooperative financially, volunteer for its development, and share their expertise, knowledge, know-how and ideas, and expectation for a sustainable future.

Local authorities and financial partners can be involved if they share our vision, values and objectives.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE? LET'S SHARE



BOARD

elected volunteers & employees representative

Elected for 3 years by the general assembly - guarantees the implementation of strategic orientations. gender equality is mandatory

THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS

volunteers & employees

Collective work spaces. Coordinated and facilitated by an cooperative worker. Propose and carry out the actions : collective inquiries, research and development actions, mapping out strategic orientations

TEAM

employees

Facilitates volunteer engagement in collective spaces
Coordinates collective actions and working group, facilitate the implementation of strategic orientations

THE BRICKS LAID AND FUTURE

mains d'œuvres
93

eviction of Mains d'œuvres, a historic independent cultural place

POT COMMON

cooperation of third places on the Ile-de-France territory

École libérée

peer-to-peer training system

Launching La Main

2019

2020

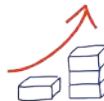
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Development of a roadmap and actions

Main'ifeste for the collective ownership of Alternative & Independent Cultural Places



1st citizen fundraising



Membership of cultural networks and the Ministry of Culture



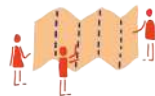
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Consolidate the cooperative development

facilitation of collective working groups



creation of the necessary legal and financial tools for collective ownership



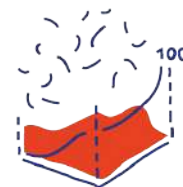
support for project communities



2024

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To enable the acquisition of 100 places in 10 years