

By2020 conference

Session 7: Working groups

Room 1: Autumn Framework Working Group

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You have 60 min. Manage it how you prefer. We suggest to:

- *take at least a 10 min break*
- *have 10-15 min to agree on results, next steps and prepare presentation*

Notes:

- *If you need to separate in smaller groups you can use:*
- *any questions you can open the tab of the main room of BBB and write on the chat :)*

Initial Proposal: <https://by2020weriseup.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Autumn-Wave-Proposal-By2020WeRiseUp.pdf>

Starting point:

- we had a discussion about having the aspect of justice (JusticeS) as a separate mini-wave (in October) in the broader autumn wave. Concerns have been raised about this and it has been mentioned that we should rather include the justice aspect in the broad framing - make the entire autumn under the umbrella of a justice-focused perspective.

for some groups, a By2020 framework is an external communication framework, for other groups it is something that is rather used internally.

Concerns raised in last sessions or other inputs:

- **We need to ask ourselves: would it be sufficient to include possibly small and first steps in the narrative? Or would it be more sense to frame it as an overarching goal, philosophical aim?**
 - **It's not necessarily either/or, we could try to do both! => do we put an emphasis on one? how do we frame it?**
 - (for example Sunrise movement has a broader vision and concrete steps that relate to people)

1. What would it open up to have the justice moment as separate moment within the autumn framework?

- would provide timing & frame to start setting up first steps and dedicate resources to it develop relations with other social justice groups
- make our intention very explicit: not only talking about it, but also acting on it (more than a declaration only)

2. What would it close to have the justice movement as a separate moment within the autumn framework?

- we risk to practice solidarity and engage in the justice discourse (and practice!) only in this specific mini-wave of the October Justice(s) framework
 - We might lose the priority on a radical transformation in our climate justice movement that we need to dedicate time and resources to on a continuous basis
- capacity issue: doing all the three different moments is not a thing in practice in Spain

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- I don't understand the dichotomy of the narrative. At least in Spain it has to be social, our uprising. We need to focus on common targets that people understand. For example companies that are creating social injustices. So our common targets need a social as well as an environmental dimension.
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- We're focussing on lesson targets because of local contexts.
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- Question: how would it look like in practice? (come back later)
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- At FFF Germany we look at EG or other groups with higher civil disobedience, and some people try to include this in the work of FFF. I feel we get multiple groups that do the same things and we lose our uniqueness.
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- When we say other movements I get a lot of White Savior vibes. We need radical intersectionality
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- I think the relationships with other movements are another plus of this common narrative. It means we have the commitment of building coalitions. We don't have all the same capacities, so of course according to your own. I feel the name is a bit like charity, and that we only shout and that's it.
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- I agree we shouldn't just do charity. We should DO intersectionality and not just talk (from EG viewpoint at least). We can make declarations all we want but we should do it. This is the exact moment where we could do something now!
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- I think there's a concern. We could do a narrative that still focusses on justice but also still on climate.
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- Rough agreement we should be more intersectional. For different groups that might mean different things depending on contexts and capacities.

Proposal

- 1) Overarching ambition and desire to work intersectionally (*not performatively but earnestly!*) for the entire autumn *and* beyond.
- 2) Retain a specific moment for JusticeS in the autumn choreography to encourage practical first steps while being clear that different groups are in different places in regards to intersectionality and levels of action and involvement will be vastly different.

- Concern: Capacities and short-time-frame

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Session 9: Working groups (carry on the work)

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Consensus Proposal:

The Autumn Ambition:

2020 has made everyone think about what is essential... how we need to care for people, for society and for the planet that sustains us. Crisis is all around us: health, the economy, colonialism, structural discrimination of all kinds, injustice and inequality, ecological collapse...And these crises are interconnected.

We recognize that both the roots and the solutions of these crises we face are intersectional. We cannot win alone and we need to collaborate with other social and racial justice movements to bring about systemic change. To that end we commit to keep educating ourselves about systemic oppression and working on building relationships with allies in other social justice movements. Our ambition is to be part of creating coalitions capable of facing the interconnected crises we are in.

This autumn, the Climate Justice movement in Europe will face these challenges by taking 3 steps. First by taking direct action, based on local realities, to block politics and companies of mass destruction during the Climate Care Uprising. Then during the JusticeS Moment we escalate our work by taking concrete steps to build our relationships to other social justice movements and strengthen our connections to them. Finally we commit to reclaim our power by bringing our groups together to sign the Glasgow agreement - setting us up to continue our struggle with increased momentum in 2021.

Objectives:

(not all objectives are to be achieved – this is a list of possibilities to help think strategically about what makes sense depending on the context & target)

• Inclusivity

Create forms and spaces of escalations that are not exclusively disruptive in a confrontational way. Allow the coexistence of different opinions and levels of radicality, while fighting for the same goal

• Intersectionality and JusticeS

Practice intersectionality in targets & actions Intersectional messaging promoting other groups' solutions such as: bail out healthcare/ housing, end exploitation/patriarchy, bring colonial fossils and statues down Offer support to other groups, listen to how climate justice movements can be useful to others

• Escalation

Disrupting business as usual around the same time frame in order to increase impact. Reclaiming democracy, tie the momentum to the Glasgow agreement Visibility is power: common hashtags (eg: #EnoughIsEnough) + visual actions + media work to occupy mediatic space

• Empowerment

Giving groups a framework so that activists can understand how they play a role
Feeling of power and achievement
Learning from one another and acting together
Including solutions + radical solidarity
Reinforce one another by taking turns in acting

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