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## BRIGHTON MAROON TIDE MANIFESTO

### Who are we?

Maroon Tide (Marea Granate) is an initiative of Spanish migrants which emerges from the desire to organise all those who, due to the economic and social crisis, have been forced to emigrate. We have sprung from the social movements' heat that occupied squares and neighbourhoods in places like Spain, Egypt or Brazil by the means of assemblies. In fact, although this is an initiative that originates from Spanish people that have migrated to Brighton, we welcome (and we need) the participation of anybody who shares the same concerns.

### How do we organise ourselves?

We organize through weekly open assemblies, whereby we aspire to create new ways of direct political action that go beyond borderlines. In our point of view, politics should be about posing the following questions: How do we want to live together? How can we improve our life conditions?

Some of the characteristic elements of this framework of action are non-violence, mutual respect, self-organization, solidarity and horizontality.

### **DID YOU KNOW...?**

Unemployed people 5.977.500 (26,26%)

Evictions 171.110 since 2008 (101.034 in 2012)

VAt from 8% to 21%

Catholic Church +10.000€ millions annually

Monarchy +8.4€ millions annually

Education & Health -10.000 € millions in 2012

Cuts: Pensions, allowances, scholarships, salaries, social security benefits...

### What are we fighting for?

We want to make visible the situation of social injustice that is increasingly hitting a larger part of the population, a situation that is forcing people to lose their homes, jobs and even social rights. We intend to raise consciousness among the people about the destructive consequences of the present regime run by the financial markets. On one side, identifying the causes that have driven us to abandon our place of origin, our families and our friends; on the other side, highlight the situation that migrants face in Brighton.

At the same time, we aim to put this task of awareness-raising into practice. Firstly, we seek to generate a space in which newcomers can count on a network of mutual aid. Secondly, we understand that this cannot be an isolated struggle. The assembly attempts to connect the problems faced by newcomers on the one hand and, on the other hand, the general set of different local struggles for the improvement of life conditions; struggles in which we would like to take part together with the rest of the people of Brighton.

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