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## **For a student struggles' unionism « Solidaires Étudiant-e-s – Syndicats de Luttes » is born !**

During this last week-end of January 2013, gathered student struggle unions, members of the « Fédération Syndicale Etudiante » and from the « Fédération Sud Etudiant » and independent trade unions to discuss about the foundation of a new student organization.

During these discussions, we broached the profound transformations in higher education as regards its organization and educational methods, but also by the fact that we are exposed to a reinforcement of social selection, tuition fees' rising, the cost of university accommodation or refectory, development of racist politics against foreign students... That's why we gathered to be actresses and actors of a resistance and of offensives to build a higher education reachable for everybody (Free and Public) and critical (released from external needs: companies, state, capitalistic and liberal ideology).

Even though we are all from different paths, we share the same observations and way to struggle and it seemed impossible to carry on with this division inside struggle trade unionism, particularly when some would like us to stop. Therefore, we have winded up our respective federations and chose to call ourselves « Solidaires Etudiant-e-s – Syndicats de luttes ». It is the wealth and the plurality of our histories that make our strength in this new student trade union.

Trade Unions («Syndicats») in the plural because we are locally established and the autonomy of local unions allows a harmony with this local establishment We coordinate ourselves and refuse the orders and national directions.

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Struggles in the plural, because the struggles are many, diverse in their forms; because we're part of struggles outside of the study places and because we bring these struggles into the study places, in particular on ecologicals, feminists, anti-imperialists or anti-racists issues.

Students because the « Student » is not an universal concept. The students differ according to their gender and their sex, to their social condition, to their choices of study, to their age. This new federation is setting itself the goal of uniting all students, may they be in BTS (technicians courses/graduates), in Schools, in universities, at the beginning of their studies or in PhD, « Solidaires Etudiant-e-s » will work to become the place of rally of all workers in formation.

Finally, « Solidaires », because we voted to join “Solidaires” trade union, which means choosing for interprofessionnal work. This choice shows our will of being alongside the workers in their fights, although, it shows the need of making our students' fights heard by the workers.

Without delay, « Solidaires Etudiant-e-s – Syndicats de luttes » is going to be involved in the struggle against the new Autonomy Law, travesty of the old LRU (*2007 French Law which we fought against*), and in the struggles against precarity in higher education. It will also be involved alongside the workers struggling against the laying off firms, and in the campaign against the MEDEF (*largest union of employers in France*) - Trade Unions agreements, which represent a severe regression of the workers' rights.

**Only struggles pay off !**

**Join the Struggles' Unions !**

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