

## Who are we?

***Solidaires étudiant-e-s, syndicats de luttes* (combative students' unions) is a federation of grass-roots student unions.**

(N.d.T : n'ayant pas de traduction de "syndicalisme de luttes" en anglais j'ai utilisé "grass-roots" ce qui signifie de base/populaires <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grassroots>).

We defend students' rights on a daily basis, on issues regarding studying and housing conditions, registration, matriculation and fees, scholarships and exams...

At *Solidaires étudiant-e-s, syndicats de luttes*, we fight for an open, free, high-quality, emancipatory and self-managed university. We fight against all policies that attack the public utility nature of higher education (like the *loi Fioraso*, the *LRU*), we fight against precarity and insecurity in higher education, against the destruction of workers' rights as well.

*Solidaires étudiant-e-s, syndicats de luttes* struggles against any form of oppression and takes part in feminist, antifascist, anticapitalist and antiracist struggles, among others.

- **Unions**, plural, because we are a federation that regroups more than 30 unions disseminated within universities with various local variations. The relative autonomy of the unions allow a better adaptation to these local variations. We form a federation to be able to coordinate whether the attacks that we suffer are national or international. We want to be able to fight collectively while keeping a democratic functioning.
- **Struggles**, plural, because the struggles are many, and diverse in their forms; because we're part of struggles within as well as outside of the students' studying environment, and because we apply these struggles to our study places, regarding ecology, feminism, anti-imperialism or anti-racism in particular.
- **Étudiant-es** ('students' with the addition of the feminine form) because being a «Student» is not a universal concept. The students differ according to their gender, social condition, choice of field of study, and age. Our federation is setting itself the goal of uniting all students, may they be in BTS (technicians courses/graduates), in Schools, in universities, in undergraduate courses or in PhD, *Solidaires Étudiant-e-s* will work to become a place of rally for all students, whom we see as workers in formation
- **Solidaires** (solidary) because we are members of a larger workers' union (*Union Syndicale Solidaires*), which means we chose to get invested interprofessionally. This choice shows our will to fight alongside workers, and the necessity to have our students' struggles heard by the rest of the workers.