

responsibility, the right of immediate recall, direct decision-making by the rank and file in assemblies — this is a way to conduct struggles today. Just as this form of organization must come directly from rank and file initiative, the same is true of the tactics that this form of organization facilitates: taking action directly together, direct solidarity.

Forming unofficial “action committees” or rank and file associations in workplaces, developing contacts or networks among people or groups in different workplaces or industries, is a way of beginning. The word “union” originally referred to just the workers themselves, acting “in union” with each other. Our aim is to develop unionism in this original sense of the word: To encourage working people to unite independently to fight the bosses (and the union bureaucrats, as well).



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