



MANIFESTO

Youth in Action

AMERICAS

We are the working youth of Americas, those who sustain the streets, markets, transportation and every space where people struggle to survive. We are vendors, traders, day laborers, delivery workers and workers in the popular economy. Our reality is born of strength, creativity and the ability to resist and reinvent ourselves in the face of a system that does not provide us with the necessary conditions. We reject imperialism and foreign interference that plunders our nations, destroys our economies and perpetuates inequality. We defend our sovereignty and the self-determination of our peoples. We organize to demand what is rightfully ours: justice, dignity and recognition of our work.

Justice and Law

We reaffirm our presence and demand to be fully recognized in legal frameworks. We demand that governments recognize our work and guarantee us access to fundamental rights such as social security, labor protection and legal assistance. State repression, the criminalization of poverty and the exclusion of informal economy workers from social protection systems perpetuate injustice. **The law must serve the people, not the interests of a privileged elite.** Migration, as a social phenomenon, is closely linked to the search for better living conditions; many migrants are integrated into the informal economy and must also be recognized, protected and included in our struggles.

Organizing and Leadership

Resistance is born from organizing. Our strength lies in unity and collective action. From the grassroots, we build networks of support and cooperation to confront exploitation and precariousness. We draw inspiration from movements like StreetNet and other organizations that have shown that mobilization transforms realities. **The voice of informal economy workers must be heard and respected in all decisions that affect our lives.** We need strong organizations that, through solidarity among countries, strengthen the Americas region.

Education and Empowerment

Education is a tool for emancipation, but it remains an inaccessible privilege for many young workers. **We demand free training programs and development opportunities so that our work is no longer synonymous with exploitation and poverty.** We need access to technology, training in labor rights and spaces for political participation that will allow us to build a dignified future. We reaffirm our commitment to the inclusion of all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. **Diverse youth are also an essential part of our struggles and must have safe and representative spaces.**

Wellbeing and Quality of Life

Living with dignity should not be a privilege. The lack of access to health care, decent housing and economic stability condemns us to daily survival. We demand public policies that guarantee well-being for all workers, regardless of their employment status. Our struggle is also for the right to a safe environment, free of violence and exploitation, where mental health is a priority.

Our struggle is for a just system that recognizes and values those of us who, with effort and creativity, build our communities day by day from informality. We raise our voices against the imperialist domination that plunders our territories and condemns us to precariousness.

We organize to defend our nations, our economies and our rights.

¡Juventudes presentes!

Let us reclaim our space in society, organize support networks and fight for sovereign and just Americas. Union is resistance and it is how we build a dignified future for all workers in the popular economy.

