

The economic crisis has led to deep social transformations and job losses all over the world, destroying the plans and expectations of millions of men and women. The answers given so far have been completely negligible from a social point of view and favorable only to the profits of the Financial Capitalism, with no positive repercussions on the real economy.

Many have opposed these policies so far: from the Occupy mobilizations in the US, to the struggles of workers in Southeast Asia, peasants in Africa and Latin America, students in Québec, from the movements in defense of migrant rights, to those against the debt, to women's movements, to the movements of people who are denied every right.

The experience of Ri-Maflow in Italy stands in full solidarity with this international movement, which, in spite of its efforts, has not managed to challenge the capitalist management of the crisis.

Ri-Maflow is a workers' cooperative in Trezzano sul Naviglio (Milan). Until 2012 it has been the seat of the company Maflow, which made profits, fulfilled orders and ran factories all over the world. When the company shut down, the workers did not give up and decided to occupy the plant, beginning a completely new experience, based on self-management and democracy. They looked at the experiences of the *Argentinian fabricas recuperadas* and the *Sem terra movements* in Brasil. "Occupy, resist and produce" has become their motto, too.

Much has been done in just one year and a half: the disused hangars have started operating again, a "Town of another economy" has been realized, an alternative marketplace has been created, together with cultural and performing art classes and a place of "out of the market" distribution in collaboration with the association SoS Rosarno, created in Calabria (a southern region of Italy) to free migrants from the exploitation in orange harvest fields.

In the very same place that the ownership of Maflow decided to shut down, the workers, together with young precarious workers, have created moments and spaces for a new sociality.

But this experience today wants to take a step further and must do so, accomplishing the goal of operating the factory, in order to obtain a full wage for all the workers during 2015. For this purpose, Ri-Maflow is promoting a solidarity campaign with the minimum, but fundamental goal of buying a plant for the production and distribution of compressed air, which is necessary to activate all the machineries.

The achievement of such a goal would be an important step not only for Ri-Maflow workers, but rather for all those who want to work on a project of self-management, of opposition to austerity, and of defense of labor rights.

For this reason, we believe that it is important to support this campaign. As academics, artists, social and political activists, media and communication workers, simple citizens, we want to say out loud that **RI-MAFLOW WANTS TO EXIST!**