



Let's build the alternative

Unity is the main challenge of the city and the country. Ten years after the explosion of the financial and property bubble, the inequality produced from a political, economic and social model based on the privileges of the few and the poverty of the many has increased and become established in Vic as well. 40 years of Convergència (conservative) governments, promoting and defending this model, means that the fight against inequality and poverty, and the construction of a united city has become an absolute necessity.

We must create the conditions necessary for there to be serious changes made. The council elections of 2019 are an opportunity to take forward a transforming project in Vic. We want to build a winning alternative. A left-wing alternative with the desire to build a government committed to making the social and national demands the focus of its political action. A government committed to the popular culture that places all the municipal cultural resources in the hands of the citizenry. A government that defends free and quality public education, from the nursery school to the university. A commitment to the social economy and small businesses, and which fights against the large commercial centres and franchises of a globalized world that threatens workers' rights and depersonalizes the city. A government that backs alternative models in the provision of public services, that strives to municipalize basic services such as water, rubbish collection or funerary services. An ecologist government committed to making Vic a much more habitable city, sustainable and environmentally safe, which confronts and offers alternatives to the new penchant for urban growth. A commitment to banishing the old style of politics of grey suits, and building another form of politics based on honesty and a commitment to equality, limiting the time of mandates and abolishing all kinds of privileges. A government that understands that the institutions are nothing more than an instrument available to the people, never the objective, and where the people who participate do not aspire to become another elite of professional politicians. A government that makes available to the people mechanisms of direct participation and controls its running. A government that fights against inequalities of sex, class and origin. An antiracist and antifascist government. A feminist government. A government committed to govern by obeying the popular will.

Many of us want to construct this alternative in order to begin a new political cycle in Vic. Those of us who want to make this change become reality understand that it is necessary that all the organisations and people who desire it demand and take on a double commitment.

1. Commitment to get them out: neither governments nor pacts of stability with the right.

We must make the commitment and demand a policy of not making a pact with the right wing of Vic. Convergència i Unió, now under the name of PDeCAT, and in the coming elections who knows what they will be called, have stayed in power for 40 years due to government agreements and pacts of stability That have gradually absorbed all kinds of political forces. Since 2007 these agreements have always been made with forces of the left that have ended up applying the very same right-wing policies. It is essential that this does not happen again. Forty years governed by the same political force requires a breath of fresh air. Maintaining the right in power means preserving the interests and privileges of a few over those of the majority, making any real type of change impossible. The continuity in power of those who have always governed is a barrier to the necessary implementation of this change. A full investigation is required of all the past documentation in order to uncover the favouritism and nepotism that have characterised all the previous conservative governments of the city. Transformation and control of change are today an absolute must. The time has come to gain strength, to no longer be afraid, to fight together from below, to make the institutions of the people and place them at the disposal of the

majority. The time has come to take a step forward in order to construct a winning alternative that reflects left-wing ideas, breaks with the status quo and is pro-independence for Catalonia.

2. Commitment to change everything: constitution of the first left-wing, mould-breaking, pro-independence government of Vic

We are committed to forming the first left-wing, mould-breaking, pro-independence government of Vic, and we must do it together. We will not confine ourselves to call for a left alliance after the elections. We demand that this agreement be based on a political position of change in order to change everything. Democratic radicalism, transparency, and effective public participation must be basic. In the same way, the constant and steadfast defiance of the limitations imposed by Spanish state must be the driving force. Only in this way can we fight against the poverty and inequality that we experience in the city. Only in this way can we continue on our march towards self-determination and the construction of the Catalan republic. In a context of severe repression, all popular action and mobilization must be supported and organized for the release of the political prisoners and the return of all those in exile, and the closure of all the court cases regarding the pro-independence process. This same context, together with the need and importance of changing things and making Vic a plural united city, makes an inclusive government a requirement: everyone who wants to transform the city and build power from below must feel comfortable, respected and involved.

Turn the possible into reality.

The municipal elections of 2015 shook the political situation. Many towns and cities around the Catalan-speaking countries were able to form local governments in favour of change. Four years later, the institutional limits are clearer than ever. Without organisation and mobilisation from below there is nothing more than crumbs. However, in this same period we have also been able to see how with civil and institutional disobedience, together we are capable of overcoming all kinds of impositions. We claim the tradition of the 1st and 3rd of October 2017 as well as the feminist general strike of the 8th of March, as examples of popular unity for equality and freedom and against repression and authoritarianism, and promoting and continuing the fight inside and outside the institutions. Our commitment to the strategy of disobedience to achieve all kinds of political goals that have freedom and justice as a common denominator is as conscious as it is total. A change of government to the left is not enough; we need a whole city standing up and rebelling against every injustice they throw at us. We propose we all pull together to strengthen a left-wing municipal project, popular and mould-breaking committed to policies that guarantee justice and unity in the city.

Until now Vic has never experienced the conditions required to undertake a mould-breaking change in line with what we propose. We want to make it possible and make it a reality. We want the commitments that the CAPGIREM VIC assembly has made with this manifesto to strengthen this municipal candidature in order to make change in the city a possibility. Over many years many people with different political ideas have been working and fighting from within and outside the institutions, and in recent years, first as the CUP and since 2015 as CAPGIREM VIC, laying the foundations of what must be a new political cycle in Vic. Despite the many limitations of working from the opposition, we have been able to change many things. Now, however, we want to take a step further. We want to win and govern, and we want to do it from a political perspective and practice radically different from the traditional parties.

We feel part of this tradition and ARE MAKING A PUBLIC CALL so that everyone who shares the commitments and goals stated in this manifesto sign and participate in this project.

Now is the time to take this step forward. It is time to get the right out and change everything. It is the time for all of us who want to end the idea of autonomous region and are in favour of independence, who want to end inequality and poverty, corruption and cutbacks, become the active players. It is time to place the people, districts and popular organisations at the heart of municipal politics. Let's build the winning alternative. Let's govern ourselves.