# **FundAction Annual Assembly 2019**



On May 24th-26th Fundaction will celebrate its second General Assembly with a three-day meeting that will gather 40 of its members, together with some of our <u>actual funders</u>.

The Assembly will be facilitated by two FundAction members who will have the support of the <u>Facilitation Group</u> in some moments of the program. **Natasha Mumbi Nkonde** and **Juan del Río** will be the facilitators of the meeting, in charge of developing the methodology design, presenting and implementing it during the encounter. They have been selected by the Facilitation Group based on the <u>open call made to the whole Assembly</u> followed a selection process that took into account geographical and diversity indicators.

The Assembly has **two main aims in mind.** First, to discuss the FundAction process so far: what we are, where we are at, and how we want to proceed. Second (and equally important), to get to know each other better. To share what we work on, what our needs are, what we collectively have to respond to these, and how we might want to cooperate in the future.



### Program



**<u>Thursday 23rd May</u>** FG, production, facilitation present (Renew meeting)

Some of the participants of the Annual Assembly will arrive on Thursday 23rd to La Bergerie. The Facilitation Group members will meet to prepare the last details of the assembly. The peer-to-peer review panel for the Renew grants will meet to debate about the possible grantees.

#### Friday 24th May

13:30 - 14:30 // Lunch

14:30 - 15.10 // Welcome to the Annual Assembly

#### 15.10 - 16.40 // FundAction today

What has happened so far, budget, members, grantees, working groups, processes, platform, communications, evaluation.

Announcement of the Renew Grants results (if the panel gets to an agreement the afternoon before)

16.40 - 17.10 // Break

17.10 - 18.45 // Mapping of Who We are and What are our Needs

Who are we, who are we missing, areas of working, and the projects, organisations and political processes we are involved in, existing resources and skills in the room.



#### 18:45 - 20:00 // Dinner

#### 20:00 - 21:00 // Friday Evening Program

There will be a couple of activities during the evening:

- Open Night talks: presentations of previously granted projects + open talks by anyone who feels can talk about a topic, idea, project or activity that may be interesting for the participants of the meeting.
- Care & body practice.
- If the weather conditions are good, we will start a fire!

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#### Saturday 25th May

7:30 - 9:00 // Breakfast

9.00 - 9.15 // Introduction

9:15 - 10:00 // Renew Grant: What do we understand as *systemic change* 

We will spend some time to reflect about systemic change and find a common definition to be applied on the Renew grants.

#### **10:00 - 11:00** // FundAction Plenary (I): where are we? Presentation

During the plenary, we will split in five/six different tables and discuss about different topics related to how FundAction is currently working and how its democratic nature can be improved.

During the first part of the methodology, Facilitation Group members will introduce the topics:

- 1. What is **identity and values** of FundAction? Why should we be cooperating together under the FA umbrella when we have our different networks and processes?
- 2. Who is the FundAction **community**? Who are we now (composition of the Assembly) and where do we want to go in terms of outreaching and expansion?
- 3. How are the FundAction **grant processes** going? How do we feel about the current application, commenting, voting process? Any need to adapt any principles, criteria or anything like that? What do the process mean to its full Assembly?
- 4. FundAction **Governance**, working groups: how it can be improved.
- 5. Review on the process to **refresh the Facilitation Group**. Some FA members raised concerns about this year's process to refresh the FG, we consider it relevant to be debated



during the assembly and to vote whether we should continue with those selected by the panel or start the process from scratch again.

6. **Open table** for anyone to introduce a new topic.

#### 11:00 - 11:30 // Break

#### 11:30 - 13:00 // Continuation FundAction Plenary (I)

During this part, we will split in 5-6 groups and work on a concrete proposal out of the debates prepared by the FG members. After 45 minutes we will move from our table to another one. After that, we will have 30 minutes to move around tables and to pollinize. Finally, there will be 15 minutes to finalize the proposal in each table.

**13:00 - 14:00** // Lunch **14:10 - 14:50** // Presentation Results Plenary (I)

Each group have 5 min to present the proposal and to answer 1-2 questions.

#### 14:50 - 16:10 // Renew Rethink Resist Grants

During this session we will split in several tables to debate about two different issues:

Other FA members who are developing forthcoming proposals can present them (can be both rethink and renew proposals (pending what is present in the room and what is wanted to be discussed...)) in order to get feedback, envision future collaboration and to promote talking on systemic change alternatives etc (why you wanting to do what wanting to do etc).

Others will work on the Resist grant development . For sometime now we have been discussing about the #Resists grants. They are small, rapid response grants made available to anyone (not just FundAction members) to allow them to respond to urgent needs. There is a number of challenges involved in this kind of grants and we would like the Assembly to discuss the final process and design. <u>Here the proposal document</u> that would be discussed at the Assembly.

#### 16:10 - 16:30 // Break

16:30 - 17:00 // Renew Rethink Resist Grants (continuation)

Brief presentation of the results from this session.

17:00 - 17:30 // Closing



17:30 - 18:00 // Free time

18:00 - 20:00 // Dinner

**20:00 - 21:00** // Saturday Evening Program (similar to the day before)

Sunday 26th May

7:30 - 9:00 // Breakfast

9:00 - 9:15 // Introduction

9:15 - 11:05 // FundAction Plenary (II): next steps

**FA Working groups: presentation and discussion**. The working groups are an essential part of FA democracy design, so how do we see their current mandate and operations. Operative session of the working groups in order to allow new members to join too, take some steps forward etc.

**Open Space** for things that come up over the next months, or then during the assembly.

11:05 - 11:15 // Short Break

11:15 - 11:30 // Evaluation of the Assembly

11:30 - 12:00 // Closing session

12:00 - 13:00 // Lunch



# Participants



Here you can see the members of FundAction who will take part in this year's Annual Assembly. You can check all the bios in the <u>members platform page</u>.

Zahra Dalilah	Carmen Dupont	Carmen Lozano Bright	Danilo Curcic	Jason Nardi
Alima El Bajnouni	Elisabeth Dau	Ivana Dragsic	Jacob Wills	Jenny Gkiougki
Jere Kuzmanic	Laura Roth	Luka Knežević Strika	Lukas Stolz	Magda Pochec
Marko Aksentijevic	Nikola Devčić	Nina Martin	Stefanos Galountzis	Vedran Horvat
Walter Palmetshofer	Ajda Pistotnik	Giulia Palomba	Nadia Vogel	Vladimir Us
Ana Méndez de Andes	Fania Noel	Iva Cukic	Lucas Tello	Menno Weijs
Nicolas Haeringer	Rose Longhurst	Ruby van der Wekken	Nikola Pucarevic	Emilie Deudon
Romy Kraemer	Susan Treadwell	Gyorgy Lissauer	Martina Fin	Tobias Troll
Joe Doran	Lisa Clarke	Vivian Paulissen	Nicolas Krausz	

The current Facilitation Group is formed by Nico Haeringer, Fania Noel, Iva Cukic, Ana Méndez de



Andes, Rose Longhurst, Ruby Van der Wekken, Lucas Tello and Menno Weijs.

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We are really looking forward to meet you in La Bergerie and have a nice meeting!

Cheers,

