R5 AM5: Universal Basic Services: Towards a Convivial Degrowth Europe

Proposers Grüne Jugend (Germany)

Motion text

From line 80 to 81:

- **Improve sustainability by shifting the focus from producing for capital to producing for human needs.[Space]**

Solidarity-based Practices

The green-left movement has been lacking to visualize its utopies. Concepts like UBS often seem unrealistic, but we all know they are not. The role of organizations can be to make them experienceable. However this is usually only possible on a smaller scale. Free education can be translated to free tutoring, low rents to rental advice or low food prices to soup kitchens. Our visions for an equal future can be experienced through solidarity. Furthermore, those practices can also be seen as an answer to the challenges posed by a rising right movement. A Grüne Jugend (Germany) local group implemented a new and cheap train connection from the city to the ocean and organized young people in a usually far right dominated area ("Sommer, Sonne, Strandbahn" [Summer, Sun, Beachtrain]), highlighting the importance and functionality of solidarity-based practices.

Connect fights - Climate and working issues in Germany and Austria

Unequalities, extraction of natural resources and exploitation of the working class have the same root. Therefore, it is crucial to connect our fights. This is not only a more effective way but also reaches more people. As #wirfahrenzusammen (#wedrivetogether) in Germany or #wirfahrengemeinsam (#wedrivetogether) in Austria have proven this is possible. The climate movement, in the form of FridaysForFuture and the unions have created a campaign together that highlights that labor dispute and climate action belong together through more investments in public transport. On the one hand, this movement created awareness and support from the civil society for strikes by 1:1 talks and collecting signatures for petitions.

On the other hand, bus drivers were organized in unions and further supported the climate movement. This achieved e.g. in Hamburg historically high and fast agreements and high investments in public transport.