

General Strike in Lebrija for a fair distribution of work

The CNT-SOV in Lebrija calls for a General Strike on February 18 for a fair distribution of work.

After several weeks of mobilizations, demonstrations in which thousands of workers from Lebrija have taken part and due to the refusal of the Town Council to meet the demands to create a Labour Exchange for a fair distribution of the work and finish the string-pulling, the CNT in Lebrija has organized a General Strike on February 18.

Since the Strike was announced, the Town Council as well as the unions CCOO and UGT have begun a savage campaign against the CNT, using all kind of dirty tricks to stop the Strike. But nothing is crushing the encouragement of the comrades in Lebrija.

The comrades need now more than ever before our support and solidarity and call everyone who has the possibility for going to Lebrija this day, especially to take part in the pickets that will take place at 6:30 in the morning.

On the other hand, to continue this fight they need economic support, that is why we remind you once more the account number to which you can send your contributions:

2100-2615-11-0110294467

The inhabitants are unemployed in a high percentage because of the crisis and now they are afraid, due to the experience years before, that members or people related to the PSOE and UGT take advantage of the works created by the anti-crisis help. They demand that Citizens Committee of Lebrija, created by their own some weeks before –consisting mostly of unemployed people-, supervise together with the CNT the labour exchanges controlled by the Town Council.

The general strike is a constant demand from the inhabitants of the town, who have attended to mass demonstrations with hundreds of persons. On Friday 13 there was a demonstration in which more than one thousand people take part. On Friday 6 other with two thousand five hundred people took place, one of the most crowded demonstrations in this town.

UGT, CCOO and the Town Council governed by the PSOE and IU (Communist Party), as it was expected, do not support the strike call and the demands. However, thousands of inhabitants have gone out to the

streets of the town to demand transparency in the contracts, more fair labour exchanges (tilers, shuttering erectors, etc.) and less difficult and transparent selection examinations to get the jobs.

The strike will start from 0:00h until 24:00h on the 18th of February. In the companies with several working shifts, the starting point for the strike will take place in the first shift, even if it starts before 0:00h, and the end of the strike will be when the last shift finishes, even if it is later than 24:00h.

The strike will affect to the whole labour and official activities of the workers and the public employees of companies and bodies established in the geographical and legal area of Lebrija. Moreover, it will affect to companies and bodies of the public services.

The general strike tries the companies in Lebrija to get involved, as well as all the public bodies, in the struggle against the loss of work. Putting an end of the unfair and arbitrary dismissals in the town. Due to the crisis situation and the high rate of unemployment, they also demand the distribution of the work by eliminating overtimes and stimulating the hiring of the workers.