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**THE CHARTER**

**These principles constitute the foundations of the project, carried by the actors of the Festival of Solidarities.**

The Festival of Solidarities is an international and decentralized meeting, to raise awareness and call to action through events of Education to Citizenship and International Solidarity (ECIS).

ECIS is a social and political approach whose purpose is to promote individual and collective contribution to the construction of a fairer, united and sustainable world. It is based on a learning process that takes place throughout life[[1]](#footnote-1).

The Festival of Solidarities, in a positive and intercultural approach, contributes to better living together and to the defense of human rights. It participates in the construction of economic, political and social alternatives.

In particular, it promotes cultural diversity, peace, protection of the environment and respect for migrant or traveling people, in local and global dynamics.

**The objectives of the Festival of Solidarities:**

1. **Inform on issues** of solidarities and the cooperation from local to international and thus to promote these actions in their social and cultural dimension
2. **Give greater visibility** to international solidarity everywhere and to everyone
3. **Promote the diversity** of the actors involved, themes addressed, forms of expression of solidarity and proposed activities
4. **Encourage and foster partnership** and the collective dynamics between all the actors of the society to build a fair and united world

**To contribute to these objectives, the actions implemented by the actors shall:**

* **WEAR POSITIVE MESSAGES** consistent with the foundations of the Solidarity Festival beyond the single denunciation
* **RAISE AWARENESS** pedagogically on issues of solidarity and cooperation, from local to international
* **ENCOURAGE CITIZENS** to become more active and supportive by proposing concrete actions
* **HIGHLIGHT ACTIONS**, innovations and alternatives of international solidarity at home and abroad

**By guaranteeing the following principles:**

* **BUILD IN PARTNERSHIP** with the actors of your territory
* **ENCOURAGE THE PRINCIPLES OF LAICITY** in its dimension of openness, mutual respect and refusing any proselytism

* **DO NOT USE STEREOTYPES OR MISERABILISM** while preserving human dignity
* **DO NOT HAVE THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF COLLECTING FUNDS OR ANY OTHER FORM OF COLLECTION**. Participation in the costs of the event may however be accepted.
* **ADOPT A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION APPROACH** in the choice of products and suppliers.
* **TRANSMIT A REPORT**, sharing information from local to international level and vice versa, relying on national coordinations.

1. These terms are defined by Educasol, the French platform of Education to Citizenship and International Solidarity. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)