



## Volunteer Center

Support Network for ONGs & Indigenous Peoples

July – August – September 2020





JUNTOS TRABAJANDO POR LA VERDAD  
Junax yax Atejotik tas Melelil.

# Junax Report

## Despite the pandemic, we keep going!

Despite our vulnerable situation and after eight months of the pandemic, thanks to your support and help we did not give up on our goal of keeping Junax alive. Former volunteers continued to strengthen and underpin the project at the distance. Junax is a home that we all build together. Therefore, before giving an account of our activities during the last months we want to take a moment and tell you: **from the bottom of our hearts, thank you very much!**

The Junax team worked to evaluate and coordinate actions allowing the center to pursue its goals. With your help, we could keep our facilities open. The COVID-19 interrupted our services of accommodation, in-person support to the communities and our everyday life. However, **our bond with urban, rural, peasant and indigenous organizations was not affected.** In these circumstances, solidarity between the different groups was enhanced. Junax followed closely the difficult situation of the many projects we collaborated with, doing our best to assist them.

We supported the '**Celebrate a new life**' project through virtual means, which is a group of young and adult women who rehabilitate from drug use.



We established an **Internship Agreement between the Public University of Navarra and the Junax Volunteer Center**, regarding Ayla Ruiz's volunteer activities. Her work in the communication area is a significant contribution to the Junax project. Unfortunately, Ayla had to return to Spain earlier due to the pandemic. However, she continued collaborating with Junax remotely until August.

As a result of a close collaboration with our solidary network, a Junax volunteer worked in **the autonomous bookstore and publishing house 'La Reci'** for a period of three months. This teamwork strengthened the ties between this organization and the Junax community. 'La Reci' edits, translates and publishes texts on feminism, autonomous struggles, ecology, anti-colonialism, anti-racism, political thought and history. It also organizes workshops, book presentations, meetings with authors and other activities.

We were particularly happy to receive **comrades from indigenous communities**. We helped them with simultaneous and written translation to/from their native languages for various purposes.

Finally, Chiara and Mario visited Junax in the months of August and September. With a determined and supportive attitude, they helped to coordinate **the Global Giving campaign, Little by Little**. During the five days of the campaign, we witnessed the solidarity of all those friends who at some point in



the history of Junax shared their time and joy with us. Thanks to your support, which is the heart of this project, we have secured the survival of our beloved home and we hope to fill it with your joy again. To each of you, we say: thank you for your support and solidarity!

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