

SHAPING THE WORLD OF TOMORROW For a fair, green and democratic recovery

STATEMENT

The health crisis has shed light on the challenges we must urgently confront. At a time when extreme weather events have become common, confirming the need for urgent action, we observe that Quebec's social safety net has also been compromised over the years and is increasingly unable to reduce social and economic inequality. Around the world, inequalities continue to grow as well. Here too, there is an urgent need to act, and we know very well what led us to this point. The social crisis and the climate crisis share the same source: an economic system that is bent on profit and ignores the limits both of land and people, at the expense of all forms of life. It is time to make the transition that will allow for a liveable future, particularly for those who are made vulnerable or discriminated against by the current system, and who suffer the consequences – people living in poverty, the disabled, migrants, Indigenous people, LGBTQ2+ people, women, people of colour, the elderly or isolated, among others. To succeed, we must define our guiding principles together. Our decisions need to be well informed, and based on shared values, as well as principles of social and climate justice. We must rethink our democracy and make sure everyone can have a say in the process. We have to seek to achieve a greener, fairer and more democratic society, if we hope to end this crisis.

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WHY A PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY?

By proposing a People's assembly for the Spring of 2022, The Convergence to End the Crisis intends to...

MOBILIZE

- Gather the largest number possible of groups and people from all over Quebec who share our view around the foundations we need to end the crisis
- Establish ties with other initiatives that share our guiding principles and objectives, for reinforced solidarity
- Pave the way by actions to bolster our social and environmental demands

ENGAGER

- Create lasting ties between the activists and the groups involved in organizing the people's assembly, as well as those taking part
- Generate a process by which people in every region of Quebec will come together to think collectively and organize
- Challenge the destructive economic system, and its exploitation of humans and nature, that has caused the current social and environmental crisis, and discuss alternatives
- Condemn the refusal to reform a system that is both ill adapted to bring about the necessary paradigm shift and exposed to potential authoritarianism
- Promote popular education and ensure everyone shares a common ground to make informed decisions

