

ORGANIZATIONAL FORMS of the Liberatory Movement EcoSystem

1. **BASE BUILDING ORGANIZATIONS**— Groups that recruit members of a specific sector or class to fight collectively in their own interests. These organizations can take different forms; in our context, they are most often nonprofit basebuilding groups & labor unions.
2. **PEOPLE'S (OR POPULAR) ORGANIZATIONS**— Formations that bring together individuals from a broader cross-section of society for concerted action. May include organizational members, but the formation acts as its own organization rather than a coalition in which decisions are made only by organizational members.
3. **ACTIVIST COLLECTIVES**— Groups that unite activists to take collective action. Their geographic can go from local to national to even international.
4. **ALTERNATIVE INSTITUTIONS**— Institutions that demonstrate our capacity to meet the people's material needs— at their best, outside the logic of capitalism while promoting self-governance.
5. **POLITICAL PARTIES**— Formations focused on impacting governance, including electoral campaigns and policy.
6. **TRAINING & CAPACITY-BUILDING INSTITUTIONS**— Groups whose aim is to increase the capacity of movement actors and organizations. These include training and support groups; research centers; policy think tanks; and organizing schools.
7. **LEFT MEDIA & CULTURE INSTITUTIONS**— Groups that chronicle and report on world events and/or promote cultural activity.
8. **CADRE ORGANIZATIONS**— Formations whose members are united around liberatory vision and assessment; and work to carry out shared strategy for liberation.
9. **CADREFYING ORGANIZATIONS**— Formations whose members are united around liberatory vision and an assessment that the conditions for a cadre organization are premature; and work to develop individual and collective capacities of cadre.
10. **ALLIANCES & COALITIONS**— Vehicles that channel and align the activity of different organizations.