

December 2014



Walking towards Christmas ...

Is it the essence of solidarity?

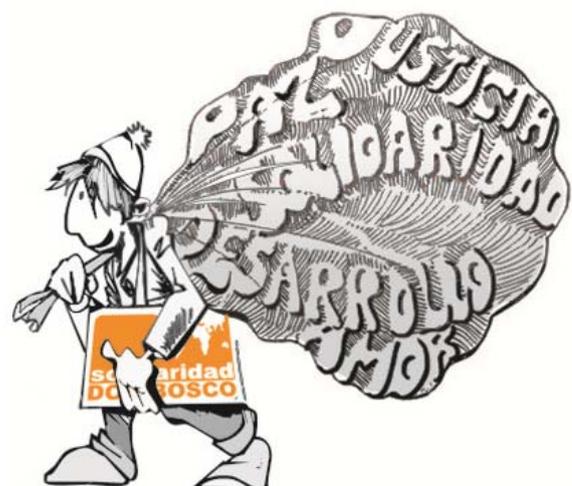
During December, we are getting closer to Christmas, and it is a good moment to rediscover and to reflect upon the essentials keys of **solidarity**.

We remember that behind the colourful lights, ornaments, meals, purchases, and so on... we find the Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus, **the announcement of a new proposal of love for humanity**.

This proposal requires us to:

- live a life in global brotherhood;
- have a new way of looking at the poorest people in the world;
- pay special attention to the “last and forgotten people”;
- offer an open, sharing heart, without conditions;
- build the common good.

The essence of the **movement that brings us nearer to the rest of the people, collective and social goals**, is found in **LOVE**.



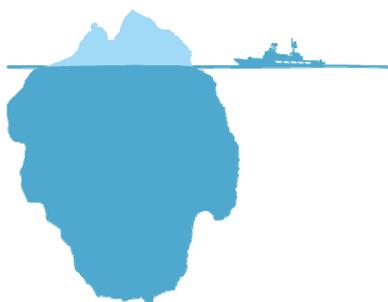
Living on *prosocial*

ATTITUDES REQUIRED TO LIVE A LIFE IN SOLIDARITY

Living in a *prosocial* way involves a critical ability:

How long have we been repeating the **same campaigns to solve once again the same needs?**

Also...Have we ever stopped to think? Are these the same necessities? The same causes? Or do we see that the consequences are similar?...



Before acting we must apply a little **critical sense**, analyze the situation, "search under the water" to see if the iceberg is bigger underneath (in the causes) and not above (in the consequences), which is what we see at first sight.

It is important **to contrast the information**, go to the sources and not just to what we have been told, search for objectives causes, have first hand knowledge ...



Normally it is complex because the causes of problems are sometimes multiple and intertwined in themselves, but it is worth it **to know well to act better.**

www.generandociudadania.org/prosocial/

Resources

An Interactive Group generates solidarity

What are the **interactive groups**?

It is a way of organization of the class in heterogeneous groups that are monitored by **volunteers** who help encourage the participation of the students.



Nowadays this is showing better results with regard to the improvement of the **learning and the overall atmosphere** in the class. They help to increase and diversify the interactions, while at the same time increasing the time of effective work.

The interactive groups avoid segregation and competition, and they turn into groups that **work together according to the ability of each person**.

The interactive groups are able to develop the progressive learning for all students in all **matters, values, emotions and feelings**.

More Info:

<http://ow.ly/E9p9y>

<http://ow.ly/E9pqK>



Initiatives based on solidarity

hacesfalta.org
Fundación **hazlo posible**

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The 'hazlo posible' foundation (literally meaning, "make it possible") works towards propelling, in a novel way, society to interact and participate in **solidary causes**, making use of new technologies.

In this occasion we present to you the web page **hacesfalta.org** where ample space is given to connecting entities and people who can serve as volunteers.

This **voluntary** work may be:

In-person, international or virtual.

<http://www.hacesfalta.org/oportunidades/?sw=v>

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EVENTS BASED ON SOLIDARITY

DECEMBER

5 International Volunteer Day for economic and social development.

Besides celebrating and recognising voluntary works in all its aspects, we pay special tribute to young volunteers that make contributions towards **world peace and sustainable human development**. We hope to celebrate in the entire world that young people are the agent that can change their communities.

More information: <http://www.volunteeractioncounts.org/es/>

9 International Day against Corruption

A day to alert about this scourge that spreads injustice and egotism, impoverishing the majority while enriching a small minority with criminal and unsupportive practises.

More info: <http://www.un.org/es/events/anticorruptionday/>

10 Humans Rights Day

This day was passed by the World Conference, marking the beginning of a renewed effort for the protection and promotion of Human Rights. It is considered one of the most relevante human rights documents of the last 25 years.

For more information and resources:

www.educacionenvalores.org/10-de-diciembre-Dia-Internacional.html

20 International Day of Human Solidarity

We consider that solidarity is one of the core universal values upon which relations between peoples should be based. More info and resources:

http://www.enredate.org/cas/dias_mundiales/dia_internacional_de_la_solidaridad_humana

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