

Interview with Eulate Zilonizurrekoetxea. LAB Trade Union

1. Why does the LAB union participate in an observatory on the fair distribution of wealth?

The distribution of wealth is a historical demand of LAB and, because what reflections could the observatory make and the contribution that we ourselves can make to the observatory could be important. In short, to change society it is essential to distribute wealth and work, and for this it will be necessary to unite, both for reflection and for struggle.

2. Why are the accumulation of wealth and the inequality it produces a problem?

It is clear that there are citizens who live in poverty, because some are not respected in their right to work and, although they are working, for miserable wages, there are more and more workers who live in poverty. Furthermore, we cannot forget that many working people are not recognised for their work (especially feminized jobs; women) and all these people do not even have a salary.

On the other hand, the accumulation of wealth, the large profits, the properties... It is accumulating in fewer and fewer hands.

That is, while the working people are becoming poorer and poorer; a few are becoming richer and richer. Moreover, the decisions taken politically and the system imposed on us are tailored to those few.

If we all want to live with dignity; if we want to give life the importance it deserves; if we have equality as an objective; it is essential to nip these situations in the bud.

3. What are the solutions proposed?

We must change our fiscal policy, putting the distribution of wealth at the base.

Distribution of work (minimum 20 hours / maximum 35 hours) and minimum wage (1200 euros) and minimum pension (1080 euros).

Feminist policies are needed (recognition of all jobs, adequate care and co-responsibility measures, closing the wage gap, recognition of the patriarchal debt...).

Many decisions can be taken, and we trade union and social agents have made several proposals; but the political will is lacking; the system must be transformed. Between capital and life, a political choice must be made for the latter.

And, of course, to achieve all this we need our own area of labour relations, where working and deciding is essential