

Platformism Explained



Theoretical Unity:

If you don't agree with someone, don't be in a political group with them! This doesn't mean that everyone has to agree all the time (they won't) but there does need to be a certain amount of ideological unity. Everyone being 'anarchists' or 'libertarian' isn't enough. If half the group believe in class struggle while the other half don't, then both sides would benefit from having two smaller groups rather than one big group which spent all its time arguing.

Tactical Unity:

Members of an organisation should struggle together as an organised force rather than as individuals. Once a strategy has been agreed by the collective, all members should work towards ensuring its success saving resources and time concentrating in a common direction.

General Union of Anarchists

Collective Responsibility:

"the entire Union will be responsible for the political and revolutionary activity of each member; in the same way, each member will be responsible for the political and revolutionary activity of the Union." This means that each member should take part in the collective decision-making process and respect the decisions of the collective.

Federalism:

An organisational structure based on "the free agreement of individuals and organisations to work collectively towards a common objective". All decisions are made by those effected by them as opposed to centralism, where decisions are made by a central committee for those affected by them.