



# WHAT IS THE I.W.A.?

THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ASSOCIATION  
IS A WORLDWIDE GROUPING OF ANARCHO-SYNDICALIST FEDERATIONS

THE MONTREAL I.W.A. FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE'S  
AIM IS TO BUILD UP A LOCAL I.W.A. GROUP

## IWA'S ORIGINS

The IWA was founded in 1922 in Berlin (Germany) by anarchist leaning revolutionary unions from various countries. These unions were opposed that their movement be submitted to Moscow's Bolshevik Party. They created their own international, the anarcho-syndicalist IWA.

It still exists nowadays. It is therefore the oldest existing anarchist international. Its presence is felt in 23 countries and it's still stretching to new parts of the world.

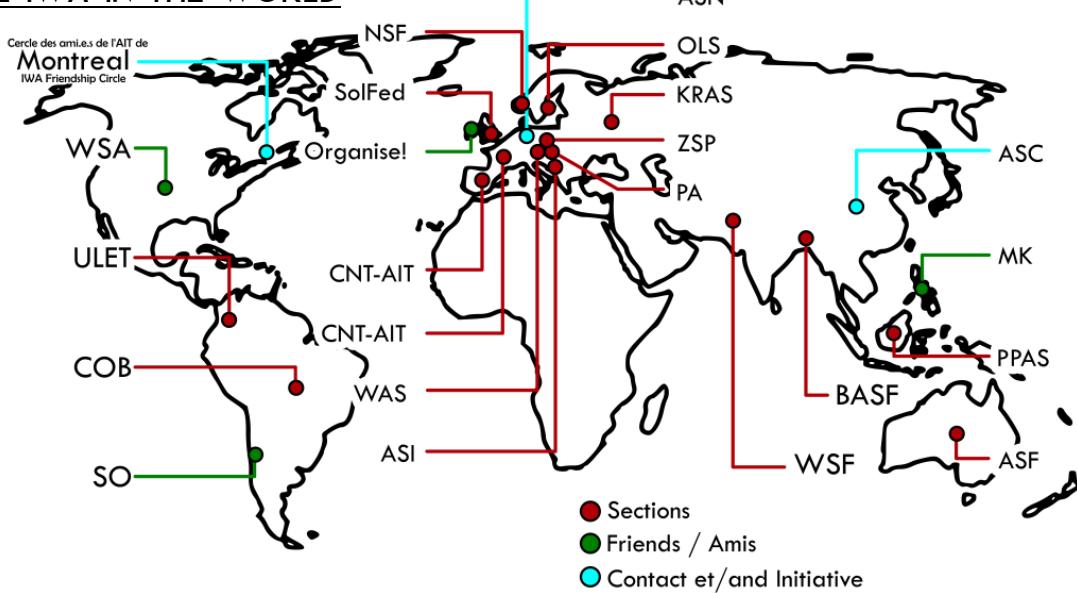
## AN ANARCHIST ORGANISATION

The IWA was able to keep its own anarcho-syndicalist tradition. Even today, affiliated sections express in their words and deeds a will to break with class collaboration, with all sorts of centralism and with capitalism under all its forms.

Within IWA sections, horizontalism and self-management are practiced, while promoting libertarian communism as a scope for social revolution.

Sticking to its principles brings repression against IWA from various governments, from reformists or communist parties, as well as hostility from other workers unions that one could have hoped to be friendly.

## THE IWA IN THE WORLD



## MONTREAL IWA FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

We propose for the moment the creation of a local and international network for mobilization and action, diffusion and self-education, mutual aid and solidarity for collective emancipation from exploitation, whatever its form : wage labor, forced labor or even modern slavery.

We wish to feed a balance between the daily struggle for immediate improvements and our anarchist ideal. In our opinion, a social revolution is necessary on revolutionary anti-militarist basis. It will make real the principles of libertarian communism, that are foundations of a free society, without social class, economic exploitation, political or moral domination: an anarchist society.

We are the Montreal IWA friendship circle, and we will actively fraternize with the struggles coherent and respectful of these principles and purposes.

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