



**It's been 10
years, from
la Dar Lamifa
to la Dar
Centre Social
Autogéré**

A community café created in 2013, la Dar first was la Dar Lamifa, a place for popular education open to the world, the neighborhood and all its different aspects. Through the neighborhood struggles of la Plaine and Noailles, and by becoming a central place for self-organized food solidarity during the different covid lockdowns, la Dar and its project have mutated to finally become in 2020 la Dar centre social autogéré, the Dar self-organized social center. For more than two years the Dar has been an associative space, politically and financially independent. **A place that serves as a space for anti-authoritarian political organizing, a concert venue, a pay what you can canteen, a library, a theater stage, a space for discussions and screenings, workshops and courses to support the autonomy of people.** Composed of organizers and activists from various backgrounds, the collective that takes care of la Dar is horizontal, everyone volunteers, and no one is paid. The place is financed by a system of monthly contributions, the memberships fees to the association, and the bar's revenues.

So, if you walk in la Dar you will be able to meet workers or unemployed fighting for their rights, families and unaccompanied immigrant minors cooking, determined LGBTQIA+ collectives, neighborhood activists organizing themselves, children boxing or doing their homework.

La Dar is also a tool for economic and material support for social movements, for strike funds and for dozens of collectives in Marseille and abroad, through the possibility of organizing fundraising shows and events. It is also a space for both spontaneous and organized assemblies during social movements.

In recent years Marseille has undergone quite important changes because of the «urban renewal» policies, in the newspeak of the developers. Since the rue d'Aubagne tragedy (T.N. 2 buildings collapsed, causing the death of 8 people) we have been helplessly witnessing a fast-paced gentrification, which forces poor people out of the remaining working class neighborhoods.

These public policies focused on tourism and the wealthy populations have very quickly led to a rise in rents in both new and old buildings, an explosion in the price of real estate, a radical repurposing of buildings and businesses.

In order to avoid contributing in spite of ourselves to this nefarious dynamic, we are constantly questioning the nature of our activities, our ties to the neighborhood and the active engagement in a non-market activity for the benefit of the most precarious people and groups. To this end, over the past two years we have reorganized our operating model: la Dar is a self-managed social center, a politically and financially autonomous space, open to the neighborhood, to its inhabitants and regulars, as well as to social movements.

In this context, it is necessary for us to both defend our rights and recreate forms of self-organization from the bottom up, of new local solidarities, and to work to sustain them in the long run. Our desire is therefore to perpetuate this self-managed space and enlarge the field of social experimentations that it allows, to make this shared tool available to those who struggle to build more habitable worlds.

**Against
speculation
and
gentrification,
self
-management !**



**Let's
collectively
become
owners of
la Dar!**

For several years now, we have been thinking about buying la Dar's premises. Why bother becoming an owner? This answers several strategic objectives.

First, the survival of the place, and of its social project in the the next decades. Our current lease expires in mid-2024, and there is no guarantee that we will be able to renew it, all signs point to the contrary. **Buying la Dar would allow us to ensure the sustainability of the place and the free solidarity activities that take place here, in a neighborhood that is more and more undermined by commercial and marketing logics.**

Secondly, becoming an owner would allow us to **acquire a real autonomy** on the building, of the premises and its layout: roof repairs which the owners refuse to do, interior and energy renovations, accessibility, so much work that we cannot carry out at the moment because of the risk of seeing all it made useless by a forced departure.

Thirdly, becoming owners is also a way of getting the premises out of the speculative real estate market and to experiment with other ways of living in the city. We defend a use ownership, collective and unalienable. This is why we are carrying out this project in partnership with the Clip, a network that federates various collective real estate projects.

Finally, let's be real, we will also also be very happy not to have to pay rent every month to landlords who get fat on our backs without doing anything.

The total price for la Dar has been set at 302 000 euros (notary fees included).

We'll pitch in our savings, ask foundations, and take a loan from the bank that we wish as small as possible. **This is why we are turning to you, who have come to concerts, who have organized activities there, and who would like to support our project.**

You can contribute in two ways:

- By **making a donation** : small or large, any contribution is welcome! We issue tax receipts in due form (66% of the amount of your donation is deductible from your taxes [in France]). If you prefer to send us a wire transfer or a check rather than using HelloAsso, write to us at achat@la-dar.org.
- By making us a zero interest loan: repayable in one time or monthly, contact us by email at achat@la-dar.org and propose us the way that suits you.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to write us, or even better: come and see us directly at la Dar, every Friday starting at 6pm.

**How will
we raise the
necessary
funds?**



**What is
collective use
ownership of
property ?**

The main objective of use ownership such as we envision it in the context of la Dar is **to extract the place from the capitalist land market**. It is thus not only to become the owner of la Dar, but to ensure that it cannot be resold, nor transformed into a trendy or select bar like there are now too many in our neighborhoods.

The association Nebien, founder and manager of la Dar, will become the owner of the premises. Its only members will be the collective-user, la Dar centre social autogéré, and the Clip. We will then be able to consider the place out of the real estate market, because the Clip will have a power of veto on any attempt to resell it.

Are you curious about this model? We invite you to consult the websites of Clip and Antidote, two networks of places organized according to use ownership principles.

See you soon at la Dar!

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