

## CALL FOR SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT: SELF-ORGANIZED RENOVATION OF THE WINDOWS AND DOORS OF THE PROSFYGIKA NEIGHBORHOOD



The Community of Squatted Prosfygika is a community of struggle which promotes a communal way of living, based on solidarity, mutual aid, horizontality, self-organization and resistance.

In a liberated neighborhood in the center of Athens we live together 400 inhabitants, coming from 27 different geographies, talking more than 20 languages.

The 8 buildings of the Prosfygika neighborhood, built between 1933-1936 to host refugees from Minor Asia, are located between the general police administration and the court of appeal. It is a historical place of resistance and a present counterproposal of struggle and organization upon the needs of the people from below against the capitalist state system.

Within the last 15 years of its existence the community created 22 structures in order to answer to our needs and take our lives in our own hands. The technical structure of the community preserves and maintains constantly the 90 years old buildings and apartments, which are the ground for the realization of our collective dreams and notion of a just life in dignity and self-determination.

Within this perspective we promote the project of the restoration of the outside of the Prosfygika buildings, which we see as the physical next step inside our proposal for self-organization and collective self-defense against the gentrification plans of the state, which are a serious threat to the whole neighborhood and community. Therefore we see every restored facade, every new coating and repaired window as a part of our future and defense. Every result of collective work as an expression of a collective culture which wants and has to be seen from the outside.

After the full renovation of our collective kiosk, which was carried by dozens of different hands from a diverse range of people creating the common, we grade into the next level of our plan with the renovation of windows and doors

inside the Prosfygika neighborhood. With the focus on the wooden elements of the first block, located directly at Alexandras Avenue, we will revive around 60 doors and windows within the upcoming 6 months.

In order to realize this project, we are inviting every individual and collective from near and further away, experienced (or not) in carpentry work, with technical abilities (not necessarily) or just interested in the support of the community and its restoration plan, to take part in building our collective dreams. There are different works to be done during this specific project and we welcome everyone with any kind or level of experience.

We are looking forward to creating a common plan with each and all of you and be “fermented” together, as we call it.

The ways to support us are numerous and there are no limits set for our imagination of solidarity.

Here you can learn more about the community, the campaign for renovation and restoration. [#saveprosfyika](#) on national and international level:

<https://linktr.ee/saveprosfykainternationalist>

Everyone who wants to come in contact with us, can reach us via mail and social media.

## **SOLIDARITY IS OUR WEAPON - OUR ANSWER TO REPRESSION IS CREATION**

