ENGLISH translation from French text [sorry for the machine translation]

FIMEM 2020 General Assembly

Motion of the ICEM-Pédagogie Freinet (France)

Motion on actions to be taken in the face of migration policies proposed to be voted by the ICEM at the FIMEM 2020 GA

A motion denouncing migration policies was voted in AG FIMEM in 2018.

Two years later in Europe, we find that conditions for migrants have not improved. On the contrary.

While since 1989, the fact of expressing oneself, going to school or being cared for are recognized as fundamental rights for all children in the world, the reality is quite different for so many children (61 million children out of school).

In France, a number of children and young people are excluded from any form of schooling or training. Access to school today is not an effective right for many children, as evidenced by the refusal to enrol children of foreign origin or in very precarious social conditions. This undetermined number of children not listed by the municipalities puts them in a situation of invisibility. In addition, the school is no longer a protective place for children who are taken by law enforcement, imprisoned in detention camps, before being expelled from the territory.

More broadly, at the present time, Europe is locked behind its borders building walls, restricting the rights of foreign persons, men, women, children (rights to care, access to decent housing, recognition of their status and protection).

Beyond the more or less solemn positions we can take together, movements of the FIMEM?

If the FIMEM can reaffirm solidarity with migrants, how to work in order to ally with instances, to regroup, around existing observatories (see for example: AEDE, alternative report), to engage FIMEM members to get closer to associations, to interpret public authorities, to find ways of acting in such a way that they can hope to have a greater influence on political choices.