



Internal Charter

Foreword

Why Vaxjös Gnista

The masses in every society must critically analyze their own circumstances and experiences of social life and its challenges. However, particularly in the capitalist countries of Europe, since the end of World War II and the integration of reformism into government as a tool of governance, it has become a common practice for ruling capitalists to shape public consciousness by dominating and manipulating the collective mode of thinking. This is why, in most cases, it is not the masses themselves who analyze and interpret their lived circumstances and experiences. Instead, those in power—using all superstructural instruments such as the education system and social media—work continuously to master the interpretation of these circumstances. The fundamental reason for the necessity of an independent platform to analyze, interpret, and draw lessons from social life stems precisely from this manipulation. Therefore, *Växjös Gnista* stands to fulfill this role.

In the imperialist country of Sweden, ultimately governed by national and international monopolies, journalistic activism has been divided into two major categories: imperialist/capitalist journalism on one hand, and independent journalism on the other. It goes without saying that mainstream journalism functions as a tool to form the masses' mode of thinking in favor of those in power. As for the camp of independent journalism, however, there are certain points that require clarification.

Despite significant efforts and achievements within this camp, independent journalism remains deeply influenced by long-standing petty-bourgeois and bourgeois societal concepts. These influences are evident in how issues such as the working-class movement, women's struggles, environmental concerns, the

resurgence of fascism, and the essence of anti-war causes are framed—particularly within the context of imperialism. The inevitable outcome of this influence has always been entrapment within the narrow horizons of capitalist society. To achieve even the smallest material advancement in social movements, years of struggle in the ideological sphere are necessary. In this regard, a prolonged ideological battle is required to push back bourgeois and petty-bourgeois concepts, such as dominant neoliberal ones, thus creating space for radical, scientific discussions. Therefore, *Växjö's Gnista* firmly advocates for the development of viewpoints free from petty-bourgeois and bourgeois concepts, and thus, engages in the struggle for scientific, dialectical materialist perspectives.

While there certainly exist scientific, that is, dialectical “or” materialist approaches and genuine efforts rooted in true aspirations, these remain extremely isolated and sporadic. Even when individual phenomena are correctly interpreted, there is rarely a systematic approach that relates these phenomena dialectically, in a way that offers a coherent understanding of society as a whole. It is precisely here that *Växjö's Gnista* firmly supports the formation of a dialectical materialist and holistic view of social issues, as part of its struggle against, for example, narrow-minded pragmatism and blind positivism - each merely a variant of bourgeois mechanism, yet still grounded in the same bourgeois paradigm for interpreting the world.

Last but not least, many of these independent activist efforts have developed in undemocratic ways. No single correct idea emerges from an individual's pocket or overnight. The correct, revolutionary approach to the phenomena of society and nature—referred to here as the Revolutionary Mode of Thinking'—develops through years of principled ideological struggle, guided solely by the genuine interests of the masses. Every correct concept must be fought for through a culture of principled debate, rooted in comradeship and shaped by honest criticism and self-criticism. Therefore, *Växjö Gnista* is, at its core, an open invitation to all independent efforts—especially those based in Växjö—to join the magazine and contribute through their valuable and inspiring work. *Växjö Gnista* is not, accordingly, merely an intellectual platform; it is an active front for uniting all democratic and anti-fascist forces—primarily in Växjö—regardless of which specific pillars of bourgeois society they are determined to target.

After decades of reformist domination and then gradual turning to neoliberal rule, layers of the Swedish masses have only recently begun to reevaluate the ruling illusions and analyze their own lived circumstances and experiences. *Växjö's Gnista Magazine* is well aware of the difficult task that lies ahead. Yet it does not waver, holding hope that hundreds of 'gnistor' will spark across the skies of Sweden—in every city, in every corner. Only by joining these *gnistor* (sparks), through the long-term dialectical process of cooperation, embedded in genuine criticism and self-criticism, and committed to the masses, can there be real hope for the rise of a powerful independent ideological movement—one that serves the ideological interests of Sweden's oppressed masses, hand in hand and in unity with its invaluable international population. So, *Växjö's Gnista* proclaims loudly: *Let hundreds of gnistor spark across the sky of Sweden!*

Chapter 1

Remarks on the Guiding Mode of Thinking of the Magazine's Editorial Team: *Växjö's Gnista Defends and Advances a Proletarian Mode of Thinking*

In every class-based society, including Sweden, all human-related matters are approached through one of the three modes of thinking: bourgeois; petty bourgeois; or proletarian. This categorization reflects the material division of society into three primary classes—bourgeoisie, petty bourgeoisie, and proletariat—a division that exists independently of individual will, governed by historical laws.

Each class has its own interests to defend and struggle for. As such, every social action—whether consciously or unconsciously—reflects one of these modes of thinking. Just as any intention must pass through the brain to manifest in action, every class interest must pass through a mode of thinking to find social expression and corresponding movements.

This is particularly relevant in the case of the magazine, which is inherently social in character. It is crucial to identify through which mode of thinking the magazine is being founded and will operate.

The Revolutionary mode of thinking, with materialist dialectics as its core, is marked by its scientific analysis of social, historical, and environmental processes. It defends the interests of the working class and all oppressed groups including women, LGBTQ+ individuals, victims of climate catastrophe, war and economically displaced immigrants, students and rebellious youth, marginalized intellectuals, and all individuals of conscience who stand in solidarity with the oppressed. This stems from the understanding that all forms of oppression originate in capitalist society, which is dominated by national and international monopolies. The defense is unconditional, out of deep conviction and comradeship, without any reservation!

The Revolutionary mode of thinking serves as a safeguard of consistency over time. Throughout history, many meaningful efforts have been made—but lacking the iron will rooted in Revolutionary Paradigm, they were often misdirected or dissolved in their early stages.

Building a proletarian paradigm, however, is not an overnight process. No social movement is hermetically sealed; bourgeois and petty-bourgeois modes of thinking inevitably find their way into every proletarian movement. Therefore, the only guarantee for preserving and defending a revolutionary (proletarian) mode of thinking lies in an endless effort to approach every issue through the lens of scientific socialism. This trajectory develops, in short, through principled criticism and self-criticism within a **proletarian culture of debate**, guided by a profound commitment to the long-term interests of all workers and oppressed peoples of the world – that is, socialism.

At the core of this mode of thinking lies a commitment to criticism and self-criticism. Only through this ongoing process can we sustain the patient, long-term labor required to serve the masses—regardless of storms or periods of relative isolation. This provides a clear direction: **to work for the masses!** A magazine guided by the Revolutionary mode of thinking is, by definition, a voice for the voiceless. It will hold zero tolerance for capitalist and fascist sympathies. This should not be mistaken for a limitation on freedom of speech within the magazine. Those in power already have ample platforms to express their views. The magazine exists to offer a platform for the oppressed to speak out against the mainstream. Its non-partisanship does not mean neutrality toward systems of oppression. Rather, it means welcoming all voices that challenge power, profit greed, and

undemocratic/fascist tendencies—even when those voices diverge from the Editorial Team’s own positions. These perspectives are welcome, but ideally, they should be well-equipped to engage in the dialectical process of criticism and self-criticism.

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Chapter 2

Infrastructure

- **Printing facilities:** Securing access to a reliable and cost-effective printing press.
- **Distribution Logistics:** Establishing a structured system for distributing both the print edition and digital content across platforms such as the website, Facebook, and others.

Chapter 3

Content Production

- **Team Building:** Inviting skilled writers, editors, photographers, and layout designers to contribute on a voluntary basis.

At this stage, we inevitably rely on our own voluntary efforts, as well as those of anyone willing to contribute or join us.

- **Editorial workflow:** Establishing an efficient system for assigning, editing, and approving content.

“From each, according to his/her/their abilities”. At first, roles may overlap—but our goal must be to advance to a stage where individual abilities are clearly recognized and matched with well-defined responsibilities. To achieve this, we must focus on **developing and strengthening the group**. Quantitative growth will, inevitably, lead to qualitative transformation. Voluntary work does not mean liberal work. You are free to choose whether or not to take on a task—but once you commit, it must be carried out with discipline and according to the agreed timetable. This is what distinguishes Proletarian conduct from liberal individualism.

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- **Editorial Authority:** Decisions regarding the selection and publication of submitted materials are made solely by the Editorial Team. However, the Editorial Team's authority is limited to deciding whether or not to publish a contribution; it does not include the right to alter, revise, or censor the content.

Chapter 4

Financial Issues

- **Financial Sustainability:** Securing sustainable income sources such as subscriptions, donations, and grants. However, membership fees are considered the only reliable and consistent form of self-financing. Decisions regarding the amount of the membership fee will remain solely under the authority of the Editorial Team.

Our sources of income may include our own contributions, revenue from magazine sales, or donations from parallel organizations and trusted individuals. In all cases, the formulation of our content remains solely under the control of the magazine.

No advertisements from capitalist enterprises!

No donations from the state!

No support from suspicious organizations with questionable backgrounds!

No loans—ever!

- **Dissolution Case:** In the event of the magazine's dissolution, the entire budget will be transferred to a parallel organization with similar aims. The decision regarding which organization will receive the funds will be made solely by the Editorial Team.

Chapter 5

Organizational Structure

- **Editorial Team:** The Editorial Team, functioning as a council, is the highest decision-making body. Decisions are made collectively, following the consideration of all possible initiatives. Every trusted stakeholder has the right to participate in this process, through different options, like two-way communication with the Editorial Team, feedback on decisions etc —provided they are recognized by the Editorial

Team. Unity and consensus are the ultimate goals in the decision-making process, but the base is that of the democratic majority. Once a decision is made, it is binding on all those concerned. This is the essence of democratic centralism: broad participation in discussion, unity in execution.

- **Membership Requirements:** Every new candidate wishing to join the Editorial Team is required to sign both the Internal Charter and pay the membership fee determined by the Editorial Team. The final decision regarding the acceptance of a new member into the Editorial Team rests solely with the Editorial Team.
- **Charter Amendments:** Any changes, revisions, or amendments to this Internal Charter require collective discussion and formal approval by the Editorial Team.
- **Organizational Development:** The Editorial Team may decide to develop new organizations centered around the magazine, in alignment with its defined goals. In any case, all regulations outlined here will apply to them.
- **Dissolution Decision:** The decision regarding the dissolution of the magazine rests solely with the collective approval of the Editorial Team and in the case of such a decision, a supermajority is needed.

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Växjös Gnista Editorial Team

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