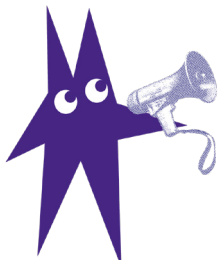


Call for the Care Strike 2027

Care work means caring work. We all do it. In paid labour and in our private environment: for example, raising kids, taking care of people in need of care, or keeping an open eye on friends. Care work focuses on human needs and encompasses physical, intellectual and emotional well-being, as well as our livelihoods. Care work creates the foundation for the functioning of our society. The patriarchy devalues care work because it is considered „feminine“. It is poorly paid and receives less recognition, despite its importance and the fact that it needs to be learnt. This so-called feminized work is practiced in large parts by women, inter, non-binary, trans and agender people (FLINTA), but also migrants and other disadvantaged groups. This system only works because people who face multiple forms of discrimination perform care work without recognition. Care work affects us all, because everyone is dependent on care! This won't change in the future either. On the contrary: the prognosis shows that society is

getting older on average, and because of this, there will be an increased demand for care work. As well as the alarming rate of humanitarian crises in response to global warming, care work will be incrementally more needed. But instead of recognizing this work as essential for the preservation of society, the capitalist system is based on the exploitation of care work through poor pay, little to no appreciation, and poor working conditions. Even parliamentary politics does not react and omits it to appropriate this emergency in care work. Once again, under the guise of "cost-cutting measures", the nursing care initiative, which was so clearly accepted by the electorate, has been undermined. And even worse: the "relief package 27" could lead to further massive cut in social spending. Even less resources in education and healthcare will lead to the complete collapse of paid care work. Instead of investing in functioning care structures, millions of francs are being put into armaments and the arms industry. The bourgeoisie want to promise us security. But exactly this security means more isolation, rearmament and prisons - protection from an external enemy. Structural violence and precarious living conditions remain untouched. We have a different understanding of security: It is based on solidarity, care, and self-determination. Security is achieved through good living conditions: an absence of poverty, access to good healthcare and childcare, and time for each other. For us security means: resources for care work. Because care work secures lives. But this is only an expression of the underlying problems: Care doesn't work in capitalist logic. What makes the working conditions even more inevitably precarious is the attempt of trying to make it more efficient. The care workers are getting under more and more stress and can't execute the same quality of work anymore. Care work can barely be optimized, it needs to be done by people and therefore needs time. Nevertheless, capitalism relies on care work, which it wants to be as cheap as possible – even unpaid. The fact that our economy completely disregards care work is one of the central reasons why capitalism is doomed to fail and will collapse. Our society can only function sustainably if we live in an economic system where care is central and which serves people's needs instead of prioritizing profit over life. This can't continue like

this. For care work to finally be recognised and valued in society, it needs to come to a full stop, period. We will strike on the 14th of June 2027. In all care areas: paid & unpaid, at home, in healthcare, in schools, daycare centers, kindergartens or supplementary school care, in the cleaning industry, in sex work, in residential and care centers, accommodations and all other locations. Only then will it finally become clear that nothing works without care work!



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in simple language

Care work (German: Sorge-Arbeit) means: taking care of each other.
Care work affects us all.
We all do care work.

Care work is for example:
Looking after kids.
Caring for the sick or elderly.
Listening and being there for one another.

Care work is geared towards people's needs.
It ensures that people stay healthy.
It maintains our physical, mental, and emotional well-being.
Our society can't function without care work.

As things stand now, care work is considered women's work.
That's why it's devalued.

Devaluation means, for example:
It's paid less.
And it receives little recognition.
This is called feminization.

Care work is important.
And it needs to be learned.

Care work is largely performed by FLINTA people.
That includes women, lesbians, inter, non-binary,
trans and agender people.
Migrants and other disadvantaged groups also
perform a lot of care work.

Those people have to do this work.
Although it is poorly paid.
Because otherwise they would be unemployed.
Or because they don't have any other choice.
That is the only reason the social system still functions today.

Care work affects everyone.
We all need care.
This won't change.

In the future, care work will be needed even more.
People will only get older.
On the other hand there are more crises due to climate change.

This means:
It needs more care, support, and assistance.

Nevertheless, care work is treated poorly.
Our economy exploits care work.

Politics are also hindering improvements.
Under the pretext of cost-cutting measures,
the nursing care initiative was weakened.
The "Relief Package 27" aims to further reduce social spending.

Less money for education and health endangers paid care work.
A collapse is imminent.

At the same time, a lot of money goes into the military.
With this money, it buys weapons and expands its presence.
The bourgeoisie calls this „security.“

But this security means isolation and weapons.
It protects against an alleged external enemy.
Difficult living conditions persist.
Our understanding of security is different.

For us, safety means: No poverty.
Good healthcare.
Good childcare.
Time for each other.

Safety means: enough money and time for care work.
Because care work saves lives.

The underlying problem is bigger.
Today everything needs to be done faster and cheaper.
Everything always needs to make more money.
Care work can't work like this.

Because it needs time.
And because it becomes worse
when everything needs to get faster.
But the present society is dependent on care work.
And it wants it as cheap as possible.
Free preferred.

A just society needs another system.
A system that puts care at its core.
A system that serves everyone.
Not only for the rich.

This cannot continue.
For care-work to be seen and recognized
it must come to a stand- still.

We will strike on the 14th of June 2027.
In all areas of care work.
Paid or unpaid.
At home and at the workplace.
In nursing, education, care, cleaning, sex work,
and everywhere else.

Because nothing is possible without care work.

