



La Tartana, an agroecological and housing cooperative project based on loan for use at Can Bofill

Can Bofill is a 14th century farmhouse that is included in the Special Plan for Historic and Architectural Heritage in Molins de Rei (Baix Llobregat county). The farmhouse stands in a 49.95-hectare estate of forest and farmlands in Collserola Natural Park.

We have been here as tenant farmers for 15 years, producing agroecological food under criteria established in PACA (Pact for Agroecological Consumption and Production). Now, the owners have put the farm up for sale, which would force us to leave.

In view of this, we decided to take things into our own hands and advance towards the agroecological management of the entire estate, a move that includes the establishment of a housing cooperative based on loan for use, with the support of La Dinamo Foundation and the ethical solidarity financing of Coop 57 to enable us to complete the purchase and carry out necessary rehabilitation work.

We are La Tartana de Can Bofill and this is our project!

An alternative to the speculative bubble at Collserola

The main value of Collserola is its biological diversity. To preserve this, it is essential to maintain the balanced and sustainable development of the agricultural and forestry activities that have shaped the landscape over the centuries. In the last 62 years, 72% of the farmed land of Collserola has been lost, falling from 1,749 hectares to just 490, according to the Collserola Natural Park Consortium and Arran de Terra.

Property speculation inside the Natural Park makes it difficult to establish and continue agricultural and livestock farming and forestry management projects, since access to land is strongly restricted by real estate pressure. The prospect that land owners have of obtaining short-term economic benefits are in stark contrast with the needs and rhythms of farming and forestry management. Little by little, the park is becoming a luxury residence: farmhouses around Can Bofill have been bought for this purpose and are currently sold/rented for 2 million euros/6,000 euros a month.

Speculation at Collserola reflects a more general context as concerns access to housing. The precariousness of access to housing makes it impossible to embark on long-term life projects, even more so in the case of agroecological projects around the city of Barcelona.



A collective solution to provide access to housing: a housing cooperative based on loan for use

La Tartana is developing 4 cooperative houses under a loan for use scheme. This is a non-profit cooperative model intended to provide members of the cooperative with decent housing at an affordable price. Members will enjoy the right to use one of the homes by paying an initial fee and an affordable monthly amount.

In this way, we promote a collective model that enables us to develop social, participatory and solidarity housing projects. By protecting the homes against speculation, we want to encourage social transformation through the solidary and sustainable economy, making the welfare and wellbeing of people and the environment the focus of our efforts.

Farming to promote agroecological projects

The La Tartana project is our contribution to the fight against the abandonment of productive activity on farms in Collserola. We are committed to living on the land and making our living from it, generating self-employment projects to produce food and manage the territory. We will continue to grow fruit and vegetables, bake bread in our wood-fired oven, promote forestry management and increase our flock of goats.

Self-government by assembly and joint responsibility between production and consumption

The Can Bofill agroecological project takes its inspiration from AMAP, the French Association for Maintaining Small-Scale Family Farming, and the CSA Community-Supported Agriculture movement in the USA. PACA, the Pact for Agroecological Production and Consumption, was established 10 years ago with the goal of finding new forms of relationship between producers and consumers.

PACA operates around the creation of short consumption circuits, agroecological production, co-responsibility between producers and consumers, cutting out intermediaries, and decision-making by assembly, the result of the constant testing of alternatives by our members.

Involvement in protest campaigns and mobilisations

Over all these years, Can Bofill has provided a place where people and organisations involved in different protest campaigns in Baix Llobregat county can come together. It is an open space where training is provided, group assemblies take place and collective meals are organised as its members become involved in and support ecological struggles and social movements such as the Civic Platform in Defence of Collserola, Save the Delta (Delta Viu), mobilisations against non-environmentally-friendly waste treatment facilities



(landfills and incinerators), the fight against Eurovegas and mobilisations against the Caufec Plan and in support of those who suffer reprisals due to involvement in campaigns.

We want to promote and strengthen this point for meeting point, debate and action. We are determined to create a communal space for activities, events, conferences and training at the service of social organisations and movements, adapting the physical space to accommodate them.

We need your support to achieve collective ownership

We have signed a sale agreement with the owners and are seeking financing to complete the purchase and carry out reforms.

We have asked Coop57 to buy the estate and make it the collective property of social organisations and movements, as well as to fund rehabilitation and that is why we are asking for your support.

We want to take Can Bofill out of the market and build a collective space that is protected against speculation. Can Bofill can never be sold; ownership will always be collective. We want to consolidate, in the heart of Collserola, a space for the construction of alternatives to and resistance against speculation, and to continue engaging on agroecological projects.

How can you help us?

- Support us socially. To do this, fill in and sign the attached document on behalf of your organisation or group, endorsing La Tartana's project and the purchase of Can Bofill, noting that you believe this to be in line with the principles of Coop57.
- Forward this mail to more organisations and groups that can give us support and help publicise this appeal.

Send us the following signed sheet at latartana@canbofill.coop
If you want to continue the project go to <http://canbofill.coop>
and subscribe to the mailing list



DOCUMENT OF SUPPORT FOR TARTANA ASSOCIATION

We, (group/organisation),
with address / town or city
and contact email address hereby
submit this document of support for ASSOCIACIÓ TARTANA (La Tartana Association), with
NIF G-67315507, that its members can continue managing the Can Bofill estate according
to agroecological criteria, self-management and government by assembly.

Those who form La Tartana Association deserve our trust to develop a cooperative
project based on a communal approach, networking and establishing deep roots.

We want the Can Bofill estate to continue providing a meeting place for
environmental organisations that defend Collserola, food sovereignty, the cooperative
movement and other social organisations and movements.

For all these reasons, we hereby pledge our support for the proposal to purchase
Can Bofill, as we believe it to be fully in line with the principles and philosophy of Coop57.

Signed (representative)

Stamp of the organisation or group