



SPF'25 Report

Highlights

1. **Education project:** 7 secondary schools, 5 from Catalonia and 2 new international schools - OSG Piter Jelles (Leeuwarden, Netherlands) and Lycée Bellevue (Toulouse, France) - plus 2 FE colleges in the UK, Hull School of Art and Design and Sunderland College (new).
 2. **Participation in the world of education and historical memory:** We have become a point of reference among organisations dedicated to the recovery, dissemination and education of historical memory.
 3. **Internationalisation:** We continue to build the International Brigades' network through the International Solidarity Park Project. [International Solidarity Park Project Map](#)
 4. **Economic position:** We are financially stable.
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Report:

1. **Education project:**

Over **400 students** have taken part from **7 secondary schools - 5 Catalan and 2 international**.

In terms of international participation, we have **2 new secondary schools: OSG Piter Jelles, from Leeuwarden in the Netherlands**, a group of whose students came to see the monument in a visit organised in collaboration with the Porta de Història cooperative, and **Lycée Bellevue from Toulouse in France**, who have a visit planned for October, thanks to the link we have with the Toulouse choir Le Cri. In addition, **2 English FE colleges have joined the project; Hull School of Art and Design and Sunderland College**.

These have all participated in the education project or have visited the Solidarity Park monument:

- Catalonia:
 - Malgrat de Mar: Institut Ramon Turró i Darder, Escola Vedruna, Escola Fonlladosa.
 - Tordera: Institut Lluís Companys
 - Barcelona: Institut Martí i Pous.
- International:
 - United Kingdom: Hull School of Art and Design, Sunderland College
 - Netherlands: OSG Piter Jelles (Leeuwarden), visit to the monument.
 - France: Lycée Bellevue (Toulouse), visit to the monument.

2. Participation in the world of education and historical memory

We have become a point of reference in the recovery, dissemination and education of historical memory. That's why this year we have been asked to **collaborate with the Sidbrint project** in requesting a grant from the EU, and **to participate in the 1st International Congress Research and Memory of the International Brigades** organised by the Faculty of Geography and History of the University of Barcelona.

- Collaboration with the Sidbrint project to request the Europe Challenge 2025-2026 subsidy (which they did not get). [Resource Library — The Europe Challenge](#)
- We have been invited to take part in the 1st International Congress of Research and Memory of the International Brigades (October 30-31). Specifically, on Table 6: *Didactics, Pedagogy and Memory*.

The International Brigades in the classroom, with the presentation *Solidarity Park project: research, memory, art and education*, by Sònia Garangou and Rob Macdonald. [International Congress Research and Memory of the International Brigades | Contemporary History Section World Today | UB](#)

- The Solidarity Park education project is part of the [Network groups DEMD | Education and Memory](#), managed by the Catalan Ministry of Education and Training.

3. Internationalisation:

We continued to build the International Brigades network through the International Solidarity Park Project and the Solidarity Park Fest 2025.


- Solidarity Park Fest (SPF) 2025 in figures:

The SPF's **30 events** were attended by around **850 people**, a lower figure compared to other years, but with **greater international participation**, not in terms of the number of people attending but the **diversity of organisations** represented by those people.

This was the last year involving El Rovell, a meeting point for talks, exhibitions and many, many songs and concerts. This marks **a turning point** for us as we prepare to **celebrate the 5th SPF in 2026** and **commemorate the 90th anniversary of the sinking of the Ciudad de Barcelona in 2027**.

- Participation of international projects in Solidarity Park.

This year we have launched an **international Solidarity Park project**, which means we are creating a **network with other memorial projects** dedicated to the International Brigades, through association president Rob's UK tours. It is also worth mentioning here the visits of **international school and college students**, which is **a path we will explore further**, and our **participation in international conferences and collaboration with university organisations** in asking for European subsidies.

- UK tours. ( Report on International Solidarity: 2025)

As mentioned above, **Rob has been making trips (3) to the UK** as part of a strategy to **internationalise and work on SP-style projects (4)** with other campaigns and movements linked to the International Brigades. Weaving local and international collaboration and participation is **a key SP objective as we look towards the 90th anniversary of the sinking of the Ciudad de Barcelona (in 2027)**.

4. Economic position:

We currently have €3,925.50 in the association account and we also have the rest of the Provincial Council subsidy to come. So this may be the first time we end the year with the accounts in a healthy position, with the possibility of saving between €2,000 and €2,500. For this we must thank the Freeman family for their donation which, together with the first part of the subsidy, has allowed us to pay everyone ahead of schedule, with the financial peace of mind that this implies.

Conclusion:

In conclusion I think that **Solidarity Park is an association that is growing in proportion to its finances, management, collaboration and participation, but it lacks a little more solidity in the structure of its teams.** It needs to continue growing in the following years, **without exhausting the members and others who voluntarily collaborate in building the festival**, but with the ambition of **setting ourselves challenges**, on how to reach the **maximum local and international collaboration and participation during SPF'27**, when we will commemorate the 90th anniversary of the sinking of the *Ciudad de Barcelona*, and to maintain these links in the next five years (2027-2032).

This means that **during 2026 we will improve various communicative and organisational aspects** of the association, such as our outreach, with a communication plan and a new website, direct involvement in the management and organisation of the SPF'26 events, with new people and organisations collaborating.

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