

# Goliath is so big! How did we overcome our sense of resignation?

## 1. We learned from other countries:

- From Bolivia where the indigenous people threw the American corporation Bechtel out of their country
- From Argentina where they threw out Suez
- From Paris where they ended the contracts with Suez and Veolia and remunicipalised Eau de Paris.





We had good logos that we used wherever we were



## 2. We went out into the streets and had fun together





## **But Goliath is not yet totally beaten**

1. After the referendum, the Berlin Government finally decided to buy back the shares held by RWE (2012) and Veolia (2013).  
But the price was far too high. They paid them the profit for the 14 or 15 years remaining until the end of the contract.

### **And that story is typical of all PPP projects!**

**Once they have received back (in just 11 years) what they had paid to buy into the Berlin Water Works and before they might be forced to spend more money on the investigations they had neglected to carry out for many years ... then they go and take the profit for the remaining years for doing absolutely nothing.**

**We, the water customers, have paid for all this and now we have pay out again for major investigations and the credit with which Veolia and Suez were paid out.**

2. Once again the Berlin Government, now the sole owner of the Berlin Water Works, hasn't changed the holding structure. It hasn't even changed the manager, who came from Veolia and has just one interest: big profits. The now-public company continues to have an undemocratic structure.
3. The Berlin Government has only one interest: to receive all the profits itself and to maximise these profits.

**We say NO to this! Water must be paid for Water and we don't want a hidden water tax. We already pay enough taxes to the state.**

**This is why our work has not yet ended. We now are fighting for democratic, transparent, socially and environmentally sustainable water management in Berlin.**