

## CV - Attila Steve Kopiás

volunteer activist

### General Information

Currently studies Sociology (BA) at University of Pécs, Hungary.

Works as an IT consultant and web-developer since graduating from high school in 2000.

Born March 24, 1982, Szolnok, Hungary.

### Memberships

**2011-: Housing not Jails (Börtön Helyett Lakhatást) civic movement, founder and spokesperson**

Organizing non-activists against the criminalization of the homeless people.

**2010: The City is for All (A Város Mindenké) homeless grassroots group, activist**

Community development and social right campaigns for homeless people.

**2004-2010: Young Humanists for a Peaceful Future (Ifjú Humanisták a Békés Jövőért), founder and spokesperson**

Peace demonstrations and continuous non-violence workshops for young people.

**2003-2010: Humanist Party (Hungary), vice president**

Campaigns for various social rights or human rights issues from LGBTQ equality to preventing privatization of the public health care system.

### Notable direct actions, campaigns and demonstrations

**January 2, 2012:** Co-organizes the mass demonstration for „Constitution, Republic and Democracy” with most of the opposition parties, political and social movements joining.

**December 23, 2011:** Participates in the blockade of the Hungarian Parliament protesting against various antidemocratic bills.

**November 11, 2011:** Participates in a sit-in in the office of the mayor of the 8th district (also MP, advisor on homeless issues, FIDESZ) protesting against the criminalization of the homeless people.

**October 10, 2011:** Lays down on a public bench dressed up in stereotypical homeless clothes and gets taken away in handcuffs by the police 15 minutes later for “residing in public spaces” - all recorded by a hidden camera.

**May 30 - June 22, 2008:** Joins the international campaign against the US European Interceptor Site with a 24 days long hunger strike.

**May 13, 2010:** Participates in a sit-in against the forced evictions of families living in public housing apartments enforced by the mayor of the 9th district (SZDSZ).

**2007-2009:** Participates in the anticorruption campaign organized by local citizens against the illegal privatization of municipality-owned buildings and against demolishing public parks in the 6th district both enforced by the mayor (MSZP).

**Autumn of 2007:** Helps in organizing the campaign against the privatization of the public health insurance system planned by the MSZP-SZDSZ government.

**2004-2009:** Coordinates the living Peace Sign demonstrations at the anniversaries of the Iraq War. The number of participants increased each year. From 2006 the demonstrations spread to the countryside and in 2007 more than 50 peace signs were organized worldwide.

**April 19, 2004:** Disturbs (with 3 other activists) the plenary session of the National Assembly holding a „Leave Iraq” banner and throwing leaflets among the MPs from the balcony. This was a first time in the Hungarian Republic when a (national or local) legislative body was distracted by citizens.

**2003-2011:** Participates as a volunteer organizer in most of the recurring demonstrations in Budapest like Gay Pride, Critical Mass, Night of Solidarity etc.