

Interview with Kepa Enbeita

The journalist Lorea Agirre conducts an extensive interview with the cultural enabler, Kepa Enbeita, in a new issue of the series *Historia bizia* (Living History). The interview takes a major look back over Enbeita's life: his childhood in Muxika; his post-war memories; the legacy of the Enbeita dynasty –love of the Basque language, the Basque Country and *bertsolarism* (verse improvisation)–; his studies with the Franciscans and his problems with religious vocation; his work at Jakin and meetings of Basque language activists; the early years of ETA; the first literacy schools and his work as a record and book seller; his first arrest in 1963; exile and imprisonment; his faith in community work: the search for a new farmhouse model via a farm cooperative in Abornikano; the first steps towards agricultural trade unionism; the setting-up of the EHNE trade union; his decisive participation in the first municipal and regional elections of 1977 for the PNV party; the constant persecution endured for decades... **Lorea Agirre**

Cultural activity in the Basque language in Araba: from public capital to community of speakers

Manex Agirre, a Basque language technician and *bertsolari* (verse improviser), describes the main distinguishing features of cultural activity in the Basque language in the territory of Araba. In comparing it to the movement developed in other territories, cultural activity in Araba has tended to be seen as being late in the day, marginal and weak. Despite this, the author attempts to pinpoint a range of pioneering practices that are starting to be noticed and that may prove to be beneficial in the future. **Manex Agirre**

Agriculture, trade unionism and nation building: the North Basque Country experience

The agricultural trade unionist Mixel Berrokoirigoin analyses the agricultural trade unionism experience in the North Basque Country over the past few decades, focusing on the development of the main reference points in this sphere of activity: the ELB trade union and that of the Agricultural Chamber of the Basque Country (Euskal Herriko Laborantza Ganbera). This experience has not only had a bearing on the definition of a new model for agriculture and trade unionism, but also of a new way of understanding nation building. **Mixel Berrokoirigoin**

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This gathers together cultural information focusing on the present from various areas and perspectives. This year we shall be closely following culture, economic, sociolinguistic and communication matters. This section draws on various specialists: Nagore Amondarain, Henrike Galarza, Txerra Rodriguez and Gorka Julio. **Various authors**