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#### Mason Lecture Theatre

#### **First Floor** 2pm – 3.00pm

#### The Radical Wing of the Black **Power Movement in the United States** (1965 - 1973)

The Black Power movement in the United States superseded the Southern Civil right movement with more movement ideology, strategy, and tactics, which provided even more of a confrontation directly with the American central government. More than just a Black cultural history of the period, and speaking of the usual media creations that dealt with poetry, Afro hairstyles or Black music of the late 1960's into the '70's, Lorenzo and JoNina Ervin, two African American veterans of the U.S. Black Power movement, speak of now-forgotten radical movements from that period: the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the Black Panther Party, League of Revolutionary Black Workers, and others which made up a radical activist wing, which tried to transform the entire country, not just protest racism or seek Black rights with protective legislation. Learn about the radical wing of the Black Power movement, from the standpoint of the grassroots participants, not the leaders. Speakers: JoNina Abron-Ervin & Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin **Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair** Collective

#### 3.00pm – 4.00pm **Global Uprisings with George Katsiaficas**

To celebrate the recent release of Asia's Unknown Uprisings Volume 2 the author of this impressive second volume, George Katsiaficas will discuss the Asian Wave from 1986-1992 which overthrew eight dictatorships in six years and discuss what links can be made to current uprisings, rebellions and revolutions occurring around the world

**Organised by: PM Press** 

#### 4.00pm - 5.00pm

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#### 5.00pm – 6.00pm

#### The Rise of the Ku Klux Klan, new **Confederacy movements, and the Anti-Racist movement for this period**

The Ku Klux Klan is beginning its new push to build a fascist and racist-based mass movement among the white population in the United States. After building and rebuilding itself for the 5th such time since it was created in the 1870's, this racist terrorist organization is in the midst of its latest re-formation. Seizing upon the election of Barack Obama, the first Black U.S. president, and racial resentments around loss of housing, jobs, and other middle class gains which have effected the American working class with poverty, unemployment, and economic distress, the Klan has been at work scapegoating Blacks and rallying whites around the fascist agenda. Memphis, Tennessee has been chosen as the first major city where the Klan feels they can take over. However, when they trooped out on March 30, 2013, they were met by over 1,500 anti-Klan protesters who stood for hours in a driving rain, and facing 500 riot police. Learn how the anti-fascist activists beat back the Klan in Tennessee, what they believe the Klan is up to, and how the fascists can be beat back in every country.

Speakers: JoNina Abron-Ervin & Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin **Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair** 

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#### David Sizer Lecture Theatre

#### **Ground Floor** 12 noon – 1.00pm **Autonomy against Capital with** Geronimo

Geronimo author of Fire and Flames, the first comprehensive study of the German autonomous movement ever published will discuss the current political situation in Germany and across Europe with a view to strategies and perspectives for the coming year. The author, writing under a pseudonym, has been an autonomous activist since the movement burst onto the scene in 1980-81. Tactics of the "Autonome" were militant, including the construction of barricades and throwing everything at the police. **Organised by: PM Press** 

#### 1.00pm – 2.00pm **Introduction to Anarchism**

The word "anarchy" is chucked around freely by its supporters, enemies and the press who knowingly use it totally out of context. So what



does "anarchism" actually mean? Is it one theory or are there 69 varieties? Am I an "anarchist"? If you're new to anarchism and want to find out more, this is the meeting for you. We will try and explain some of the basic ideas and variations and answer those questions you didn't know where to go to for proper answers. This is a "beginners" type meeting and not a place to argue the finer points of theory. Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair Collective

#### 2.00pm – 3.00pm **CNT: A comprehensive fight**

After a past of great feats, and world recognition since its formation in 1910, the CNT of today is a small union working to win once more a place in Spanish society. To understand the current situation better, we will address the current struggles and projects by looking at the CNT newspaper, the historic head of anarchosyndicalism which this year celebrates its 80th anniversary. Ivan will explain to us the different areas of struggle including the union, social struggles, cultural activities, alternative economies & recovery of the historic memory, from the Civil War till nowdays.

Speaker: Ivan Nistal, director, CNT Newspaper

#### 3.00pm – 4.00pm **LIBRES - Pilar Lopez**

Libres is a historical presentation about the Spanish Social Revolution of 1936, drawing inspiration from these amazing times, sharing the beauty and relevance of those events and making links with what's currently happening in Spain. The performance includes beautiful folk songs written and sung in those days and some originals; also slides and footage about the M15 social movement or movement of the Indignad@s. The show has been performed in different venues in London since 2011 and has been on tour to Sheffield, Edinburgh, Dundee, Bristol and Tolpuddle's Martyrs festival this summer.





#### **David Sizer Lecture Theatre cont.**

More info: http://pilarawa.wordpress.com/libresproject-songs-from-the-spanish-revolution/ **Performed by: Pilar Lopez** 

#### 4.00pm – 5.00pm Liberation in the 1960s?

Phil Cohen will talk about his involvement with various movements of the 1960s, including the mass squat of the Queen Mother's house at 144 Piccadilly with the London Street Commune, taking LSD with RD Laing, the early days of situationism, setting up Street Aid... and assorted run-ins with the police and gangsters. **Organised b: Five Leaves Books** 

#### 5.00pm – 6.00pm

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#### **Ground Floor**

#### 11.00am - 12 noon Erotic Anarchy

The erotic is a profound awareness of being alive, a deep source of power. Anarchy is the experience of relating directly, freely, as equals. Welcoming the erotic into anarchism has the ability to transform social movements. Inviting anarchy into eroticism changes our most intimate relationships. This talk is an invitation to open up to the power of erotic anarchy as an ongoing exploration of our relationships with ourselves, each other, the Earth and existence itself. **Organised by: Love & Anarchy** 

#### 12 noon – 1.00pm From Plan A to Plan C Limitations and possibilities in countercrisis movements

The financial crisis began five years ago and we are still living in times of austerity. Many "cuts" are just beginning to be introduced which further affect our ability to make ends meet.

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Plan C as an initiative was conceived during this period and seeks to understand the limitations of the responses to the crisis - Plan A of Austerity and Plan B of market reform and social democracy. We seek to open up a space where a Plan C, a plan that is opposed to the free flow of capital and its state management, between private and public, can emerge. **Organised by: Plan C** 

#### 1.00pm – 2.00pm Welfare Cuts & Changes

Exchange information about welfare cuts and changes and about current campaigns and actions. The session will be led by Haringey Solidarity Group, who have been campaigning against the benefit cap, and Brent Housing Action, who are working to prevent the destructive localised nature of the welfare reforms . Everyone is welcome, the discussion will cover all the welfare changes. Please bring any campaigning materials to share."

#### 2.00pm – 3.00pm Stuff Your Sexist Comrade

Stuff Your Sexist Comrade is a new initiative from the Solidarity Federation. This meeting is for gender oppressed people wishing to discuss the reality of sexism in their unions, movements, social centres, and wherever else they find it from 'comrades'. We will provide a space to discuss and reflect upon our experiences, as well as the opportunity to think about ways of confronting sexism that might begin to give us the tools to fight back. This session is not open to cisgender men but welcomes people of all other genders. **Organised by: Solidarity Federation** 

#### 3.00pm – 4.00pm Paid Organisers - a necessity, a necessary evil or an anathema to a revolutionary union

A meeting to discuss the pros and cons of having paid organisers in revolutionary unions. As revolutionary unions grow, are paid

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organisers a logical next step or do they undermine self-directed action and the gift economy? Would hiring staff to undertake personal representation free up militants to organise workers and direct action, or would it put us in danger of replicating the service union model? We hope to have speakers from the SAC (Sweden), WI (Poland) and the IWW but also want individuals to come and have their say.

**Organised by: London IWW** 

#### 4.00pm – 5.00pm Workers' violence does not always mean workers autonomy

We all know that violence isn't good or bad, it depends what SORT of violence! But what does this mean in the real world of workers' struggles? Here we look at concrete examples of violence (good and bad) deployed by workers (against bosses, scabs, company goons, union officials) in India, South Africa and China and draw some conclusions on what it means and how to use it. **Organised by: Mouvement Communiste** (Belguim/France) and Kolektivn? proti kapitálu (Check Republic/Slovakia)

#### 5.00pm – 6.00pm Sexual Consent Workshop

The society around us teaches us to interact in ways that do not show respect for the wishes of those around us. The ability to communicate boundaries and in turn to have those wishes respected is an essential part of anarchist culture. This workshop hopes to act as both an introduction to the concept of good consent and also be a great refresher for those who have been to similar workshops in the past. It involves discussion, a brief writing or reflection exercise and interactive activities, and doesn't involve physical contact. Participant numbers may need to be capped to allow for full participation. For more information please do contact us.

**Organised by: Anarchist Federation** 





**2nd Floor** 

#### 11.00am - 12 noon The Zapatistas Latest news

The UK Zapatista Solidarity Network offers a workshop based on the practices of the Zapatista 'little school' this summer in Zapatista territory in Chiapas. Activists were invited to learn about the Zapatista practice of autonomy (health, education, justice; resistance; participation of women; good government), and were asked to respond from their own calendars and geographies. The workshop will update the situation in the Zapatista territories in resistance. Despite threats and oppression from the state and paramilitary groups, Zapatista territory continues to provide an inspiring anti-capitalist and decolonial example. This workshop will also relaunch the London Zapatista Solidarity Group.

**Organised by: UK Zapatista Solidarity** Network

#### 12 noon – 1.00pm **Stop UK Repression**

A new campaign to challenge the criminalisation of protest in the UK and form a network of support for activists experiencing repression. Following a corporate led crack down on antianimal testing campaigners the government has created and manipulated laws in order to gain disproportionate prison sentences, bail and licence conditions. These increasingly repressive tactics are now spreading to other political movements. This presentation will introduce the major laws being used today, discuss some of the latest criminal cases and look at the impact of repression, as well as ways of offering solidarity and resistance.

**Organised by: Stop UK Repression** 

#### 1.00pm - 2.00pm The Idea of the Commune and The Idea of Specific Organisation

How did the Idea of the Commune and the Federation of Communes develop amongst anarchist communists . They saw the Commune as the "vehicle of revolution". Whilst the Idea of the Commune seeks to involve all sections of the working class, be they women, unemployed, youth, the old, etc the meeting argues that anarcho-syndicalism limits the involvement of large sections of the working class. Anarchist communists need to re-affirm the Idea of the Commune. Similarly anarchists from Bakunin onwards have emphasised the need for a specific anarchist organisation. Anarchist communists need to re-affirm both these ideas. **Organised by: Anarchist Federation** 

#### 2.00pm – 3.00pm Is Anarchism v Marxism the Real **Divide between Revolutionaries Today?**

Marxists and Anarchists share the view that the antithesis to capitalism is a classless, stateless society. Less agreed is how this might come about. After the statist dead-ends of Social Democracy, Stalinism and Trotskyism, real Marxists recognise the need to destroy the state not replace it. After Spain many Anarchists recognise that revolution from below needs a deeper material basis. Capitalism is in obvious crisis. Is this time for a more fruitful exchange on revolution and the state than previously? The CWO (and Commune) has already posed this in the Sheffield Anarchist Bookfair. Let's take the discussion further. All welcome.

**Organised by: Communist Workers** Organsation

#### 3.00pm – 4.00pm **Never Again: Anarchists and the Right** to Choose

Savita Halpinavar died of blood poisoning while having a miscarriage in an Irish hospital because restrictive abortion laws denied her a needed

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abortion. Only a few weeks earlier, at the 2012 bookfair we warned that it was only a matter of time before Ireland's abortion laws resulted in tragedy. This talk is about the hidden, yet central role of anarchists in the pro-choice campaign. The importance of international solidarity with the abortion rights struggle will be discussed.

Aileen O'Carroll, Farah Azadi (Workers **Solidarity Movement)** 

#### 4.00pm - 5.00pm Local People Fight Back and Win! **Community organising in London**

The attack on the less privileged members of society has been relentless. Despite opposition and a lot of anger, cuts have gone through, benefits have been capped and working class people have been driven out of the area as the developers move in under the smokescreen of 'regeneration'. However, all is not doom and gloom. It is possible to fight and win against these attacks. This meeting will hear from a few of the most successful campaigns in London and will offer an opportunity to discuss how we can learn from them and begin to build an effective resistance to the attacks on our communities. Speakers: Queen's Market Campaign (Newham), Carpenter's Estate Campaign (Newham) and Haringey Solidarity Group **Organised by: Radical London network** 

#### 5.00pm – 6.00pm Songs of Freedom with Matt Callahan

Songs of Freedom is a celebration of the life and work of James Connolly, the Irish revolutionary socialist martyred by the British government for his role in the Easter Rising of 1916. It is at once a collection of stirring revolutionary songs and a vital historical document. The editor of this new release, Matt Callahan will present the historical background to which the songs were written and performed.

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#### **2nd Floor** 12 noon – 1.00pm Sex Work is Work

The movement for sex workers' rights is at the intersection of many other social issues movement such as migrations, feminism, LGBT, labour, drug use etc... Sex Worker Open University, a workers' cooperative of sex workers and allies, invite you to discuss how stigma and criminalisation put sex workers at risk and how you can work with us towards equality, respect, dignity and justice for sex workers. The workshop will include discussion, practical suggestions and resources.

**Organised by: Sex Worker Open University** 

#### 1.00pm – 2.00pm Anti-capitalism behind bars: hunger strikes in prison & detention centres, US-UK

Last July, 30,000 men in California's prisons went on hunger and work strike "... to improve our own conditions but also an act of solidarity with all prisoners and oppressed people around the world" -- the biggest grassroots mobilizations in the US for a long time. Five days later freeing the killer of Black teenager Trayvon Martin provoked another mobilisation. We worked to bring them together. Prisoners had earlier announced: "Beginning on October 10, 2012, all hostilities between our racial groups ... will officially cease." Can we learn to be as effective anti-racists as they are? And what about women? Speaker: Selma James **Organised by: Global Women's Strike** 

#### 2.00pm - 3.00pm **Red & Black Telly**

Come and meet the fiery, angry sole contributor to this original unique podcast, Martin Wright. Red and Black Telly covers everything from sexual politics to urban insurrection. He will answer questions on the content, none of which he repudiates. Organised by: Martin Wright

#### 3.00pm - 4.00pm **Education is an anarchist issue**

With the country moving further to the right, the discussion around education seems to evolve around Tory "free schools" like those promoted by Tory Toby Young and others, or Academies (championed by New Labour) where businesses like Carpetright, owned by Philip (Lord) Harris, decide our children's education. Many local community state schools, the staple form of education for a number of us, are disappearing or being 'privatised'. Libertarian Education will facilitate a discussion with contributions from the Phoenix Education Trust and the London Radical Education Forum on how we can challenge these reactionary developments and how to give us and our kids more say in the way we educate ourselves. **Organised by: Anarchist Bookfair Collective** 

#### 4.00pm – 5.00pm Anarchism and the Middle East Uri Gordon, editor of 'Anarchists Against the

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> For this year's bookfair SolFed will be hosting three main talks alongside its usual stalls:

The Solidarity Federation is a revolutionary union initiative: a working class organisation which seeks the abolition of capitalism and the state. We organise on the basis of Locals which support both organising in our own communtiies and the formation of future revolutionary unions. Our activities are based on Direct Action - action by workers ourselves, not through intermediaries like politicians and union officials. Our decisions are made through participation of the membership.

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Wall' and author of 'Anarchy Alive!' will give an anarchist perspective on the Middle East, navigating issues around protest, solidarity and boycotts. Organised by: AK Press

#### 5.00pm – 6.00pm **Russia and Kazakhstan: free political** prisoners!

Russian police have arrested dozens of activists - socialists, anarchists, human rights campaigners, ecologists and others who oppose the Putin regime - following mass demonstrations in 2011-12. This is collective punishment against a wave of social movements that is energising a new generation. In Kazakhstan, a campaign of repression that started with a massacre of striking oil workers in 2011 continues: oil workers and other activists are serving long sentences. Russian activist Maria Chekhonadskikh and trade unionist Gabriel Levy will give an update on social movements and international solidarity action.

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#### **3rd Floor** 11.00am - 12 noon **Consensus decision making**

Consensus is about co-operating to reach decisions that everyone involved is happy with. It's based on principles of freedom and equality. This practical session should be interesting and useful whether you are new to consensus or use it regularly. We'll look at what consensus is and what conditions need to be in place for it to work, then we'll look at a simple process which can make decision making smoother. **Organised by: Seeds for Change** Lancaster

#### 12 noon – 1.00pm **Chomsky's Politics**

Noam Chomsky's writings on media disinformation and US foreign policy have helped to educate and inspire generations of activists around the world since 1965. An opportunity to encounter & apply some of Chomsky's key insights with Milan Rai, co-editor of Peace News and author of Chomsky's Politics (Verso, 1995). **Organised by: Peace News** 

#### 1.00pm - 2.00pm **Using Direct Action in campaigns**

Direct action means getting on with sorting something out yourself, rather than appealing to someone else to fix it for you. There's no better way to make changes in your own life and in the wider world. Come along to learn more about direct action as a campaign tactic. The workshop will be a mix of stuff from talking about what direct action actually is to practical exercises like using your body to blockade. **Organised by: Seeds for Change Lancaster** 

#### 2.00pm - 3.00pm How to set up a Housing Co-operative

Looking at what it's like to set up and to live in a housing co-op, types of properties and living arrangements and find out what other people are up to. **Organised by: Radical Routes** 



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#### 3.00pm - 4.00pm **Critique of tax justice**

UK Uncut claims there are alternatives to austerity: taxing the banks and clamping down on tax avoidance. While we agree with opposing the currently ongoing programme of impoverishment, we reject their proposed solution. In this workshop we want to discuss what taxes are and what they teach us about the nature of the state and this society. Based on that we want to present our critique of tax justice campaigns and why instead of offering a way out of socially produced poverty, their success depends on it: taxing successful capitalist corporations presupposes their success.

**Organised by: critisticuffs** 

#### 4.00pm - 5.00pm What is Anarcho-Syndicalism?

Solfed presents an introduction to anarchosyndicalism, its place in the history of class struggle and how workplace organising and the revolutionary union apply to capitalism in the 21st century.

**Organised by: Solidarity Federation** 

#### 5.00pm - 6.00pm What's in A?

A glimpse into the marvellous materials held at 'The Sparrows' Nest Anarchist Library and Archive in Nottingham.

In this meeting we will present some of the materials held at the Sparrows' Nest and introduce our Digital Library Project. Running for almost five years, we are one the main repositories of anarchist material in UK, be it books, magazines, pamphlets, etc. and offer crucial and often unique documents to anyone interested in the history of our movement, both in the UK and around the world. Organised by: The Sparrows' Nest



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#### **3rd Floor** 12 noon - 1.00pm **AFN** - fighting fascism from the streets to the state

The Anti-Fascist Network (AFN ) is a countrywide network of independent and grassroots groups and part of a growing movement that works to combat the rise of racist and fascist groups in our communities. Over the past few years, AFN affiliated groups have been active in mobilising opposition onto the streets against the EDL and their numerous splinter groups. Come to this short presentation and discussion to find out more about the AFN and how you can help us in resisting the re-emergence of these movements. **Organised by the Anti-Fascist Network** 

#### 1.00pm - 2.00pm Anarchafeminism: "Unreasonable **Demands**"

Gender hierarchy is entrenched in our society and, unfortunately, is frequently reproduced within anarchist movements, even as we oppose other kinds of hierarchies. Meanwhile, as "mainstream" feminism becomes increasingly accepted and coopted by liberals and neoliberal bootstrappers alike, anarchist feminists often find ourselves sidelined. Furthermore, even beyond its resistance of practical demands, the very system which oppresses women has labelled emotion as feminine, and is quick to denigrate any argument expressed emotionally as "unreasonable". At this meeting, a panel of speakers will discuss the "unreasonable demands" made by anarchafeminism, followed by a group discussion. Speakers: Ramona (libcom.org), Zoe Stavri, & representatives from RAG Dublin

#### 2.00pm – 3.00pm The fight-back against Workfare

Boycott Workfare is a UK-wide campaign to end forced unpaid work for people who receive welfare. This meeting will discuss and celebrate the achievements of Boycott Workfare and the many other individuals and groups involved in the fightback against workfare. We'll also look at what still

needs to be done, sharing ideas on creative and effective strategies and actions for the struggle ahead. People with experience of Mandatory Work Activity and other workfare programmes are especially welcome. **Organised by: Boycott Workfare** 

#### 3.00pm – 4.00pm **Solidarity Networks**

Inspired by the successes of Seattle Solidarity Network, a number of solidarity networks have sprung up across the UK.We will give an introduction to the SeaSol model, followed by discussion of the role of solidarity networks in building working class power and developing a culture of resistance. **Organised by: Anarchist Federation** 

#### 4.00pm – 5.00pm Planning an annual international Anarcha-**Feminist conference**

The Anarchist Federation has committed itself to initiating an international anarcha-feminist conference, Sunday after the London Bookfair in 2014 and, we hope, each year after that. We want to make our international contacts available to the movement, and to make use of yours. It has never been more important to bring anarcha-feminists together and re-set the anarchist agenda in the interests of women, with all oppressed groups with a working class agenda. We want to work with anarchists in feminist organisations, and feminists in anarchist organisations, and internationally. Come to this meeting if you want to help set this up. Organised by: Anarchist Federation

#### 5.00pm – 6.00pm Introduction to Workers' Co-ops

Workers' Co-ops are a way of taking control of our work places - no bosses, no shareholders, just you and your mates working out how to get a decent wage in a satisfying way. This session is a basic guide to what workers' co-ops are, how to set one up and how we can deal with the challenges of working co-operatively in a capitalist economy.

**Organised by: Seeds for Change Lancaster** 





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#### **Third Floor**

#### 11.00am - 12 noon We Are The 99%! Who Are The 90%?

What should we do about wealth? This talk introduces the distribution of wealth; the historic reasons; and asks "what may we do?" The Guardian has published figures provided by the UN online. It is now possible to calculate a threshold between the 90% and the 10%. If you own less than X then you are in the 90%. So the question is - what is this figure? 10% of the world owns 85% of the world's wealth. What is a realistic, viable, nonviolent and legal Activist's response to this situation? Come along to find out more and join the debate.

**Organised by: Martin Cross** 

#### 12 noon – 1.00pm Mumia Abu-Jamal film

Manufacturing Guilt is a 25 minute film examining the legal frame-up of Mumia Abu-Jamal, made by Stephen Vittoria, director of Long-Distance Revolutionary. The showing will be followed by discussion of the case. Mumia is the best-known political prisoner in the USA, in jail for over 30 years because of his political activism and journalism in the face of corrupt police, judiciary and government. His case highlights the true nature of capitalism, and a successful campaign for his freedom would be a step forward against oppression in the USA and "around the world.

**Organise by: Free Mumia Campaign** 

#### 1.00pm – 2.00pm How to research corporations?

If you're campaigning against a company, the success or failure of your campaign will crucially depend on the information at your disposal. Members of Corporate Watch explain how to research companies with case studies and tips from their updated DIY guide on to how to research companies, breaking down the mystique surrounding research. **Organised by: Corporate Watch** 

#### 2.00pm - 3.00pm **Easton Cowboys and Cowgirls** Inside a radical sports club

Can a sports club be a vehicle for radical politics? Easton Cowboys were formed 20 years ago as a single Sunday league football team. Since then this group of punks, activists and ne'er wells have expanded to a 150+ strong multi-sport community based in inner city Bristol. As a club they have toured the world, raised a considerable amount of money for various good causes and played a role in developing a loose global network of likeminded anti fascist/ anti racist teams. Will Simpson explains how they have done this and discusses the potential for sport in activism.

#### 3.00pm – 4.00pm The case against deportation charter flights

Mass deportation flights are becoming the UK's preferred method to deport large groups of migrants to a growing list of countries. Corporate Watch have been conducting extensive research into these charter flights, exposing shadowy security companies and evidence of unlawfulness, exploring avenues for legal challenges and more. Come along to learn how it all works and what you can do to stop it! **Organised by: Corporate Watch** 

#### 4.00pm – 5.00pm Whatever they say, squatting will stay

On 1st September 2012 it became a criminal offence to squat in residential properties in England and Wales. People are still squatting, as they do around the world whether it's legal or not. But the space that used to exist is being closed down at a time when it is needed even more than ever. ASS, SLN and SQUASH have been trying to develop responses, in their different ways. Join us to see where we can go next, and hear about initiatives on housing that are starting to come together already. **Organised by: Advisory Service for Squatters** 

#### 5.00pm – 6.00pm **Unconventional Fossil Fuel**

The endless pursuit of economic growth, coupled with the decline in conventional energy sources, is driving ever more extreme forms of energy extraction around the world, with ecologically and socially devastating consequences. This workshop, will give an overview of the types of unconventional fossil fuels, where, how and why they are extracted and what this means for the planet's ecosystems and peoples. This will be followed by a discussion on how to take part in the growing global resistance against these extreme energy sources.

**Organised by: Corporate Watch** 







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Sex Worker Open University invite you to our workshop "Sex work is work" where we will discuss how we can fight together to end stigma and criminalisation of sex workers. The discussion will be led by sex workers and will include practical tools and ideas to build alliances with other social justice groups including feminists, LGBT, migrants and trade unions. Email us at contact@swou.org and visit our website www.swou.org



#### Room 3.21

#### **3rd Floor** 1.00am - 12 noon **Earth First!**

Radical Environmental Direct Action. What is Earth First!? **Organised by: Earth First!** 

#### 12 noon – 2.00pm Don't Just Moan, Organise!

An introduction to the Solidarity Federation Workplace Organiser Training Programme. As many of us are isolated militants, how do we organise with our co-workers, many of whom do not hold radical beliefs? How do we connect with them, collectively, as individuals with whom we share a material interest? More importantly, how do we begin getting them to take action that builds power in the workplace? How do we make sure we stay true to principles of solidarity, direct action, and direct democracy? Come and find out about the Solidarity Federation Workplace Organiser Training. Today's session will give you a brief taste of what you can expect on the one-day course. **Organised by: Solidarity Federation** 

#### 2.00pm – 3.00pm **Fighting Foxconn**

The biggest manufacturing company in the world exploiting hundred thousand workers in China is quite well known. But that Foxconn is employing thousands of workers in Europe is "less known. We will focus on factories in Czechia to understand how workers from 15 different nationalities can resist to hard casual work both on workplaces and outside and may envision to openly struggle.

**Organised by: Mouvement Communiste** (Belguim/France) and Kolektivn? proti kapitálu (Check Republic/Slovakia)

#### 3.00pm – 4.00pm How Special Branch Spied on the **Animal Rights Movement**

The London animal rights movement was infiltrated by police spies for over twenty years

### **THE ANARCHIST FEDERATION**

The Anarchist Federation is an organisation of class struggle anarchists whose aim is to destroy Capitalism and all oppression to create a free and equal society. This is Anarchist Communism.

We feel that Organisation is vital if we are to beat the bosses.

Read: our monthly newsheet Resistance for news and comment; our magazine Organise for in depth analysis and our pamphlets to find out more about us.

For more info about the AF and how to become a member a look at: www.afed.org.uk

from 1983 onwards. An activist discusses how this happened, whether it could have been stopped and what we can learn to prevent it happening again.

Contact: ARspycatcher@riseup.net

#### 4.00pm – 6.00pm **Primitive communism and its** contemporary relevance

The chief value of the study of human origins is that it nails the myth that 'no revolution can ever change human nature'. Everything distinctively human about our nature resulted from the greatest revolution in history. This 'human revolution' began in Africa over 100,000 years ago giving rise to an egalitarian, anarchist lifestyle which lasted in most parts of the world until c.5000 years ago. We know we can win the coming revolution because in a real sense, we won it already when language and culture were first established. We evolved in egalitarianism, not class society.

**Organised by: Radical Anthropology** Group, speaker Prof Chris Knight

#### Room 3.20

#### **3rd Floor**

#### 11.00am - 12 noon Spreading organised anarchism internationally

The Francophone Anarchist Federation was deeply involved in the organisation of the International Anarchist Gathering at St-Imier, 2012. We find it important to share our experience after this major event. Spreading organised anarchism is a long-term, dynamic process, as well as involving one-off international gatherings. We offer an insight into how we've been supporting anarchism in north Africa, such as working with the Disobey Movement in Tunisia and with Egyptian comrades. Another major issue to address is how to strengthen federalism between existing federations within internationals such as ours, the International of Anarchist Federations. **Organised by: French Anarchist Federation** 

#### 12 noon – 1.00pm **Private Property**

On the one hand, the state imposes the rule of private property on its society. This means that its citizens pursue their happiness against each other. On the other hand, it demands respect for its common good. What this contradictory relationship means, what it consists of and how all this fits together, that we want to discuss. In particular: what characterises modern private property as capitalist? What is the relation between freedom, rule and property? What is the common good and does it provide a reference point for radical politics? No prior theoretical knowledge is required. **Organised by: The Wine & Cheese Appreciation Society of Greater London** 

#### 1.00pm – 2.00pm **Don't Read Marx with Harvey**

Following the financial crisis a lot of people turned to Marx for an explanation. For a lot of them, David Harvey's lectures serve as a companion. We disagree with Harvey's account of capitalism. In this workshop we will show what we believe to be Harvey's fundamental mistake and try to encourage people to pick up Capital. Everybody welcome, no prior experience with Marx or Harvey required.

**Organised by: Critisticuffs** 

#### 2.00pm – 3.00pm Where now for Anarchist Print Media?

A movement needs its media but we need print media in the 21st century? Black Flag has been our movement's independent journal for over 40 years. It is currently on a hiatus initiated by a combination of personal crises in its too small editorial collective. Should it be restarted? Do you want to help restart it? Should we cooperate with the national federations and become a journal of the movement? Join in our discussion of where now for anarchist journals and Black Flag in particular. **Organised by: Black Flag** 

# **PRIMITIVE COMMUNISM ITS RELEVANCE FOR TODAY**

discussion led by Chris Knight 4pm - 6pm Room 321



### The Radical Anthropology Group meets Tuesday evenings 6.15-9.00pm

**St Martins community Centre** 42-43 Carol Street, London NW1 (nearest tube Camden Town) www.radicalanthropologygroup.org



#### Room 3.20 cont.

#### 3.00pm - 4.00pm **The Relevance of Anarchist Research** a discussion

Should research be influenced by activism? Or are there other important considerations for anarchist researchers, whether or not they are researching anarchism? How might activism benefit from research?

**Organised by the New Anarchist Research Group** 

#### 4.00pm – 5.00pm **Class and Class Consciousness Today**

Class is once again in the news and political debate. While some claim that it is no longer relevant at all, the BBC's Great British Class Survey claimed to identify no fewer than seven different classes. What does it mean to belong to a class? Is it an objective situation, or does it involve subjectivity and consciousness? How best to understand the class structure of modern capitalism? Can working class struggle lead to a future classless society? Join us for a classy discussion.

**Organised by: Hobgoblin Magazine** 

#### 5.00pm – 6.00pm **The Anarchist Revelation**

Paul Cudenec explains how only anarchy can save humankind and the planet - and why "today's anarchists must urgently reconnect with the primal force of our root ideology, a free and profound way of thinking that stands in direct opposition to the blinkered and soulstifling materialism of contemporary society. Talk and discussion.

**Organised by: The Porkbolter** 



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ical History Meetings We have handed this room over to the various Radical History groups around the country to put on a programme of radical history

talks and exhibitions.

#### 11.00 - 12.00 - Solidarity: Martial Law -Capitalism in Poland, 1980-1989 Speaker: Marcin Wawrzyn

The black and white picture of the struggle of Polish anti-communist opposition, with its flagship Solidarity trade union, against the Moscow-backed regime, is just another official version of history that the victorious write in the school books of our children. But what if Solidarity was just a major scam of Pierestrojka that span out of control, and what if communists didn't believe in communism, but what they did believe in was simply money and power?

#### 12.00 - 1.00 - Running down Whitehall with a black flag: memories of anarchism in the 1960s **Speaker: Di Parkin**

Di Parkin was a revolutionary activist from the early 1960s to the 1980s. This talk focusses on her personal memories as an anarchosyndicalist in the 1960s and on interviews with members of the Syndicalist Workers' Federation and its links to the Spanish CNT in exile.

#### 1.00 - 2.00 - Anarchist Visual Art, Then and Now?

#### **Speakers: Kev Caplicki & Gee Vaucher**

This striking montage of history and political art is a one-off chance to catch comrades from the celebrated JustSeeds Collective, sharing a space with Gee Vaucher, from legendary punk band Crass. Kevin Caplicki is a socially engaged printmaker, member of Justseeds Artists Cooperative & DIY archivist at Interference Archive, in Brooklyn, NY, which explores the relationship between cultural production and social movements. http://justseeds.org/ Gee produced what are surely the most familiar and influential images of anarcho-punk artwork. She continues to experiment and push boundaries as an artist using whatever it takes to say it. www.exitstencilpress.com

#### 2.00 – 3.30 - Occupying is Good for your Health? Speakers: Rosanne and Myk, hospital occupiers from the 1980s and 1990s.

In the 1970s, '80s and '90s, many UK workers and patients occupied hospitals under threat of closure. Currently the NHS is under threat of closures again. How is the situation different now? Are tales of previous occupations relevant? The NHS, useful as it is, has never really been under our control - are occupations a step in that direction? Or is calling for occupations just empty radical-sounding sloganising?

### 3.30 - 5.00 -British armed forces' strikes and mutinies in 1918-19: A radical history project for the anniversary of World War I

Speakers: Roger Ball, Neil Transpontine. Bristol Radical History Group and Neil Transpotine will outline the conveniently forgotten history of British armed forces' post WWI strikes and mutinies revealing how the mass refusal of troops across Europe included expressions of militant dissent in Britain. Such widespread revolt led to the collapse of the Allied invasion of Soviet Russia. The second part of the meeting will discuss what we can do to disrupt attempts by Cameron and the Tories to spin the 100th anniversary of the War's outbreak next year. Never mind their flagging credentials; radical historians can start the resistance right here.

#### **EXHIBITIONS** (foyer)

JustSeeds Celebrate People's History posters, and Gee Vaucher's montages. These will be in the Foyer area.

#### Room 3.15

# HATE the Baily Plail?



#### Room 1.02.6A II Caixa Postal 195/ PO Box 95 (8 mins)

A short film about the arrest of an anarchist in São Paulo in 1941 because he received anarchist materials in PO Box 195, the address of the anarchists there since 1900. With a short introduction from a comrade of Biblioteca Terra Livre

#### 11.30 Anarchy in the UK 10 - Days that Shook the world

Finally, a film record of the "book them and they will come" approach to event organising. Be inspired.

I pm No Pasaran - resisting Neo Nazis in MAgdeburg, Germany

1.30 Into the Fire - migrants and refugees in Athens

#### 2.15 Reel News- Fracking: Balcombe I

Villagers in West Sussex rise up against the decision to give Cuadrilla permits to start exploratory drilling for oil. Balcombe 2 The permanent blockade of the fracking site continues by possibly the fastest growing environmental movement ever seen.

#### 2.45 Reel News Blacklisted 2013

Huge steps forward for the campaign to stop the illegal blacklisting of construction workers for trade union activity. + Update The campaign over blacklisting on the Crossrail project is winning, as Kier start to lose multimillion pound contracts.

#### 3.15 Reel News 3 Cosas Campaign

Big decisions in the campaign for sick pay, pensions and decent holidays for outsourced workers at the university of London.

#### 3.30 Rlot from Wrong

Documentary film made by Fully Focused

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Community. It seeks to document the August 2011 riots from within the communities in which they occurred, from the perspective of young people.

#### 5.30 Epiphany

(dir Suzy Gillett 2013) producer Ian Bone Epiphany is a hybrid documentary evoking the Mystics and Anarchists of the English Revolution. Highlighting two little known religious and political movements of the 1600's Republic, The Fifth Monarchists and the Muggletons come to life in London as told by contemporary leading anarchists : lan Bone and Martin Wright star as John Thurloe (Cromwell's spymaster) and Thomas Vennner. Venner led the only uprising through the city against the restititution of the monarchy. Epiphany is a modern take on the parallels of the revolutionaries of the 1660s and today's ongoing fight against the monarchy and the city of London corporation.



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# Ids

10am - 6pm Creche (Room 1.02.6)

The extremely popular and successful Anarchist Bookfair creche was created following MayDay 2000 when a group of us felt we could set up and professionally run our own creche, rather than relying on an organisation that charged us a lot but paid the workers low wages. We also wanted a creche where children have freedom to explore, discover, express, create and have fun in a safe environment.

The creche welcomes children from 2 years to 8 years. Children under 2 can come with their parent or carer but cannot be left on their own. Extra adults at the creche during the day are a great help - please speak to the creche workers if you are able to volunteer for an hour or two. The creche will be in room 1.02.6. The creche will be clearly signposted.

#### Ilam - 6pm Older Kids Space (Room 1.01.1)

We are also still catering for older children who come to the Bookfair. It will be in room 1.01.1. The space will be dedicated to kids between 8 and 12 years old. There will be T Shirt painting, board and card games, DVDs, crafts and other activities. Once again, extra adults or older kids are very welcome to come along and help out please speak to the workers in the older kid's space if you can volunteer for an hour or two.

#### Youth Space (Room 1.01)

For the second year running we will also be running a youth space for 11 to 16 year olds. Come along and see what's happening.

# EXTRA MEETINGS NOT IN PRINTED PROGRAMME

### 11am Room 240 Capitalism, crisis and the politics of technology

200 years of industrial capitalism since the Luddite uprisings has brought us to the brink of environmental disaster. In order to continue business as usual, fracking proliferates and the technocratic class are developing dangerous techno-fixes like climate engineering and synthetic biology. Meanwhile, technology destroys our livelihoods, the state and 'Big Data' surveils every communication and a techno-fascist 'transhumanist' movement seeks to turn us all into machines. What is the underlying politics of technology underlying these changes? This workshop is preparing for the Breaking the Frame gathering (www.breakingtheframe.org.uk) in May 2014, which will create a new activist network on the politics of technology. **Organised by Luddites200** 

### 11 am Room 326 Women's Studies Without Walls

Women's Studies Without Walls was launched in January 2013 by the Feminist Library because we want to take 'The Personal is Political' seriously in our feminist activism. The gap between academics studying feminist struggle and activists involved in everyday grassroots struggle has grown so wide that we cannot easily talk together, or sometimes, even understand each other. So our meeting is for any self-defining woman wanting to find out more, and join a discussion about developing WSWW, in London and beyond. If there is sufficient interest, we can actually start some grassroots planning during the meeting! **Organised by Women's Studies Without Walls** 

### 4pm Mason Lecture Theatre Mass Arrest: the Cops' New Tactics how do we respond?

Recently we have a seen a spate of mass arrests at demonstrations all for alleged breach of section 12 & 14 (the cops' power to impose conditions on marches and assemblies). At the anti-EDL demo last month, 300 people were arrested and are now on police bail. This poses important questions for how we as a movement respond to this new draconian tactic. Come and discuss this question with a panel from LDMG, GBC and a lawyer. **Organised by Legal Defence and Monitoring Group**