

121 CAFE

121 Cafe is open on Friday nights for cheap vegetarian meals. The cafe has been running on & off for several years, providing not only good cheap food, but also a place to come, meet, socialise and have a night out. Various groups have used the cafe as a way of raising money. We also use the Friday cafes to show a wide range of videos, anything from info about struggles round the world to Arnie films!

The cafe space is open for other campaigning or community groups to use to cook meals or show videos, for a small rent to cover costs.



**CAFE:
FRIDAYS
8PM-11PM.**

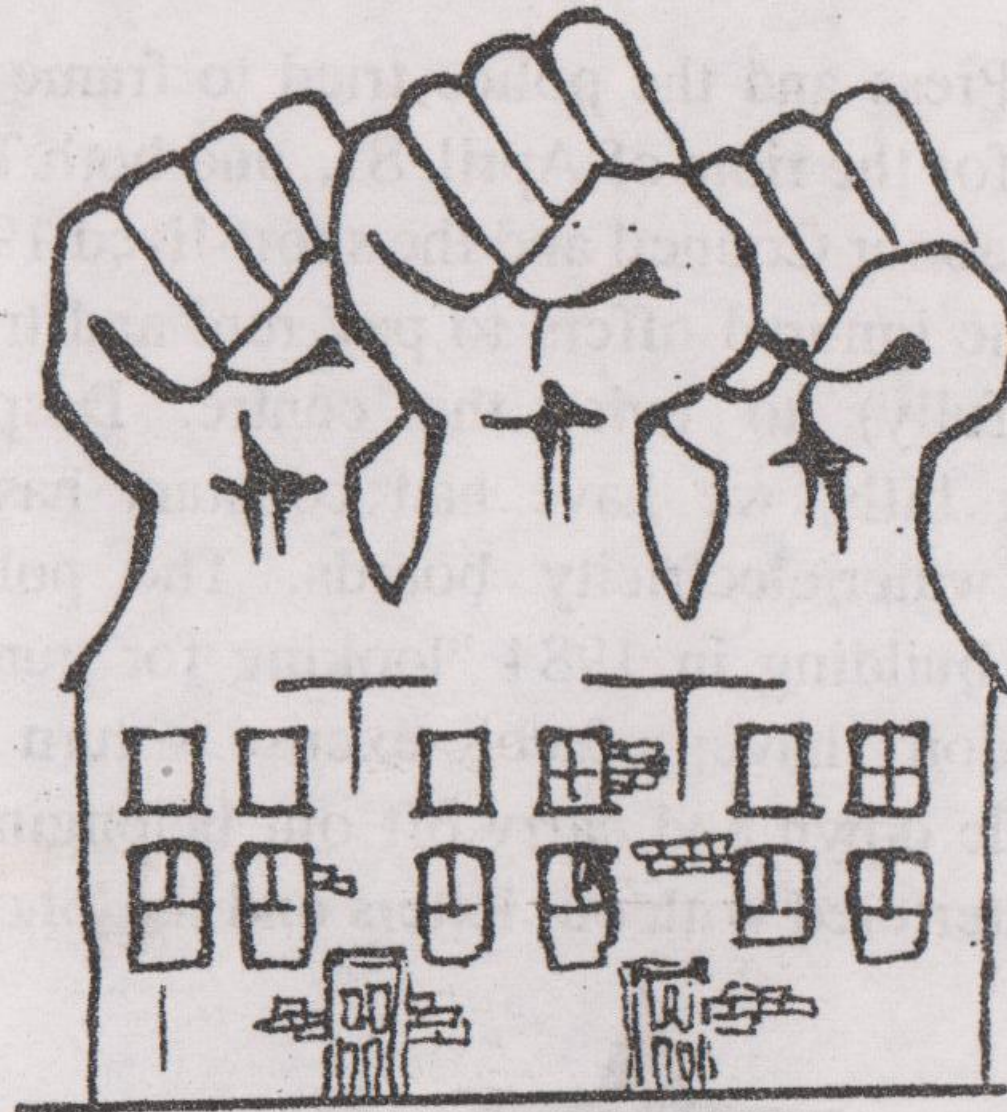
121 RESOURCES

Meeting Space: For groups who need a space to meet we can offer regular, or one-off, use of a room, for a donation towards running costs etc. Disabled access is unfortunately not very good.

Information: 121 receives and distributes information about local, London-wide, national, and sometimes international events, campaigns, demonstrations, meetings, gigs. There's all sorts of free info on display in the shop, and any groups wanting to get news out to people and publicise their activity, send us some stuff.

Postal address: 121 can also be used as a contact address for groups who can't afford the cost of a post office box.

We would like the 121 Centre to be used by more people in the local community, as much as they feel they need it. In the face of a society where the state, the council & our bosses try to run our lives and keep us divided by race, sex, nationality, sexuality, or even football, the more we stick together and support each other the stronger we will be. We hope to make the 121 Centre into a resource for working class people to work together and run our own lives, without any bosses, politicians or leaders.



OPENING TIMES

Wednesday.....1-5 pm.
Thursday1-5 pm.
Friday.....2-5 pm.
(Cafe.....8-11pm.)
Saturday.....1-5 pm.
Sunday.....3-5 pm.

These times can vary due to a shortage of workers at the Centre. Phone first to check we're open.

HOW TO GET THERE:

Tube: Brixton. British Rail: Brixton or Herne Hill.
Buses: no.2 goes past, nos 2, 2A, 37, 196 stop nearby.

121 BOOKSHOP AND ANARCHIST CENTRE

121, RAILTON ROAD, LONDON,
S.E.24 ★ TEL. 071 274 6655



ANARCHIST & POLITICAL BOOKS

MEETING SPACE

SQUATTERS AID

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121 BOOKSHOP AND ANARCHIST CENTRE

WHO WE ARE...

121 is a squatted centre that's been running for more than ten years. The bookshop stocks anarchist/revolutionary/anti-racist/women's books and pamphlets, as well as papers, magazines, posters and t-shirts. We also have a lot of free information about what's going on: meetings, demos etc. As well as making subversive literature and info available in South London, we would like the 121 Centre to be used as a focus for local community action.

As anarchists we are opposed to the current capitalist society that controls and exploits us all; we try to promote working class self-organisation and solidarity to build a new society based on co-operation. This means communities run by the people who live and work in them, not by rich bosses or politicians. We think that the way to achieve this is through local organisation & community/workplace action. The 121 Collective has been involved in many struggles - against fascists and state racism, for decent housing for everyone, against the poll tax, against council cuts and police attacks against local people. However we recognise that there are many other campaigns going on all the time, and we offer our support to local people fighting for control of their own lives or against repression from police, bosses, racists or the state.

121 is run by an unpaid collective of local people who make decisions about the centre collectively and share responsibility and skills. We aren't funded by any church, state, council or political institution but raise all the money we need ourselves. Interested in our ideas and work? Come along and get involved.

A SHORT HISTORY OF 121

The empty shop at 121 Railton Rd was originally squatted by a group of local anarchists in early 1981, and it's been occupied ever since. It has provided an outlet for anarchist publications, a meeting place/drop in centre, and a venue for benefit events to raise money for many causes. For many years the 121 Club ran as a late night disco on Friday nights, popular with many people in the area.

The Tory Press and the police tried to frame up anarchists for the riots of April '81, and both Ted Knight's Labour Council and the short-lived 1982 Tory regime ignored offers to pay rent and tried (unsuccessfully) to evict the centre. Despite paying our bills, we have had constant hassle from the water/electricity boards. The police raided the building in 1984 "looking for guns", which we don't have; a feeble excuse to turn the place upside down and carry off our belongings. They've interfered with our letters and the 'phone ever since.



Despite all this harassment we've been a centre for squatting/housing and poll tax advice, an office for many groups, especially as a point for solidarity with the striking miners in 84/5 and other strikers.

At one point a local group of unemployed people ran a Claimants Union from the building. More recently, with another failed eviction under our belt, we were involved in local organisation against the poll tax, a struggle that showed that working class people can resist governments that rob us blind - and win!

We've now been going for over 10 years and though we've had our low points, we just won't lie down and die.

SQUATTING ADVICE

There are roughly 70,000 people officially homeless in London, but there are 1000s of empty houses and flats, as well as many unemployed building workers. Bureaucracy, incompetence and most of all the capitalist system that demands profit from everything, means that these empty buildings aren't being used to house the homeless. Squatting is a solution to this problem - homeless people taking control of their own housing situation and finding a place to live without submitting to greedy and nosy landlords, council pen-pushers and increasing rents.



121 gives free advice on how to squat places, how to stay there, and how to deal with owners, courts and police. We have a list of empties (it always needs updating!), and can sometimes lend out tools. With recent talk of changing the law on squatting, we also believe that squatters should get organised to resist any attempt to increase homelessness, as well as making as many links as possible with tenants fighting rent rises and bad housing. **DON'T LET HOUSES ROT - SQUAT!**

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for ourselves without
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