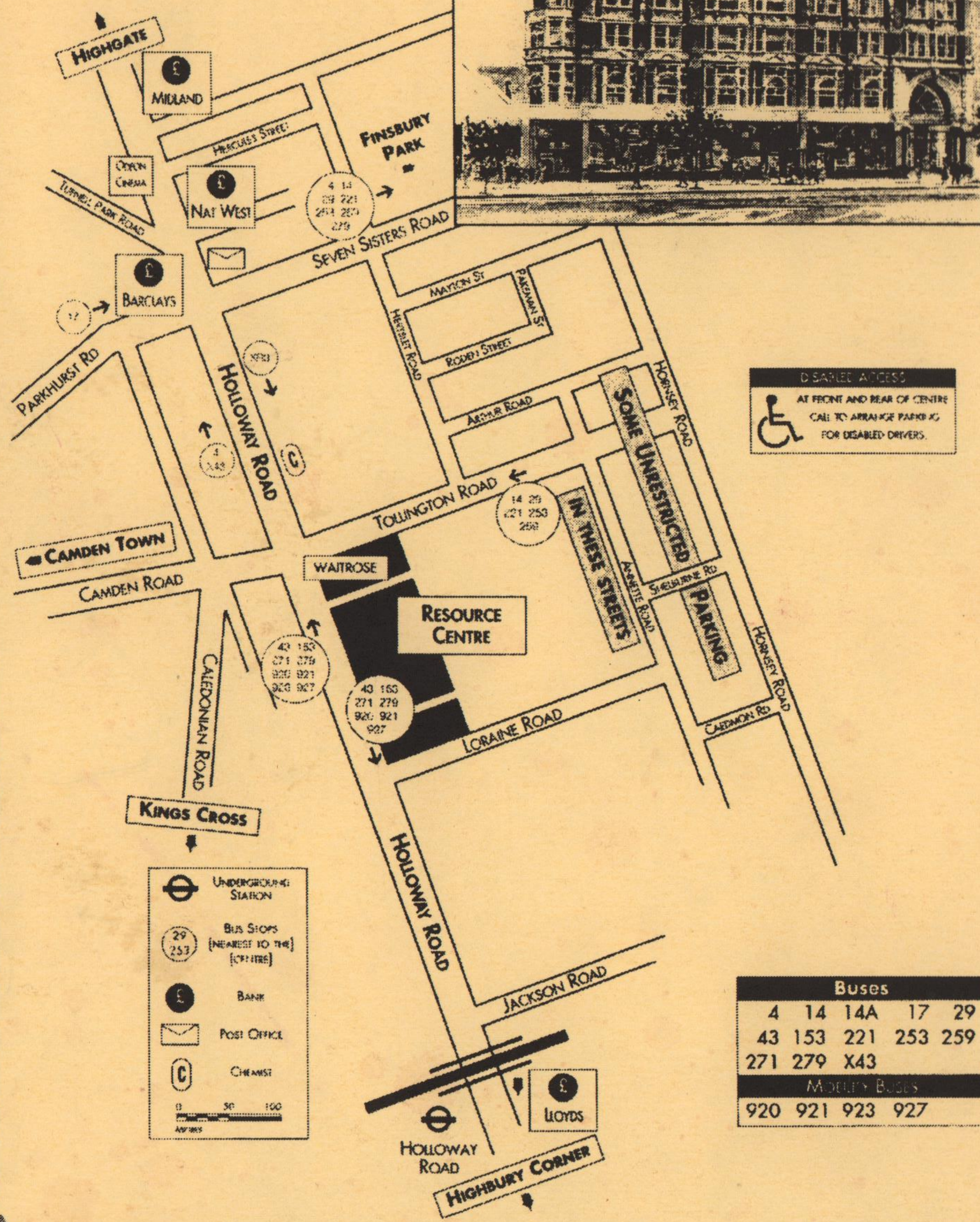




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mayday 2000

anti-capitalist ideas and action

**conference
programme**
Sat 29-Sun 30 April 2000

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Respect (just a little bit!)

In order to ensure the smooth running of the conference and the equal participation of all those who attend, we are asking all participants to observe some basic do's & don'ts. These include some of the requirements relating to the hire of the venue. Your co-operation is most appreciated!

Venue requirements:

- * no smoking
- * no animals
- * no posters & stickers on bare walls (use the screens)
- * no graffiti
- * no cameras (still or video)
- * please don't open fire doors unless otherwise directed
- * there is no bar in the venue - but many pubs/bars nearby

Respect each other:

- * let others have their say
- * leave personal squabbles at home
- * look after your friends and all other participants
- * take care opening doors - kids, youths and others may not be as nimble as you
- * there is a crèche and a youth space on the first floor, please return any lost kids/youth to them or to a conference volunteer.

Finally, it is likely the eyes of the media (and others) will be upon you outside the conference venue. Bear this in mind when you leave. Also remember that local people live and work here, today, tomorrow and in the future - treat the local community as you would want it to treat you.

Solidarity

LEGAL INFORMATION

If you are arrested over the weekend (or at any time) remember you do not have to answer questions beyond giving your name and address. We recommend you say "no comment" at all times and contact either a solicitor you know or one who is on call for this weekend:

Blavo Sharp 07979 911 082

Moss & Co 020 8533 0615

Taylor Nichol 0850 385309

The Legal Defence & Monitoring Group have produced a leaflet giving more advice - *make sure you get a copy*. There will be a defendants meeting for anyone arrested on Tuesday 2nd May at 6pm, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, WCI

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WELCOME TO MAYDAY 2000!

Wow, it's finally here. After months and months (some would even say years) of plotting and planning, a ridiculous number of organising meetings, a late-in-the-game conference name change from *anarchist* to *anti-Capitalist*, a mini-conference, criticisms from within and outside the process and in the end an *enormous* amount of work by a dedicated number of people, *somehow* here we are.

Preparing this weekend was as much a process of organisers learning ourselves as about creating a space over the May Day weekend where all of us collectively can learn and listen, talk and play, and become ever more clear about our own positions under capitalism and how best we might respond to that.

As you can see, there are a vast number of workshops and events that you can tap into over these few days, and hopefully you will find several which will provoke or inspire. These meetings and events were organised by an array of anti-hierarchical organisations and individuals instead of by one central group. You'll find that there is no one party line within this festival, no one single solution put forward. This is conscious: just as 'revolution' will happen only to the extent that millions of people don't just "go along for the ride" but instead take it on as their own task, as their own responsibility, this festival will work only to the degree that we treat it not as a series of events and messages to be sold or consumed, but rather as an opportunity to question argue reflect and clarify.

It is hoped that such a process of self education is not hindered by those participants who see the festival as a one way process where they transmit their already worked out answers to everyone else. *Consciousness* and *intelligence* are key, and are our greatest weapon against the state and other capitalist institutions.

Finally, it is exciting to remember that this festival does not happen in a vacuum; the numerous inspiring and successful "anti-Capitalist" events of '99 held throughout the world give many a sense that at long last something may be shifting, Let's hold on to that as we meet throughout the weekend!

Respect each other and have fun.

Conference volunteers

The conference is being staffed by volunteers, who will be recognisable by a conference card worn around the neck. They will give out information at entrances and at the info point on the first floor next to the cafe. They are there to answer queries, sort problems, and keep the event flowing - *with your help*. Their aim is to ensure the smooth running of the event so if you are asked to do, or not to do, something, please respect the request.

A REMINDER The venue has been hired at no little cost because it'll hold a lot of people in a clean and pleasant environment, at an accessible location. It is not our venue - many people work and meet here. Please make sure we leave it as we find it and don't mess it up for others in the future. Thanks.

Creche

There will be a creche space running throughout the conference on the first floor, Rooms 1 and 2, running from 10am-6pm. Unfortunately the creche can only take up to 12 kids at any one time aged from 2 upwards. It is staffed by qualified creche workers and will be free of charge.

Cafe

Venue Cafe - this is on the first floor and is run by the venue's catering contractor. At our request they have agreed to provide only veggie or vegan snacks, plus drinks. The cafe is open from 10am to at least 4.30pm. We expect the cafe to be very busy so please be patient if you have to queue - their staff will be doing their best! If it gets too crowded, or you can't wait, remember there are plenty of cafes/pubs/bars along Holloway Road.

Disability Access

The venue is fully wheelchair accessible.

First Aid

There is a very basic first aid room located on the ground floor. See a volunteer if you or another requires attention.

Photocopies

There is a photocopier available on the premises for workshop facilitators; copies are 5p each. If you need to make copies see a volunteer at the Mayday office (room 7 - next to the cafe).

Cameras/Filming

As mentioned on page 2, no stills or video cameras are to be used on the premises. However, it has been agreed between conference organisers and the Reclaim The Streets alternative media group to permit filming of speakers who have given prior consent.

Accommodation Outside the Conference

Unfortunately no overnight accommodation has been arranged by the May Day 2000 organisers, however we are happy to publicise any occupied spaces we are aware of. Please see the info board in the Exhibition Hall to read or publicise any housing information.

Women's Space At Mayday

A safe and positive space for all women!!

Saturday ALL DAY Room 3

Sunday ALL DAY Room 8

Throughout the Mayday conference women will have a space of our own to meet up, hang out in and talk about stuff... As well as being a space for practical discussions, a number of fun things are planned. A full listing of activities will be available at the weekend - or come along and check out the schedule on the door - but we are aiming to stay flexible and are open to fitting in the discussions you want to have.

In the meantime, Saturday's attractions will include: "Why Women-only?", facilitation skills training, an anarcha-feminist forum, and political song. On Sunday there will be "practical self-defence training", discussion about women in mixed activism, and an opportunity to work on some creative projects for May Day itself!

Fliehe der Macho-Anarko Kulture. Frauen aller Art sind herzlich willkommen. Komm-mach mit und hab-spas. Conoce otras mujeres. Ven y disfruta. Diviertete.

Self-managed Kids Space (this is not the creche)

Saturday ALL DAY Room 6

Aimed at 9-15 year olds, this space is dedicated to all youth who are told "very interesting, but this is a serious meeting so be quiet". Planned and self managed by young people, these workshops will be run without interference, (leave your parents at the door) although there will be a rota of adults to do the door and to provide assistance if asked. Sharing ideas, speakers from the rest of the conference, video etc. This is a celebration of young PEOPLE and a recognition that they have revolutionary ideas in their own riot, sorry, right.

Learning When, How, What and Where WE Want

Discussions and workshops on alternatives to state education

Saturday ALL DAY Room 4

Why can't we learn about things that matter to us, why can't we question the facts that we are spoon fed, why can't we choose to learn outside of the 'factory style' classroom, why can't we learn through play, why should kids work from 9-5, why can't learning be fun?? Come along and join in the discussions on why we need to explore alternatives to the regressive learning that we all experience in state education today.

Programme

10.00 - 11.15 am.

Roland Meighan presents 'The Next Learning System: and why home schoolers are trailblazers'. A radical approach to learning for all. *Presentation and discussion.*

11.15 - 12.30

Michael Newman from Summerhill School. 'Summerhill school's fight for survival and the importance for children's rights in education'. *Discussion.*

2.30 - 2.00 pm.

Education Otherwise. 'Home Based Education' *Question and answer session.*

2.00 - 4.00 pm.

Speaker from Libertares Forum (Germany). 'John Patrick Norman McHennessey - the boy who was always late'. A critical analysis of rituals in schools. Presentation based on Michel Foucault's 'Discipline and Punish' *Presentation and discussion.*

4.00 - 5.15 pm.

David Gribble of Sands School and LibEd. 'Real Power for Children'. A presentation with examples of children's empowerment in schools around the world. *Presentation and discussion.*

5.15 - 6.30 pm.

So where do we go from here?' Discussion session for workers and learners in state education. *Facilitated discussion*

These interactive sessions are ALL open to children and adults.

After Iraq and Serbia, How Do We Oppose the Next War?
 Last year Serbia was showered with bombs, killing hundreds and provoking Milosevic to murder hundreds more. The intentional destruction of civilian infrastructure, combined with sanctions, will kill even more in a replay of sanctions against Iraq that have killed a million people. We urgently need to discuss why the anti-war movement has been so ineffectual and how to oppose the next war.

ROOM 8

Claimants Workshop
 Introduced by people from Edinburgh Claimants and, hopefully, Brighton Against Benefit Cuts. New Labour is continuing the Tories' attacks on claimants. The move towards workfare - compulsory work for benefits - has accelerated. How can claimants groups go beyond individualistic "welfare rights" activity or ineffective "campaigns"? How can we encourage an effective resistance that actually changes the balance of forces everyday in benefit offices? For advance reading material leave a message at 0131 557 6242.
Talk followed by discussion

ROOM 9

May Day - Ancient and Modern
 May Day comes from a time when the Earth was blanketed by forests and people worked communally for as few as four hours a week. By 1889 it had become International Workers Day as part of the struggle for a shorter working day. Today we could transform technology to abolish work entirely. Two speakers will talk about Mayday's past, present and future.

MAIN HALL

GM Seeds, New Enclosure and Global Solidarity
 As instruments of global capital, GM seeds are a strategy for commoditising plant resources, enclosing present-day commons, and intensifying competition among agricultural producers. Anti-GM protests worldwide resist this neoliberal attack in different ways. How could those differences become strengths for global solidarity, for creating alternative futures?

SEMINAR ROOM 2

Welcome to the Clampdown - State and Capitalism Attacks on the Working Class
 Introduction and open discussion on these themes.

SEMINAR ROOM 3

Setting up social centres/clubs
 Intro from Bradford's I in I2 club and Brighton's Love & Rage collective on the practicalities of setting up and running social centres. Followed by discussion on the benefits such centres could bring - cheap and reliable places for meetings, benefits and socialising, cheaper drinks and more money available for political activities as funds are diverted from breweries and venues to our movement.
Speakers followed by questions and discussion

SEMINAR ROOM 4

Women's Space
 See page 6 for details

ROOM 3

Learning When, How, What and Where WE Want
 Discussions and workshops on alternatives to state education
 See page 7 for details

ROOM 4

Do Meetings Suck?
 A beginner's guide to meeting facilitation. Learn fun facilitation techniques to make your meetings more enjoyable, inclusive, welcoming, non-hierarchical and inspired. Includes tips on public speaking and group games that can turn an average meeting into a memorable event!
Skills training

ROOM 5

Self-managed Kids Space (this is not the creche)
 See page 6 for details

ROOM 6

Reclaim the Satyagrahal
 "Hey let's go chuck bricks at the pigs, that'll teach 'em!" Fine, this is one approach, but is it going to get us where we want? Is the use of violence inevitable? Is it bourgeois to bang on about nonviolence? Is property damage ever acceptable? Come and discuss nonviolent issues. Explore ways to harness anger constructively, to communicate effectively. How can disobedience be stronger than bottling the filth?
Talk, video and exercises followed by discussion.

SEMINAR ROOM 1

New Revolutionary Paganism
 Nurtured in the Danish Syndicalist tradition of Christian Christensen, Asger Jorn introduced a rigorous magical approach to the revolutionary ideas of the Situationist International. Imperfectly popularised by Guy Debord, his conceptions are coming to eclipse the polished mannerism of his French collaborator. From his work a new revolutionary paganism is emerging.

ROOM 8

No Government, No Mental Health Problems Facilitated by Mad Pride
 As participatory workshop as possible. Using a soap box format, as featured by ex-Brixton frontline resident, J. Major. 753 Years ago, Madness was first institutionalised and the institutions have never looked back since. Global Corporations make massive profits out of people's misery. Are staff who work in the NHS effectively a social police force? Is to be MAD, to be a prisoner of the State? Could MADNESS be seen as an enlightened experience, whereby, now we are seen as 'lepers', once we were 'shamans'? Is it time to show respect for madness and not dread, shame or fear?

Facilitated discussion

ROOM 9

The Seattle Protests and the World Trade Organisation with Robert Newman

How was it possible to create such a mass movement as the broad and mighty alliance seen in Seattle? Where do we go from here? Robert Newman will give a talk on his experience of the Seattle protest, followed by a panel of others who were also there.

Talk followed by discussion

MAIN HALL

Anti-Terrorism Bill Workshop

New wave of repression or just another law? How legislation is used to control movements and how do we react. Speakers from Italy will make comparisons between the Anti-Terrorism Bill and the Emergency Law in Italy in the 70s. Others speakers will talk about the CJA and the movement that followed.

Speakers + discussion

SEMINAR ROOM 2

Opposing the Countryside Alliance (12pm-1:15pm)

Why this alliance is a threat. What we can do about them. This land is our land - not theirs to with-hold. Fighting landowners/the wealthy who comprise the C/Alliance. Building a political anti-hunt movement.

Introduction followed by chaired discussion

Movement Against the Monarchy (1:15pm-2pm)

We will be ranting and pouring vitriol upon the longest running soap opera in the most graphic terms. We intend to drive a stake through the rotten heart of 'British' identity and will announce various actions that will take place throughout this year.

Presentation

BOTH WORKSHOPS IN SEMINAR ROOM 3

Why we need revolutionary organisation in the workplace - introduced and facilitated by the Solidarity Federation

The class war is waged against workers on a daily basis. We need to organise in our workplaces to challenge the authority of management. The existing unions collaborate with management, with whom they believe workers have common interests. Organisation must oppose this, and be part of the revolutionary struggle.

Talk and facilitated discussion by Manchester SF

SEMINAR ROOM 4

Women's Space (cont. from 10am)

ROOM 3

Learning When, How, What and Where We Want (cont. from 10am)

ROOM 4

The German Revolution and Council Communism

The council and left communists in Germany and Italy after WWI are less well known than the Russian Bolsheviks but their ideas are much more relevant to our situation today. They not only insisted on workers' self-emancipation but they developed thought-provoking critiques of parties, democracy, anti-fascism, trade unions and national liberation struggles.

ROOM 5

Self-managed Kids Space (cont. from 10am)

ROOM 6

First Aid on Demos and Actions

A free-form discussion and hands-on training, inviting both those already with some knowledge of various forms of first aid to contribute and share and also those who would just like to learn. A chance to discuss and possibly put together an organised group of first-aiders for demos and actions in the future.

Free-form and hands-on training

SEMINAR ROOM 1

The Italian Revolts of the 1970s and Autonomist Marxism
 The huge revolts in 1970s in Italy involved not only strikes, militant street confrontations and mass refusals to pay fares, bills and rent but also a new Marxism. It theorised these new forms as a 'revolt against work' which forced capital into crisis and the development of new technology to contain the threat. Autonomist ideas of new forms of refusal influence groups like Reclaim the Streets. An autonomist from Italy will start the discussion. **ROOM 8**

Forgotten Revolutions
 A facilitated knowledge-sharing workshop embarking on a lightening tour of international revolutionary movements, and discussing their fragmentation in time and space. Participants are encouraged to share their insights into some of the less talked-about insurrections of the last century, such as Mexico 1910-1920, Clydeside and Liverpool 1919, General Strike 1926, Berlin 1953, Hungary 1956, East Bengal 1973, Poland 1976, Palestinian Intifada, Albania 1997 and any others suggested by you.
Facilitated discussion **ROOM 9**

Globalisation Gobbledegook
 T.Bone Slim, the American humorist, said, 'Whenever you see an injustice, the only polite form of response is - attack!' Great sentiment, but what if you're surrounded by injustices? - and that's globalisation. We have to put some order in this mess. Where to begin? What to emphasise? What to do and whom to do it with? Enter Marx, our first and still best student of capitalist civilisation! Speaker: Bertell Ollman, creator of the board game 'Class Struggle'. **MAIN HALL**

Reclaim the Streets: from Local Single Issue to Confronting Global Capital
 The direct action group Reclaim the Streets has developed widespread recognition over the last 5 years, for its imaginative ideas and actions. From road blockades to street parties, from strikes on oil corporations to organising alongside striking workers, and most recently the international days of action on June 18th and November 30th. This workshop will look at the roots of RTS, its philosophy and the challenges for its future. **SEMINAR ROOM 2**

Our Social History: This Time It's Personal
 Based on the idea that history isn't something "out there", a series of lessons we have to learn, rather it arises from shared collective experiences; radical history isn't just about the big events, riots, strikes, etc. but about our experiences in daily life, work, love; there isn't a single universal radical history free of contradiction. Looking at key points in our own histories that influenced our 'political development', whether they be events, movements, personal milestones.
Activity and free-flowing discussion **SEMINAR ROOM 3**

What your boss doesn't want you to know - introduced and facilitated by the Solidarity Federation

The existing unions are based outside the workplace and work through representatives. Anarcho-syndicalist unions are based on assemblies of workers in the workplace, which mandate delegates to carry out specific tasks. Direct action is the alternative to participating in management's committees and procedures. Solidarity Federation Locals promote such organisation. *Talk and facilitated discussion by North and East London SF* **SEMINAR ROOM 4**

Women's Space (cont. from 10am) **ROOM 3**

Learning When, How, What and Where WE Want (cont. from 10am) **ROOM 4**

Art and Revolution
 An idea-sharing and brainstorming discussion between people who have used art or creative skills to fight for a better world... from making banners and posters to building puppets, props, mad street theatre, pranks, techniques to dislodge the punters and ourselves from our routines of consumption and alienation, etc... Come and share your brilliant plans, botched schemes and revolutionary dreams.
Facilitated discussion **ROOM 5**

Self-managed Kids Space (cont. from 10am) **ROOM 6**

Communications on Direct Actions/Mass Actions
 Do you hate that panicky not-knowing-what's-going-on feeling on an action or demo? This short discussion aims to share information on ways to spread info quickly, in a decentralised way. In Seattle, bikers with CBs connected the different affinity groups to spread a better picture of what was happening. Could we try this? Or make better use of pirate radio? Other suggestions? **SEMINAR ROOM 1**

Prague- the next global day of action
 After MASS protests against the WTO in Seattle and the IMF/World Bank meetings in Washington DC., Prague, September 26th is set to be the next stage for global protest against the neo-liberalism of our ruling elites. A coalition of NGOs, activists, socialists and anarchists from around the world are preparing to shut down the IMF and World Bank meetings to be held on September 26th-28th. Wanna get involved?

*****Last minute addition - see notice board at front desk for details of workshop location**

Homes for All in the 21st Century - Housing Co-ops
 Everyone has a right to a decent home, yet most of us face the insecurity of private renting, with huge rents, rip-off deposits and shoddy repairs; or of being trapped in huge mortgage debt to banks. This workshop looks at setting up housing co-ops, which provide security and control over our own housing. ROOM 8

Anti-parliamentary Communism in Glasgow
 Today Trotskyists and others in the Communist Party tradition are trying to persuade everyone to look to Ken Livingstone rather than to direct action to change things. But after WWI most communists such as Sylvia Pankhurst in London and Guy Aldred in Glasgow rejected Lenin's arguments that they should use parliament to make revolution.
Talk followed by discussion ROOM 9

Fighting Racism, Fascism and State Terrorism in the New Millennium: A Look Back At The Black Panther Party with ex-political prisoner Lorenzo Kom'boa
 Ervin and JoNina Abron, both former members of the Black Panther Party Government death squads are in the USA today, but all over the world we see the results of government sponsored fascist paramilitary groups beat down immigrants, racial minorities, and those movements for radical social change that they produce. In the USA, heavily armed police anti-drug and "anti-terrorist" squads are raping, murdering, and torturing Black and poor people. The New York Police force (which killed Amadou Diallo last year) is just one of hundreds of such paramilitary groups which have killed thousands of persons over the last 20 years. This workshop will show that the crushing of the Black Panther Party, which fought against racism and police brutality in the 1960s, set the stage for today's mass imprisonment of Black youth, unchecked police brutality, and oppression of Black and poor masses of people. MAIN HALL

The War to End All Wars - Class War
 Everyone has/had a position on it, from Tony Blair to Tony Cliff, from Class war to William Hague — even if it's denying it exists. This meeting asks people to discuss their experiences of the class war and what we can do about it in the future.
Talk followed by discussion SEMINAR ROOM 2

Against Anarchism! Against Marxism! The Situationist Attempt to Leave the 20th century
 Why do Marxist and anarchist organisations act in counter-revolutionary ways? For situationist Guy Debord anarchism and Marxism were two opposing 'ideologies of the workers' revolution; each embodied a partially correct critique, but each, having lost the unity of historical thought, aspired to set itself up as an ideological authority.' [92] Can we use the situationist critique of the ideologies of anarchism and Marxism without falling into situationism?

Recommended reading: *Society of the Spectacle* ch 4, esp. paragraphs [90 -113.] SEMINAR ROOM 3

Organising where we live - introduced and facilitated by the Solidarity Federation
 Anarcho-syndicalism is not industrial unionism, but a social movement. Its structures and methods work outside the workplace. Local organisation with clear principles can better set its own agenda and defend itself from the interventions of opportunists. Federalism can link up local groups into regional and national organisations.
Talk and facilitated discussion by the Red & Black Club SEMINAR ROOM 4

Women's Space (cont. from 10am) ROOM 3

Learning When, How, What and Where We Want (cont. from 10am) ROOM 4

The Reproduction Of Daily Life
 Taking as our starting point Marx's writing on alienation, contained in the 'Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts', and Freddy Perlman's text 'The Reproduction of Daily Life', we will attempt to consider the relevance of Marx's theory of alienation today and how this fits into our struggle for a new world.
Facilitated discussion ROOM 5

Self-managed Kids Space (cont. from 10am) ROOM 6

Direct Action Session: Rescue situations
 Details available on day. SEMINAR ROOM 1

Quick glance guide

Saturday (for the latest details, additions or changes see the information point)

Ground Floor: Bookfair

Basement: Video

First (Rooms 1 and 2): Crèche

Floor:	Basement		First				Second				
Room:	8	9	HALL	Seminar 2	Seminar 3	Seminar 4	3	4	5	6	Seminar 1
Capacity:	40	30	175	140	90	50	28	36	28	22	60
10am-11.50am	After Iraq and Serbia, How do we oppose the next war?	Claimants workshop	May Day: Ancient and Modern	GM seeds: New enclosure and global solidarity	Welcome to the Clampdown State and Capitalism attacks on the working class	Setting up social centres and clubs	Womens' Space	Learning when, how, what and where we want	Do meetings Suck? A beginner's guide on to making it better	Self-Managed Childrens' Space	Direct Action sessions
12noon-1.50pm	New Revolutionary Paganism	No Government No mental health problems	The Seattle protests and the WTO with Robert Newman	Anti-Terrorism Bill workshop	12pm-1.15pm: Opposing the Country-side Alliance 1.15pm-2pm: Movement Against the Monarchy meeting	Organising in the Workplace and the Community			The German Revolution and Council Communism		
2pm-3.50pm	Italy in the 70s and Autonomist Marxism Repression and Resistance	Forgotten revolutions	Globalisation Gobbledygook	RTS: From single issue to confronting global capital	Our social history: This time it's political	Art and Revolution					
4pm-5.50pm	Homes for all in the 21st century: Housing Co-ops	Anti-Parliamentary Communism in Glasgow	Fighting racism, fascism and State terrorism in the new millennium. Lorenz Kom'boa Ervin and JoNina Abron	The War to End All Wars: The Class War	Against anarchism! Against Marxism! The situationist Attempt to leave the 20th century	The reproduction of daily life					

Sunday (for the latest details, additions or changes see the information point)

Ground Floor: Closed

First (R1 and R2): Crèche

Floor	Basement		First				Second					
Room:	8	9	HALL	SEMINAR 2	SEMINAR 3	SEMINAR 4	3	4	5	6	SEMINAR 1	
Capacity:	40	30	175	140	90	50	28	36	28	22	60	
10am-11.50am	Womens' Space	No borders, Refugees and migration Immigration Issues today	The PGA: Weaving networks of struggle	The Human Revolution	The Russian Revolution and the Makhnovists?	Understand -ing the English revolution	Pacifism or Not?	Squatting: From a roof over your head to a social movement ... From the croubar to the coffee bar	Anti-civilisation currents in the anarchist resistance	Simple web site production	Direct Action Meets	
12noon-1.50pm		May Day 2000 in the Media	May 1968 and France	Our Environment, Pollution, Destruction and Resistance where we live and work	McLibel 2: Two world's collide	Does Capitalism Have a Future?	Exposing local corruption	Shopper's Delight	Using publicity to change attitudes	Mumia Abu-Jamal and Death Row		
2pm-3.50pm		An introduction to Campaign Against the Arms Trade	What is Capital?	Anti-racist struggle after the Lawrence enquiry	The Mayor and Democracy in London?	The Spanish Revolution: The friends of Durruti	Fighting back - inside and out	Columbia: Resistance, nationalism and national liberation	Putting the Boot into Post-Feminism	Russia Today		Where We Live: Organising Locally to Improve Our Everyday Lives
4pm-5.50pm		Best value - Better resistance	Our Resistance is as Global as Capitalism	After May Day: What Next?	What does a social movement look like? Into by Alice Nutter of Chumbawamba	Red, Green and Black: Beyond dogma, towards diversity	"Pride" or Profit? Same sex desire and revolution	Reflections on the new "anti-Capitalism"	Fighting council house sell-offs	West Papua: A sample of war between tribal people and modern States		Direct Action Meets

Women's Space

See page 6 for details

ROOM 8

No Borders: Refugee and Migration Issues Today

An open forum centring around a critique of opposition to the new Immigration and Asylum Act and similar laws across Europe, and a discussion of what concepts such opposition could /should use. Informal contributions will be invited from people involved in different ways with these issues.

ROOM 9

People's Global Action: Weaving Networks of Struggle

People's Global Action (PGA) is a global instrument for communication and co-ordination for anti-Capitalists across the world. It brings together a diversity of movements from the global North and South, dedicated to direct action and the building of radical local alternatives. London Reclaim the Streets who are part of the PGA process will run this workshop which will look at its history and at the challenges involved in working within such diverse global networks.

MAIN HALL

The Human Revolution

Human symbolic culture originated in Africa 100,000 years ago in a social revolution whose echoes can still be heard in myths, rituals and fairytales around the world. This talk provides a short introduction to anthropology including the latest discoveries from palaeogeneticists, human palaeontology, evolutionary biology and archaeology. Speaker: Chris Knight, author of 'Blood Relations'.

SEMINAR ROOM 2

The Russian Revolution and the Makhnovists

The revolutionary peasant movement in the Ukraine during the Russian Revolution inspired by the dynamic anarchist Nestor Makhno was an attempt to directly relate anarchist theory to practice. Attacked by both Bolsheviks, nationalists and the reactionary white armies, the Makhnovists attempted to develop libertarian politics under difficult conditions. We take a critical look at their achievements and their weaknesses.

SEMINAR ROOM 3

Understanding the English Revolution

Chopping the king's head off was an adjustment, not a revolution. But it sparked a brief revolutionary struggle which produced some extraordinary new ideas. Are they relevant now? Can we really understand revolutionary thought argued from the bible? Why did it fail? Can we learn anything useful 350 years later?

SEMINAR ROOM 4

Pacifism or Not?

This facilitated discussion will aim to discuss the emotive issues around pacifism and revolutionary change. Are they inevitably linked or incompatible? It is hoped that this discussion will avoid polarisation and confrontation, but will allow people to understand where others are coming from better, and challenge our assumptions. In this particular discussion it is definitely requested that we respect each others' views.

ROOM 3

Squatting: From a Roof Over Your Head to a Social Movement... From the Crowbar to the Coffeebar

A workshop from the people at Advisory Service for Squatters with contributions from squatters nationally and internationally, this workshop will be primarily free-form in nature; looking at the why's and how's of taking space for housing and social centres, confronting gentrification, and understanding current legal issues surrounding squatting.

Free form discussion

ROOM 4

Anti-civilisation Currents in the Anarchist Resistance

Anarcho-primitivism is a radical current that critiques the totality of power relations from an anarchist perspective. It seeks to extend the traditional anarchist critique of the state and capitalism and sees the totality of civilisation as the context in which many exploitative power relations develop. It desires not just the destruction of capitalism and the state, but the transcendence of all hierarchy and domination by a free, ecological and wild world.

Talk followed by a discussion

ROOM 5

Simple website production

A workshop on the pros, cons and pitfalls of the web and quick methods of website production. Good planning techniques; how it works, non-technical explanation; setting up space; simple design elements; colour guidelines; interfaces and navigation; what you need, what you can get free; how to learn HTML quickly; using a web authoring tool; the concept of dot-pitch resolution; size matters (but not length or width); delivering the code to the server.

Skills-sharing

ROOM 6

Anarchist Organisation - Affinity Groups, Collectives and Action Groups

Covering pre-history stateless kinship groups, the affinity groups of the Spanish Anarchists through to present day ecological action collectives this will be a brief introduction to organising in small non-hierarchical groups - followed by a facilitated discussion.

Talk followed by discussion

SEMINAR ROOM 1

Practical Self-Defence for Women (or Come on Ladies, Let's Rumble!)
 (time tentative... double-check workshop time on front door of women's
 spacell) Hands-on basic self-defence skills; includes sassy verbal skills,
 assertiveness, role playing, basic targets, strikes, and weapons of the
 body. This is not based on martial arts, but practical skill all of us can
 use now. This workshop is taught by women and for women only. It is not a
 class about tactics to use against the police. Sorry!
Activity/skills training ROOM 8

Mayday 2000 in the Media
 What has the media said about Mayday 2000? Why has it said it? How can
 we oppose the media's smears & mis-information? Speakers include Larry
 O'Hara.
Introduction followed by chaired discussion ROOM 9

May '68
 The events of May '68 in France were a watershed in revolutionary history.
 The student and worker occupations, the general strike, the barricades and
 street-fighting put revolution back on the agenda in western Europe. A
 French comrade active in the March 22nd Movement which had a key role in
 the events describes the build-up to May '68, and the events themselves.
Presentation MAIN HALL

Our environment: pollution and destruction where we live and work,
 Working class revolt
 Capitalism uses roads, rail and air for its own uses against our needs.
 Pollution and environmental destruction is the direct result of capitalist
 methods.
Talk and facilitated discussion by the Anarchist Federation
 SEMINAR ROOM 2

McLibel - Two Worlds Collide
 Screening of the documentary 'McLibel: Two Worlds Collide' (53mins) about
 the long running McLibel trial in which McDonald's Corporation attempted to
 silence its critics but ended up with a PR disaster to contend with. The
 McLibel 2 will then introduce a discussion about: fighting TransNational
 Corporations in our communities and in court; and facing seemingly
 impossible odds yet turning the tables on the rich and powerful.
 SEMINAR ROOM 3

Does Capitalism Have a Future?
 Since the 1970s capitalism has resorted to mass unemployment, welfare cuts,
 de-industrialisation and debt to keep people insecure and passive. But,
 whether it is the economic crash in Asia or people's general discontent
 here, there are signs that this cannot last. Massimo De Angelis and Hillel
 Ticktin, from different Marxist traditions, debate capitalism's prospects in
 the 21st century.
 SEMINAR ROOM 4

Exposing local corruption
 Workshop led by Lancaster Anarchist Group looking at digging dirt on local
 politicians and publishing the information in local news-sheets. Bring your
 own examples!
Talk followed by discussion ROOM 3

Shopper's Delight
 Overcome the stresses of consumerism with free shopping. Free fun for all the
 family guaranteed in this practical session.
Talk followed by discussion ROOM 4

Using Publicity To Change Attitudes
 The monopoly of "information" means that most people never hear
 "alternative viewpoints". Making significant changes will be an uphill struggle
 if we face active public disbelief. This workshop is about making messages
 relevant to the "public" (without diluting them), turning apathy into action
 and reaching thousands (without the media). Includes free "try-it-at-home"
 campaign plan!
Skills-sharing ROOM 5

Mumia Abu-Jamal workshop
 Mumia Abu-Jamal, a radical black journalist and author has been on death
 row in the US for 18 years, framed for killing a policeman. This meeting will give
 some background to the case, put it in its political and historical context
 and outline planned actions in Britain to free Mumia.
Speaker followed by questions and answers ROOM 6

Direct Action Session: Staying in Control in Demonstrations
 Practical ideas and successful action techniques for reclaiming the planet's
 future.
 SEMINAR ROOM 1

Women's Space (cont. from IOam)

ROOM 8

An Introduction to the Campaign Against the Arms Trade

1. An open format workshop to inform the attendees of the issues around the U.K. arms export industry and government policy covering this trade.
2. Discussion on globalisation of the arms trade.
3. Information session on effects of arms trade. Peace, Women and children, human rights and fuelling tension.

ROOM 9

What is Capital?

'Capitalism' is talked about as an economic system of exploitation. But what is the central oppressive power: 'CAPITAL'? Let's think about how this power operates in all our lives, not just THAT it enables some rich people to live on the labour of poor ones, but HOW this happens, and HOW we can defeat it.

MAIN HALL

Anti-racist Struggle after the Lawrence Inquiry

Over one year on from the publication of the Lawrence Inquiry report, have we really seen any change? With the current tide of xenophobic media coverage of the refugee issue and the government's kowtowing to popular racism in its asylum-seeker dispersal policy, we are, in many ways, witnessing a return to the anti-immigrant populism of the 1960s. Meanwhile the government has refused to tame police stop-and-search powers and is introducing new legislation, such as the Prevention of Terrorism Act, which will strengthen institutional racism. How can we build a movement to bring real change?

SEMINAR ROOM 2

Spanish Revolution - Friends of Durruti

The Friends of Durruti were a grouping within Spanish anarchism that attempted to counter the betrayals of the CNT/FAI leadership and their 'governmental' experiment. They attempted to reassert the need for social revolution as a priority against the perceived need to put the war against Franco first. Falsely maligned as Trots, they represent an important moment in revolutionary anarchist history, advancing their 'political' anarchism against the lack of theory and confusion of the majority of the Spanish movement.

SEMINAR ROOM 4

Fighting Back, Inside and Out

Tactics and targets for actions against the prison state, discussion of effective resistance to prisons without making life worse for prisoners, direct action, problems of pickets/blockades, organising within prison, experiences of previous campaigns, etc.. Please bring experiences and ideas.

Facilitated discussion

ROOM 3

Colombia: Resistance, National Liberation and Nationalism

A talk and discussion in which a visitor from Colombia will talk on current struggles and libertarian initiatives in that country, and in the light of these put forward his own views on the need for new ways to understand nationalism.

ROOM 4

Putting the Boot into Post-feminism

Taking issue with the government/media general shite that everything's hunky dory for women in the New Labour/Blair's Babes utopia and feminism is not longer relevant (sort of like New Labour saying that there's no such thing as class). Does putting on lots of slap and swearing/mean we're free? And what's this got to do with the destruction of global capitalism?

ROOM 5

Russia Today

Vladimir Krotkov is the editor of the Russian anti-fascist paper 'Chelovechnost'. The group is part of an alliance that has been organising demonstrations in Moscow protesting against the war in Chechnya. The Chelovechnost group are trying to start a campaign of practical solidarity with the Chechen people and are appealing for international support for this. Vladimir is visiting the UK for two weeks to urge support for this work and to report on the situation in Russia.

ROOM 6

Organising locally for a better world

In order to spread solidarity and resistance to oppression, and to transform society, it is vital to organise in our local communities. How can we organise locally and effectively? Making things relevant to our local community - meeting real needs and desires. Organising local activist networks and supporting local campaigns.

Short introduction by Haringey Solidarity Group activists followed by discussion

SEMINAR ROOM 1

The Mayor and democracy in London?

Yet again we are being offered 69 varieties of politicians. All claim to be the greatest thing since sliced bread. Last elections the left told us to vote Labour - look where that got us. This time they are salivating over Livingstone. Will they ever learn? Will a Mayor solve our problems or cause more?

SEMINAR ROOM 3

Women's Space (cont. from IOam) ROOM 8

Best Value - Better Resistance

Best Value came into law on April 1st 2000 with the first five year plan. It will extend the market into the public and voluntary sector and streamline social provisions within a centralised framework. Many community organisations are finding that they are now becoming simply appendages of government. ROOM 9

Our Resistance is as Global as Capital

Whether you are fighting racism in the U.S., resisting eco-destruction in Asia or opposing redundancies in car plants here, you have one common enemy: capitalism. A panel of speakers from diverse struggles -united by our common enemy- will address the meeting.

Presentation MAIN HALL

After Mayday - What Next

Mayday 2000 took it's inspiration from the Bradford Mayday '98 Conference and J18. After this weekend what do we do next? Another conference? A bigger, more spectacular action? Or are different strategies required? Be there at the start of what will no doubt be a long running debate. Facilitated discussion SEMINAR ROOM 2

What does a movement look like? Introduced by Alice Nutter of Chumbawamba

A workshop discussing what the social movements we're trying to create should be like. Who's included in the movement? who decides? Can you draw up boundaries based on ideologies or is it how people behave that counts? What about non-activists? Are there different ways of being political? SEMINAR ROOM 3

Red, Green and Black: Beyond dogma, towards diversity

The separation and presentation of the ecological crisis as unconnected to other forms of exploitation only serves the interests of business and state, and needs to be overcome if society is to survive. The last ten years have seen the increasing convergence of social, ecological and libertarian struggles. Reclaim the Streets working with Tube workers, Dockers are just one inspiring example of this convergence which culminated in the extraordinary show down in Seattle in November, 1999. SEMINAR ROOM 4

Pride or profit? same-sex desire and revolution

Most people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered or queer, or who reject labels, are working class. Lesbian and Gay equality ignores this, and assumes we all share the interests of affluent, white gay men. We must integrate sexual liberation into revolutionary politics if we want to destroy heterosexism.

Facilitated discussion ROOM 3

Reflections: On the New "Anti-capitalism"

Is the new anti-Capitalist mood since Seattle just against globalisation and the WTO, or is it for a complete transformation of society? With a majority of governments in the 20th century calling themselves socialist, communist or fascist and identifying as anti-Capitalist, how can we avoid the mistakes that century brought? This discussion will be based on "Reflections", the post-J18 pamphlet, but it is not necessary to have read it to come along and participate. Room 4

Fighting Council Sell-offs

Discussion about what council housing sales and transfers have meant for tenants, and how we are fighting them. Are we just struggling for the dubious goal of keeping crappy council landlords, or is there much more at stake with privatisation? What space is there for anti-authoritarian revolutionaries in such campaigns? With people from Defend Council Housing, and 'short-life' tenants opposing Lambeth's sell-off plans. ROOM 5

West Papua: A Sample of War Between Tribal People and Modern States

In 1962, West Papua was invaded by Indonesia. Ever since, various policies of social engineering, ethnic cleansing and environmental destruction have been going on. "West Papua" is totally unfamiliar to many Europeans. Why? Because Western companies want to keep there exploitation a secret. Resistance comes only from scattered ill-equipped bands of guerrilla fighters

ROOM 6

Direct Action Session: Getting the Most Out of Public Order Situations

A discussion with some skills sharing on how to spot police tactics and suggestions on how to counter them on big actions. SEMINAR ROOM 1

Throughout Saturday videos will be showing in the basement of the conference centre, beginning at 11am and wrapping up at around 5:30. For precise schedule on the day take a look at the main conference notice board and in the basement outside the videos room.

Some highlights include:

Zapatista - A new video from the struggle in Chiapas, Southern Mexico - followed by a slide presentation and discussion by Zapatista Support Group in the adjoining room. (50 mins)

Mumia Abu-Jamal - The latest video provided by the Campaign for the Freedom of Mumia Abu-Jamal - followed by a workshop by the Campaign. (50 mins)

Iraq sanctions - Pilger documentary followed by discussion from an anti-sanctions group (50 mins)

Old style cut up videos and subverts from **Adbusters** to **EBN** inc. **The Nasty Video** (15 mins)

Best of Undercurrents Mini-compilation (15 mins)

"Poof" - Crusty faredodgers on rampage in short fiction about homophobia. (30 mins)

The Poll Tax Riots: Ten years after - video highlights. (1 hour)

Videos from N30/Seattle (50 mins)

Naked protests doc (50 mins)

Virtual Democracy doc (50 mins)

RTS Channel 4 doc (50mins)

Also, Late Night Film at the Rio. Film and projections. See *Other events at MD2K* on page 28 for details.

Running throughout the weekend, there will be an art and exhibition space at Culross Hall 1A Battlebridge Road Kings Cross NW1 (Kings Cross tube)

Open, active art exhibition and workshops. Exhibition of anarchist events, history and people and players; an exhibition of the dynamics of race and identity in the UK - exploring immigration in the east end of London;

Reclaim the Streets workshop on Saturday and Sunday and banner making for May Day actions. Practical help is needed come along and be creative, screen printing workshops, hopefully mongrel will have an exhibition visit www.mongrel.org.uk (race and identity as a social construct).

27 April

Benefit for Mayday 2000 Conference:

Citizen Fish, P.A.I.N., Attila the Stockbroker's Barnstormer, Earthtribe and the Baghdaddies

7:30pm-midnight. Upstairs at the Dome, 178 Junction Road, N19.

Opposite Tufnell Park tube £5/4

28 April

Critical Mass cycle ride

Let's piss off Prescott with Pedal Power!

6pm Southbank

Radical tour of the East End

Siege of Sidney Street, Pankhurst, Lenin ...

7pm at Whitechapel tube station

Late Night Film showing at the Rio Cinema

including J18 film, Seattle and more...

From 11.15pm, Rio cinema, Kingsland High Street, Hackney.

Details from 020 7249 2722

29 April

Mayday 2000 anti-Capitalist football tournament

7-a-side footie and mass footie.

12noon, Clissold Park, Stoke Newington N16.

Details from 0786 765 2394

Mayday 2000 After Conference Party

Live Bands and Zion Train sound systems DJs

See flyer for details

8pm-2am £4/2.50

The Arsenal Tavern, Blackstock Road N4

(5-7 minute walk from Finsbury Park station)

30 April

The A30 Event

Celebrate radical action past, present and future, in a show of strength that pledges to defend dissent and real democracy.

Come dressed as you would for direct action and dissent. Stand shoulder to shoulder with sabs 'n suffragettes, ramblers 'n Robin Hoods, genetics activists 'n... well, you get the idea.

A "Class of 2000-Style" photo will be taken to record this unique gathering.

2pm, for about 1 hour at Highbury Fields, Highbury, N5

Highbury and Islington tube

see info board in case plans change

Radical Anarchist Stars in Your Eyes Karaoke, Quiz and Cabaret

7pm The Arsenal Tavern, Blackstock Road, N4

(5-7 minute walk from Finsbury Park tube)

1 May

Critical Mass cycle ride

10am Hyde Park corner

Guerrilla Gardening

This is not a protest

RTS contribution to Mayday 2000

11am Parliament Square, Westminster tube

Solidarity action against the new anti-terrorism laws and Italian State oppression

11am Bond Street tube

Carnival against Junk Food

Sing...dance...play...protest...give-away veggie burgers

Meet McDeath, the Strand, WC2

(not so) Secret Party

Bringing the weekend and the global day of action against capitalism to a close.

See flyers advertising this event

Income

Donations Individuals	3780
Groups	945
May Day 98	400
Benefit gigs	4600
Stall at Conference	900
Contribution towards Lorenzo's tour	240
Collections	135

Total	11000
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Spent

Venues	4500
Creche	600
Leaflets & publicity	4000
Postage & Stationery	1200
Foreign speakers	1200
Other	500

Total	12000
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Deficit	1000
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