

May Day 2000 – A Festival of Anti-capitalist Ideas and Action

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Here we go now. Just 5 weeks to Mayday meltdown time and the temperature's rising. Leaflets for the weekend have been printed and are in circulation, along with 1000's of other leaflets for various actions on the Monday and loads of stickers. If you want some get in touch with us or with those groups mentioned below and increase the pressure on the capitalist racket - this world is our world, the future is ours to create. Do not adjust your TV, capitalism really is a pile of shite. Mayday is just one contribution to changing things. Join the activities planned or dream up your own! Meanwhile the cops & media in London are wetting themselves at the prospect of '3 days of rioting'; can't they read? All we're gonna do is have a chat, ride our bikes, and do a spot of gardening. Don't believe the hype.

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Planning Meetings

These get reports from sub-groups, sort problems arising & finance stuff, distribute leaflets etc, and discuss anything else not covered. The sub-groups sort out the nitty gritty stuff - your hands and brains

are needed - pick a sub-group below and go along.

Next Planning Meeting - 2pm at Calthorpe Arms, Grays Inn Road, WC1 on 2 April - agenda to include press/media; legal defence & monitoring. Details of a final planning meeting on 16 April will be advertised by word of mouth - so contact a mouth you know.

Bookfair/Conference

The sub-group will meet 26 March / 9 April, 12 to 4pm, at Pullens Centre, 184 Crampton Street, London SE17.

Conference details - Sat/Sun, 29/30 April, The Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London, N7. Holloway Road tube. Meetings & bookfair start 10am prompt and run to 6pm.

Bookfair - some stalls still available for the Saturday, cost £26 for full table, £13 for half. Ring office or e-mail 'hsg@clara.net'. Stallholders must uphold the basic principles of Mayday 2000.

Meetings & Workshops - the final line-up of over 80 meetings at the main venue is being finalised. Other meetings are popping up nearby - to get them in the programme e-mail full details to emily@element.dircon.co.uk or ring the office.

Facilitators meeting - provisionally 23 April from 3-6pm, at Pullens Centre - address above. For those organising/speaking at meetings - training, discussion & tips on holding meetings that involve everyone present. E-mail emily@element.dircon.co.uk for more info.

Kids - the creche is being finalised for both days. There will be no cost

to conference goers, but spaces are limited. There will also be a (small) self-managed kids space at the venue on Saturday only - if you want to help with/discuss that contact Tom at 'war1921@altavista.com'.

Women's space - at the main venue both days, facilitated by 'Women Speakout'. Contact beforehand c/o Spiral Squat, 402 Queensbridge Rd, Dalston, London E8. They are also organising a women only event on 27/28 May. There will be other discussions on related themes over the weekend.

Videos - continuous showings in the venue video room on the Saturday. If you have ideas AND the video contact Jes at 'maydayvideo@technobabble.demon.co.uk'.

International speakers - a number are confirmed, from Italy, Russia, Columbia and more, including former Black Panther and US activist Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin who will speak around the country before Mayday. Some of these need financial support (see finance below). Sorry but we cannot guarantee financial help for any more speakers.

Venue café - we are discussing with the venue caterers to keep it as cheap as possible and stressing veggie/vegan food only. There's loads cafes/pubs etc nearby.

Co-ordinators & security - minimum 30 people needed to 'work' the weekend on a rota providing info, sorting problems, and/or security. If you can guarantee time to this contact us. Thanks.

Conference programme - this will list all the events that are confirmed to us, as well as giving a brief description of each meeting at main venue. Provisional deadline for submissions is 31 March.

Respect! Is stressed for fellow conference goers, for the venue and the local community. We can and must look out for each other.

Culture

The sub-group meets next on 23 March, 7.30pm, at the Arsenal Tavern, Blackstock Road, N4.

Film Festival - has suffered major setbacks, and may now only run on Friday evening and Monday.

Play - this has sadly been cancelled. Thanks to those who tried to put it on.

Socials - there'll be stalls and/or speakers at the following events:
28 March - Chumbawamba The Rocket, Holloway Road, N7. £11 tickets 0171 753 3200

31 March - Tragic Roundabout, Inner Terrestrials and All U Can Eat Arsenal Tavern. 8pm to late - £4.
15 April - Dub Day 2000 - bands, PA's etc. The Dome, Tuffnell Park, London N19. 9pm to late - £6.

Publicity

The sub-group meet Thursdays, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall, 1st Floor, east side.

Leaflets and stickers are done. Posters to follow. If you can dish out some in your local area contact us. Offers to do T-shirts, badges etc welcomed.

Press/media - are not welcome at the conference due to their intimidatory presence and past collusion with the state. Video cameras & photographers will not be allowed in. There will be one exception - an alternative video crew who will film speakers only, by prior agreement, and also set up a video box for conference goers to give their views. This footage will be linked to a web-site. It is hoped to link up with Reclaim The Streets in setting up a media centre, where

press conferences may be held. An initial press release will be issued approximately 25 March. The 'phone no for press enquiries only is 07989 451 096.

Finance

We still need to raise approximately £4,000 - cheques payable to 'Mayday 2000' please. Thanks to all those who have donated money so far. All meetings etc will be free, but we'll be doing bucket collections and a minimum donation of £1.

Other Events

The following have been confirmed to us:

Friday 28 April

6pm - Critical Mass bike ride, meet at South Bank, below Waterloo Bridge.

7pm - Radical walk of the East End, meet Whitechapel tube station.

8pm - social event - bands/DJ - the Arsenal Tavern. £tbc

Saturday 29 April

From 12 noon - anti-capitalist footie tournament for all ages, sexes and abilities, venue to be announced.

There'll be a 7-a-side competition (£20 per team towards hire costs), a mass kickabout, and picnic - details 0786 765 2394 or BTL, Box 32, 136 Kingsland High St, London E8 2NS.

8pm - social event - bands/DJ - the Arsenal Tavern. £tbc

Sunday 30 April

2pm - Highbury Fields, London N5. Protest photocall against the new Terrorism Bill, launching a pledge to "defend dissent & real democracy".

Come dressed as you would for direct action and dissent. Contact the A30 Group on 0161 226 6814 or 01273 298 192 or email 'a30@nematode.freemove.co.uk'.

Monday 1 May

Global day of action against capitalism!

All-day - autonomous actions in London, prepare yourselves!
11am - Parliament Square, Westminster, for a spot of guerilla gardening. More details contact Reclaim The Streets on 0171 281 4621 or www.primalseeds.org or

www.reclaimthestreets.net or www.apg.org

11am - Bond Street tube - 'Stop the new anti-terrorist laws, stop the criminalisation of protest', event drawing on links between Italy's 'Emergency Laws' of the 70's and Britain's now. More info contact Anarchist Federation at www.afed.org.uk

Mayday Elsewhere

Mayday 2000 is a global event, with conferences and actions taking place up and down the country and throughout the world. Check out our website for further details. If you are planning an event or an action in London or elsewhere, let us know and we will publicise it.

Legal Defence & Monitoring Group (LDMG)

LDMG will provide legal monitoring on May 1st. To do so we need legal observers. This involves monitoring police movements, keeping notes and witnessing any arrests and injuries. Legal observers work in pairs and training will be provided. Contact us if you are interested (we also need people with first aid skills). Write to LDMG C/o BM Haven, London WC1N 3XX or phone 0181 374 5027. Please get in touch as soon as possible with your name and contact phone no.

P.S. we have 1000's of better leaflets + a variety of stickers. If you want any e-mail "hsgeclaw.net" or call 0181-809-7389