

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

BULLETIN

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Welcome to the last Bulletin before Mayday 2000. After all the hard work, many meetings and ever changing plans and ideas, we are nearly there! Help is still needed to make the weekend a success – see under the various sub-groups. On the second page you will find a run down of all the events that are definitely happening. However, things are always subject to changes beyond our control and we anticipate that extra events will be added – watch out for flyers or listen to Interference FM, which will be broadcasting on ? FM throughout the weekend.

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We are getting loads of 'phone calls, but if you leave a message we will ring you back as soon as we can.

Journalists however, should not ring the office number but ring the press number only.

You will then be contacted by a spokesperson.

Reports from Subgroups:

Finance

There has been a terrific fundraising effort. Thanks to all those who sent in money, who put on benefits and the all the bands who played. We still need to raise approximately £1,500 - we'll be doing bucket collections at the conference.

Bookfair/Conference

Bookfair – All bookstalls are let and confirmations have been sent out. If you did not book one then sorry it is too late.

Conference – All meetings and workshops are now arranged and there is simply no room for anything else, so please don't ring us requesting to put on a meeting at this late stage.

Crèche – For children aged 2 and up. This will be run by ISIS and will be able to accommodate up to 12 children at any one time.

Catering – The caterers contracted to the venue will provide hot and cold vegan and vegetarian snacks and soft drinks from opening time to at least 4.30pm on both days.

Conference programme – has no gone to print.

Co-ordinators & security – We only have 12 volunteers

so please contact the office if you can help by 'working' the weekend on a rota providing info, sorting problems, and/or security.

Culture

Socials

Citizen Fish, PAIN & others play a big fundraiser on 27th April but the venue may have to be changed due to police pressure.

There will be a socials at the Arsenal Tavern, on both the Saturday and Sunday of the conference with live bands on Sat and a Radical Anarchist Stars in their Eyes Karaoke on Sun!

Film Festival No news.

Publicity

There will be a leafleting session on Sunday 23rd – meet at 1pm at Elephant & Castle shopping centre on the first floor by the Thameslink Station. Please bring any leaflets you have as we are running out (or give them out yourself!)

Press/media – New press release out next week. You will all have seen the scare stories (hackers in temp jobs in the City!!!)

Gender & Action

No reports

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WHAT'S ON

As at 19 April

The following events are confirmed, but no doubt there will be more added – check at the info point at the conference or tune into Interference FM 106.9FM.

Thursday 27 April

A great gig featuring Citizen Fish, PAIN, Earthtribe, Attila the Stockbroker's Barnstormer, Bagdadies, DJ's, stalls, performers, visuals etc PHEW!

Venue: Arsenal Tavern, Blackstock Road, N4, Time: 7.30pm – 2am

£ 5/4.

Note new venue

Friday 28 April

We will be supporting the regular **Critical Mass** bike ride. If you haven't been for a while (or ever) get on your bike! If you will be going on the **Critical Mass** on May 1st (see below), then bring containers or trailers today.

Meeting place: South Bank, below Waterloo Bridge.

Time: 6pm

£ Free

If you do not ride then why not go on a **Radical walk of the East End** visiting revolutionary haunts.

Meeting place: Whitechapel tube station.

Time: 7pm

£ Free

Saturday 29 April

Day 1 of the **Conference**. Huge range of workshops, discussions, events, talks, international speakers, activists, theorists and everyone else. Also videos, women's space and kids space. Crèche available. Saturday also features the **Bookfair** with loads of revolutionary and radical pamphlets, books, posters, CD's etc.

Venue: Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, N7

Time: 10am – 6pm

£ Free (but donations needed)

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 a picnic.

Venue: London Fields

Time: 12 noon

£ 20 for a team otherwise free

Sunday 30 April

Day 2 of the **Conference**. Continuing the huge range of workshops, discussions, events, talks, etc. Again there will be a women's space (but no kids space or bookfair). Crèche available.

A30 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.

Meeting place: Highbury Fields

Time: 2pm

£ Free

Info: 0161 226 6814 or 01273 298 192 or email 'a30@nematode.freeseve.co.uk'.

Monday 1 May

International Workers' Day with a **Global day of action against capitalism**

Critical Mass cycle ride, linking up with the **Guerrilla Gardening** (see below). Bring a seedling or sapling, soil and water.

Meeting place: Hyde Park Corner Westminster

Time: 10am

£ Free

The great veggieburger give away in the **Carnival Against Junk Food**, sing dance play and protest against McDonalds.

Meeting place: McDeath on the Strand

Time: 10am

Info: 020 7278 3068

'Stop the new anti-terrorist laws, Stop the criminalisation of protest', an event drawing on links between Italy's 'Emergency Laws' of the 70's and the new laws our rulers want to impose.

Meeting place: Bond Street tube station

Time: 11am

Info: www.afed.org.uk

Planting the seeds of change (literally) with **Guerilla Gardening**. This is not a protest, passive consumers not required. Bring plants, seeds, soil, water, containers and imagination to transform the urban landscape into the future you want.

Meeting place: Parliament Square, Westminster

Time: 11am

Info: 020 7281 4621 or www.primalseeds.org or www.reclaimthestreets.net or www.apg.org