

The London Workers Group is a group of non-party revolutionary militants working in and around the London area. Our purpose is to establish and encourage communication between workers in all industries in order to;

- a) learn from eachothers' experience and generally attempt to understand trade unions and capitalist society,
- b) seek out and encourage other anti-capitalists and anti-authoritarians,
- c) devise effective propaganda, including
- d) producing a bulletin in which it is intended to cover news of disputes in order to reach the anti-authoritarian movement and eventually perhaps provide help where asked for.

We aim for a non-governmental, classless society of producers/consumers in free association, hence we support all actions that tend towards complete workers control and autonomy as has been experienced through workers councils. We are opposed to heirarchical organisation and to political dogma, hence our non-alliance to any political party.

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BEWARE! REVOLUTIONARIES AT WORK!

A group of working revolutionaries has come together in the London area, and are at present meeting every two weeks. There seems to be a pressing need for workers to organise autonomously in these islands, separate from all parties and unions. As a member of this group I feel we have some major responsibilities...i.e.

A. TO ENCOURAGE AND STRENGTHEN THE SOLIDARITY BETWEEN WORKERS.
Most independent militants are isolated and would benefit a lot from being in close contact with eachother. At present its either a matter of chance, or join a left party and spend ninety percent of your time building up an elitist, authoritarian machine which controls you, thinks for you, and creates stupid sectarian divisions amongst workers.

The people in the group have the chance to learn from and help each-other, to be more effective at work, and to extend their solidarity as a group to other workers - whether individuals, or groups taking action (strikes, occupations etc.). This solidarity is voluntary but unconditional.

B. TO WORK OUT WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING TO US? AS GROUPS OF WORKERS AND AS A CLASS.

By sharing experiences and ideas, we will get a good feel of the crap which surrounds us - Employers, Unions, Government, Media, left Parti (and Right as well) and the blatant or subtle methods they use to try and keep us under control.

C. TO WORK OUT WHAT TO DO TO RID OURSELVES OF ALL RULERS, AND GAIN CONTROL OF OUR WORKING LIVES.

We have to use the methods of resistance which are successful, flexible and under our control, starting from what's being used at the

moment - absenteeism, sabotage, occupations, strikes....how useful can these be? What else can we do? Many of us are disillusioned with the whole fucking mess we're in, and bitter too. But when we fight back effectively, we will gain confidence in our strength, and hope. Despair and helplessness are lousy things for they open the door to apathy, or even fascism. Revolutionary theory can be a tool for us to understand and change our situation.

D. TO WORK OUT HOW ALL WORK CAN AND WILL BE ORGANISED IN THE FUTURE. Let's thrash out some answers to the many questions we have in our minds about workers' control, committees, relationship to the rest of the community, money, technology, hours of work etc. A big problem is that people are afraid of change, even of freedom itself, if they can't see some glimpse of it first. Russia, China, Cuba etc., are enough to turn you to alcoholism. When there are as many anarchist clubs and groups as there are pubs we shall see some improvement - "Read up please - no anarchy after hours!" What could it be like?

E. TO ENCOURAGE SIMILAR AUTONOMOUS GROUPS.

Let them spring up in every area of the land and every field of work. Autonomy means what it says - no allegiance to any Party, Union or dogma - even anarchism. The common thread must be the desire for mutual aid and solidarity, and for the establishing of direct workers' control in each and every workplace.

Each group must be ANTI-Party if it is to survive the usual attempts at infiltration, take-over and manipulation.

However the people in the group may decide to work alongside any other people they wish but will NEVER compromise their independence. We're not sheep, morons or robots, and we don't follow leaders or party lines.

The group should not compete with Left groups - the working-class is not a supermarket - but attempt to attract and inspire fellow workers by example.

It should be an informal group, decisions made through consensus if possible, voting if necessary. Rather than have a specific policy, the group should be a ferment of radical ideas.

Respect amongst each other is vital. And of course we extend our hand to other groups of workers who need support, to help in any way they wish us to.

I seem to have got carried away by the possibilities, but the most important things are:- autonomy, solidarity, honesty, working out what is going on and what to do about it, being effective, growing slowly and surely, (don't rush to do everything at once!) and remaining sensitive to people and situations. We must be consistent - not just a nine month wonder.

Workers have to move onto the attack now against this rotten system, for it is falling apart. This is the future, a thousand times better than obedience, boredom, Butlins and Belsen.

Dave, London Workers group

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