

THE AUTONOMIST

Because You've Already Read The Metro



Police Attempt to Remove Anti-Cuts Banner

Police Attack Local Anti-Cuts Demo

Around 800 protesters marched through Bristol city centre on October 23rd to voice their anger at the government's cuts to services and welfare and their attack on the working classes. Many trade unions were represented along with community groups and an anarchist contingent.

There were a large number of cops, and as soon as the demo left the park the police tried to snatch an anti cuts banner in the anarchist bloc. Their attempt failed as marchers hung on and pushed the cops away. A second attempt to take the banner was more violent, injuring some protestors.

At College Green the Police attempted to film individual marchers - a common tactic used to gather evidence of political involvement and harrass acitivists. When people blocked the filming, mounted police were sent in. Many of the protesters split from the main rally to help, and the cops were forced back.

Bristol Council are embarking on a programme of cuts to local services to meet government demands for savings. Jobs are being cut in many departments, planned social care homes have been abandoned, and the price of school dinners is going up. Meanwhile all the mainstream media seem to care about is the loss of child benefit by those poor few who somehow manage to earn more than £40,000 a year.

End Violence Against Women Week Exhibition

A variety of bristolian organisation are holding events between the 22nd and 26th of November for End Violence Against Women Week. The events aim to increase awareness and visibility of the prevalence of gender-based violence, which the UN estimates affects around 70% of women.

Bristol Feminist Network are putting on an exhibiton of art and writing by survivors of domestic violence. Exhibition organiser Jan Martin says "The idea behind this project is to communicate the message emotionally, in words and images that are the direct experience of survivors. Hopefully it can encourage a change in attitudes from the ground up, and so bypass the need to persuade the politicians and policy makers."

Bristol Anarcha-Feminist Group meet at 8pm at the smiling chair every thurs.

The 28 Portland Square social centre has seen off an eviction attempt after a judge ruled that there was no immediate legal reason to evict. Further attempts are expected, but the occupants have vowed to keep the centre open as long as possible. "As the government presses ahead with cuts, the closure of council services to the poorest communities is inevitable, and self-run spaces such as this will become even more vital" one of the collective said.

Five vehicles left Bristol last month to join the Roads to Hope Convoy to Gaza. Travelling by road across northern Africa, the group of 11 will attempt to break the Israeli-imposed blockade of humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip. If they make it there without being shot by over-zealous Israeli soldiers, they will donate the vehicle's loads of medical and educational materials, plus the vehicles themselves, to local community groups.

The nuclear power station at Hinkley Point was blockaded by local activists in protest at Edf's plans to build 8 new nuclear plants throughout the country, including a new one at Hinkley. The activists, who were mainly from Bridgewater and the surrounding area, wore badger masks and used arm tubes to prevent their removal. The morning shift were unable to get to work for four hours until the people responsible for protecting us from horrific nuclear accidents remembered they had another gate.

Activists from Bristol and Bath Rising Tide dropped a banner reading 'Import Coal: Export Poverty' from Avonmouth bridge near Royal Portbury Docks as part of a global week of action for climate and environmental justice. The docks contains one of the largest coal import terminals in the UK. There are currently plans to build several new coal power stations in the UK, and 71% of coal used in Britain is imported. Tracy Jones from Rising Tide said "Coal extraction devastates communities, from villages destroyed by floods in Pakistan to landgrabs in Colombia."

The **Autonomist** is a news sheet and directory for Bristol's radical community. If you have news you want covered, a group or space to include, or an upcoming event for the calendar, or to help out, get in touch.

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Radical Spaces

28 Portland Square, St Pauls - Large multifunction social centre in a lovely old building - bristol-spaceinvaders.wordpress.com

Classics & Freeshop - Community recycling project - Open thurs-sat - 35 Stoke's Croft - bristol-spaceinvaders.wordpress.com

The Cube Cinema - Dove Street South - cubeadmin@cubecinema.com - www.cubecinema.com

Easton Community Centre - Kilburn St - easton-communitycentre.org.uk - info@eastoncommunitycentre.org.uk

The Emporium Gallery - 37 Stoke's Croft - emporium37.wordpress.com

Kebele Social Centre - Vegan cafes at the weekends are highly recommended - 14 Robertson Road - kebelecoop.org

Smiling Chair Library - Radical library and infoshop - Opposite the Freeshop - bristol-spaceinvaders.wordpress.com

Groups

Bristol Anarchist Black Cross - Prisoner support and solidarity group - bristolabc.wordpress.com - bristol_abc@riseup.net

Anarchist Federation - bristolaf.wordpress.com - bristol@afed.org.uk

Bristol Animal Rights Collective - bristolanimalrights.org.uk - barc@hotmail.co.uk

Antifa - Antifascist Action - bristolantifa.org - 0845 1265011

Calais Migrant Solidarity - CalaiSolidarity@gmail.com

Bristol Class War - BristolClassWar@Safe-Mail.net

East Bristol Debtors Alliance - help and advice on debts and benefits - eb-da.org - 07878 384439

Bristol Feminist Network - bristolfeministnetwork.com - bristol_feminist@yahoo.co.uk

Bristol Gaza Link - bristolgazalink.wordpress.com

Bristol Housing Action Movement - public-interest.co.uk/bham - housingaction@yahoo.co.uk

Bristol Hunt Sabs - huntsabs.org.uk - bristol_huntsabs@yahoo.co.uk

Industrial Workers of the World - radical union - bristoliiww@riseup.net

Bristol Indymedia - local self-publishing online news - bristol.indymedia.org

Kiptik - Zapatista solidarity group - kiptik.buz.org - kiptik@buz.org

Men Confronting Patriarchy - BMCP@Riseup.net

Bristol No Borders - bristolnoborders.wordpress.com - bristolnoborders@riseup.net

Permaculture Group - bristolpermaculture.pbworks.com - bristol_permaculture@yahoo.co.uk

Queer Cafe - bristolqueercaf@gmail.com

Radical History Group - brh.org.uk

Space Invaders - Organisers of squatted events & spaces - bristol-spaceinvaders.wordpress.com

Stop the War Coalition - bristolstopwar.co.uk - bristolstopwar@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events

Every Weekday

10-12am - **EMF English Classes** - Easton Community Centre

Mondays

2-5pm - **Community Aquapuncture** - Kebele - Contact San_arb@yahoo.com to book

6pm - **Open Meeting** - The Smiling Chair - General meeting to discuss the running of the space and proposed events

6-8pm - **Voice Workshop** - Kebele (alternate weeks)

7-8pm - **Afrc Fusion Carnival! Dance Classes** - 28 Portland Square

7:30pm - **Rising Tide Meeting** - Kebele (every other week)

8pm - **Bristol Housing Action Meeting** - Emporium Gallery - For people in need of housing or interested in alternative housing

Tuesdays

10:30am-4:30pm - **Volunteer Day** - Eastside Roots

8:30-10:30am - **No Borders Picket** - Trinity Rd - In support of migrants signing at the police station

7-9pm - **No Borders Meeting** - Kebele (every other week)

7pm - **Geek Club** - 28 Portland Square - Computer repair and maintenance workshop (alternate weeks)

8pm - **People's Kitchen** - 28 Portland Square - Free vegan dinner and film

Wednesdays

10-12am - **Bristol Credit Union** - Easton Community Centre

12:30-5:30pm - **Bike Workshop** - Kebele

6pm - **French Lessons** - Smiling Chair Library

6-8pm - **English Class** - Easton Community Centre

7pm - **Yoga** - Kebele

7:30pm - **Bristol Animal Rights Collective meeting** - Kebele (every other week)

Thursdays

12:30-3pm - **Family Group** - Kebele

7pm - **Social Centre meeting** - 28 Portland Square

8-10pm - **East Bristol Debtors Alliance Dropin** - Smiling Chair or Kebele (alternating)

8pm - **Anarcha-Feminist Meeting** - Smiling Chair Library

Fridays

10:30am-4:30pm - **Volunteer Day** - Eastside Roots

5-8pm - **Men Confronting Patriarchy** - 28 Portland Square - All genders welcome

Saturdays

9am - **Noah's Ark Zoo Farm Picket** - Protest against controversial zoo - Contact BARC for transport

11am - **Infoshop & Vegan Breakfast** - Kebele

11am-4pm - **Volunteer Day** - Eastside Roots

Sundays

6:30pm - **Vegan Cafe** - Kebele

Non-Weekly Events

30/10 - **Kiptik Fundraiser** - The Plough, Easton - Day of the Dead/Halloween themed party to celebrate 10 years of fundraising for the Zapatistas in Mexico

03/11 - 7:30pm - **Palestine Solidarity Tour Report** - Easton Community Centre - The Easton Cowgirls and -boys report on their recent trip to the West Bank

03/11-13/11 - **Sennen the Autistic Squirrel** - The Emporium - Art Exhibition

07/11 - 10am - **First-Aid Skills Share** - 28 Portland Square - Email FreeFactory@gmail.com to book a place

09/11 - 5:30-7pm - **Garden Maintenance Session** - Corner Garden, Easton Community Centre - With the Bristol Permaculture Group

09/11 - 7:30pm - **Afghanistan: Time to Go** - Malcolm X Centre, St Pauls - Talk by ex-soldier and conscientious objector Joe Glenton

10/11 - 7-9pm - **Event Promotion Workshop** - Hamilton House - Book at fagclub@riseup.net

10/11 - 7-9pm - **Letter Writing to Prisoners** - Kebele

10/11 - 7-9pm - **Motherhood & Breastfeeding** - Cafe Kino, Stokes Croft - A supportive space to discuss breastfeeding with Bristol Feminist Network

11/11 - 7-9pm - **Creative Writing for Survivors** - Contact Bristol Feminist Network for details

12/11 - 3-6pm - **Art Workshop for Survivors** - Contact Bristol Feminist Network for details

13/11 - 7:30pm - **Erased** - Easton Community Centre - Documentary following emergency crews in Gaza during operation Cast Lead

14/11-5/12 - **The Museum of Catalysm** - The Emporium - Art Exhibition

17/11 - 12-2pm - **Anti-Meat Demo** - Broadmead

17/11 - 7:30-10:30pm - **CarFree Bristol Meeting** - The Cornubia, Temple Street - Gathering for people who live without cars

18/11 - 7pm - **Seize the Day** - The Boneyard Bar, Town Centre - Protest-folk legends - Benefit for Bristol and Bath Rising Tide

21/11 - 2pm - **Silhouette Animation Workshop** - Cube Cinema - workshop plus films, benefit for Haiti Kids Kino Project (£2)

22/11-28/11 - **End Violence Against Women Week** - **Survivor's Exhibition** - Council House, College Green

24/11 - 8pm - **Bluescreen** - Cube Cinema - Bring your own short films (£3, 2)

26/11 - 9:30am-6:30pm - **Bristol Permaculture Group Day School** - St Werbergs Community Centre

26/11 - 6:30pm - **Critical Mass Bike Ride** - Outside the Hippodrome

28/11 - 11am-1pm - **Nanoplex Filmmaking Club** - All ages filmmaking to be shown in Haiti, with cakes and coffee available for parents

30/11 - 7:30pm - **Palestine Solidarity Campaign meeting** - Hamilton House, Stokes Croft

For loads more events, visit:
BristolAutonomist.Blogspot.com