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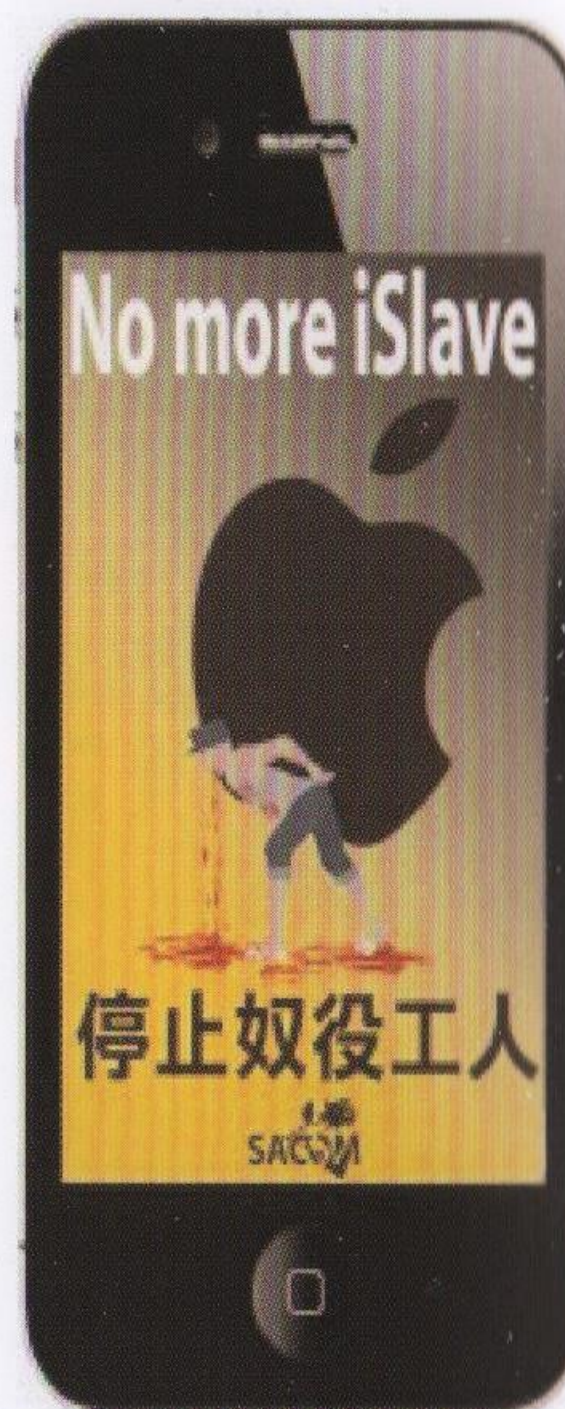


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## No more iSlave - The battle against Apple continues....

Love your iPhone, iPad or iPod? What about the workers who made it? At last year's Bookfair Pun Ngai spoke about the inspiring work of SACOM, an organization fighting sweatshop labour in China. In May 2010, following a spate of suicides, SACOM turned its attention to Foxconn, the biggest electronic manufacturer in the world and largest Apple supplier. By gathering information from among the hundreds of thousands of workers in China's factories SACOM monitors working conditions in Foxconn's massive factories; hazardous working conditions, forced excessive and unpaid overtime, underpayment of wages, and inhumane and degrading treatment. These investigations are published to coincide with the launch of a new Apple product. Together with SACOM videos and banner drops of the "No More iSlave" slogan on the Apple iPhone background, these reports have turned the media spotlight on Foxconn and Apple. However, nothing has focused attention as much as the direct action of the workers themselves. The most recent was a riot in Taiyuan plant on the 23rd September which broke out after several workers were beaten up by security guards. Escalating to include about 2000 workers the riot made international news headlines and resulted in the plant being closed. Meanwhile SACOM are campaigning for the democratic election of genuine trade union representatives and recognition of the right of workers to organize according to the Trade Union Law of China. Update by SACOM. For more on SACOM see [www.sacom.hk](http://www.sacom.hk)



**12 noon – 1pm**

### Occupy Theory, Vision and Strategy - a toolbox for winning social change

Capitalism is failing and people are suffering as a result. Things need to change, but what should come next, and most importantly how should we get there? In Occupy Theory, Vision and Strategy, Michael Albert provides an important theoretical toolbox for activists and social reformers the world over, enabling them to work together to become effective agents of social change.

Organised by: International Organisation for a Participatory Society ([www.iopsociety.org](http://www.iopsociety.org))

**1pm – 2pm**

### Lifestyle anarchism or revolution and views of the past years events

The veteran London Anarchist Martin Wright delivers a pugnacious attack on "lifestyle anarchism", snobbery and rampant sexism in what passes as the "movement" in London. Academics, intellectual groupies, "polyamory" and political correctness will be subjected to merciless sarcasm. Included is a summary of the year's events culminating in a rousing call for a return to the fundamental basics of anarchism, freedom, class struggle, an anti-authoritarian attitude and revolution.

Speaker: Martin Wright

**2pm – 3.30pm**

### Squatting is sometimes legal

ASS and SQUASH will be presenting a discussion on what is known so far about the new law against squatting, and the challenges to it. Groups and individuals from around England and Wales will be presenting their own experiences, and other contributions and discussion will be welcome. While squatting remains legal in some circumstances the new law will change how we go about it. We need to share experiences of tactics and strategies, and how the state responds, to work out how best to combat this attack on our homes and spaces. Organised by: Advisory Service for Squatters ([www.squatter.org.uk](http://www.squatter.org.uk))

**3.30pm – 4.30pm**

This space is kept free for an urgent issue that arises nearer the day. See information Desk for details

**4.30pm – 6.30pm**

### Anarchist Economics

Even amidst economic crisis, experts and politicians tell us that 'there is no alternative'. When the Left proposes an alternative it is invariably the Marxist one of nationalisation and often just seems a mirror-image of capitalism as usual. Anarchists by contrast have explored and experimented with economic alternatives for 172 years. At this meeting a panel of speakers will discuss some of these experiments. We hope this will evolve into an open discussion taking up at least half of the available time.

Organised by AK Press & Distribution ([www.akuk.com](http://www.akuk.com))

Speakers include: David Graeber, Iain McKay and others





# Meetings

**12 noon – 1.30pm****Life Without Capitalism****David Graeber and Chris Knight**

Politicians repeatedly tell us that we must suffer years of austerity just to revive the capitalist economy. Yet, for 95% of our time on Earth humans have lived without capitalism – and for most of that time without states, classes or money. What can we learn from our non-capitalist past and how can we live a non-capitalist future? The discussion will be initiated by two radical anthropologists: David Graeber (anarchist and author of 'Debt, The First 5,000 Years') and Chris Knight (marxist and author of 'Blood Relations' and (online) '2017 - the anthropology of the future').

**Note there will be sign language interpreting provided at this talk**

**1.30pm – 3pm**
**International Organisation for a Participatory Society (IOPS) - A new revolutionary organisation for the 21st Century**

How do you gather together like-minded people separated by thousands of miles to work for a better world? And how does that group organise itself to achieve this goal? The newly launched IOPS aims to answer both questions by bringing people together to organise around a shared vision for the future based on self management, equity, diversity and solidarity. Supporters include, Noam Chomsky, John Pilger, Vandana Shiva and many others. Michael Albert, a founding member, discusses the new organisation, its structure and how you get involved to bring about the change we all desire.

*Organised by: International Organisation for a Participatory Society ([www.iopsociety.org](http://www.iopsociety.org))*

**3pm – 4.30pm****Pussy Riot in Russia? That's just the start**

The jailing of three Pussy Riot musicians in Moscow sparked new protests, and attracted massive western media attention. Other struggles in the former Soviet Union's workplaces, housing complexes and streets are less well known. In Kazakhstan, last year's oil workers' strike (in an area where UK companies invest) ended with a police massacre that left 16 dead and 60 injured. The panel will include Antii Rautiainen, an anarchist expelled from Russia after 13 years there, and Gabriel Levy, an activist who has worked with Russian and Kazakh trade unionists.

*Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair Collective*

**4.30pm – 6.30pm****Lindela Figlan from****Abahlali baseMjondolo**

Abhlali base Mjondolo (AbM) began in Durban in 2005. Lindela Figlan, chair of AbM (Shack Dwellers Movement) will speak about his experiences, ways of organising and other community based issues. In terms of people mobilised, it's the largest militant poor organisation in post-apartheid South Africa. Social movements like AbM, the Landless People's Movement in Johannesburg and the Anti-eviction Campaign in Cape Town pose serious challenges to the ruling party because of their refusal to vote. AbM's key demand is 'Land & Housing in the City' but has successfully politicised and fought to end forced removals and for access to education and the provision of water, electricity, sanitation, health care and refuse removal as well as bottom up popular democracy.

*Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair Collective (see: [www.abahlali.org](http://www.abahlali.org))*

**10am – 12 noon****The Black Rose martial arts collective**

The Black Rose martial arts coop presents a seminar based on the principals of MMA and non-hierarchical organising. There will be an hour long training session from 10-11 am open to all abilities followed by a series of speakers from 11-12 noon, explaining the ethos and application of martial arts when guided by anarchist principles, nutrition and conditioning. Our aim is to show people that effective martial arts training can take place within a safe place open to everyone regardless of ability. With the aim of inspiring other groups to be formed around the country.

**12 noon – 1pm****The Anti Fascist Network**

We are a network of independent, grassroots groups and individuals working together to fight fascism. Representatives of the Network will explain its formation and development including recent mobilisations and actions. There will also be an open discussion about how the Network can continue to grow and become more effective in the future.

*Organised by: Anti Fascist Network*

*([www.antifascistnetwork.wordpress.com](http://www.antifascistnetwork.wordpress.com))*

**1pm - 2pm****Saint-Imier: Political Reflections**

Many people at this year's London Anarchist Bookfair will also have attended the gathering at Saint-Imier, Switzerland in August, at which around 3,000 anarchists took part in hundreds of meetings and other events. Many other people wish they could have attended. Maybe some wish they hadn't attended! The AF invites anarchists of all persuasions to evaluate Saint-Imier from ideological, theoretical, organisational and movement perspectives, or just to come along and hear what other people made of it.

*Organised by: Anarchist Federation([www.afed.org.uk](http://www.afed.org.uk))*

**2pm – 3pm****Introduction to Anarchism**

The word "anarchy" is chuckled around freely by its supporters, enemies and the like of the press who knowingly use it totally out of context. So what does "anarchism" actually mean? Is it one theory or are there 69 varieties? Am I an "anarchist"? If you're new to anarchism and want to find out more, this is the meeting for you. We will try and explain some of the basic ideas and variations and answer all those questions you didn't know where to go to for proper answers. This is a "beginners" type meeting and not a place to argue the finer points of the theory.

*Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair Collective*

**3pm – 4pm**
**Solidarity with autonomous Zapatista communities under attack**

The Zapatistas of San Marcos Aviles in Chiapas, Mexico are under siege by armed supporters of political parties. Since the Zapatistas started their autonomous school, political party supporters have attacked this community, attempting to rape the women and steal their land and possessions. In 2010 the 170 Zapatistas had to flee to the mountains. The Zapatistas are now back in their community, but the increasing threat of violent eviction means international solidarity is urgently needed. This is no isolated episode, but part of the Mexican government plan to destroy the self-governing "communities in resistance".

*Organised UK Zapatista Solidarity Network ([www.ukzapatistas.wordpress.com](http://www.ukzapatistas.wordpress.com))*

**4pm – 5pm****Traveller Solidarity**

A talk on solidarity with Travellers in the UK, and its connections to ecological, anti-fascist and housing struggles, as well as basic information about the communities we support. We'll be discussing ideas for how to take the new Fight For Sites campaign forward after the



Dale Farm anniversary action. Even if you don't know anything about this growing anti-racist movement, this is the place to come find out!

Organised by: Traveller Solidarity Network ([www.travellersolidarity.org](http://www.travellersolidarity.org))

**5pm – 6pm**

### **Anarchism & Sexuality**

Hosted by Jamie Heckert with special guest speakers, this session will celebrate the launch of the paperback edition of *Anarchism & Sexuality: Ethics, Relationships and Power*. It will also offer space to discuss both perennial questions about the personal and the political as well as issues for contemporary anarchist, feminist and queer organising.

## **The Anti-Fascist Network**

The Anti-Fascist Network is a network of independent, grassroots groups and individuals working together to fight fascism.

Over the past few years large demonstrations by the English Defence League (EDL) have posed new questions for our movement. Anti-fascists have opposed the EDL wherever they go and continue to shut down BNP meetings, but we could be more effective.

The aim of the Network is to support local actions, ensuring that anti-fascists are never outnumbered, join together to counter regional and national EDL events, share resources and provide legal support.

The Anti-Fascist Network is not about telling people how to campaign in their areas, what type of anti-fascist activity they should undertake or what political analysis they should adopt. We simply want to cooperate to defeat fascism and organised racism.

The Network will have a stall and an open meeting/discussion at the London Anarchist Bookfare.

[antifascistnetwork.wordpress.com](http://antifascistnetwork.wordpress.com)

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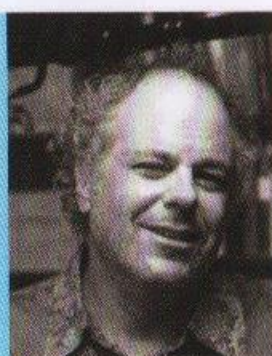


# **IOPS**

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for a Participatory Society*

Two talks by IOPS member, **Michael Albert** (please see programme for further details)

**IOPS – A new revolutionary organisation  
for the 21st Century**



**Occupy Theory, Vision and Strategy:  
An activist's toolbox for winning social change**



IOPS is a newly launched revolutionary organisation around a vision for a future society. Visit our stall to pick up an open invitation to join IOPS, by **Chomsky, Pilger, Shiva** and others.

[www.iopsociety.org](http://www.iopsociety.org)

**11am – 12 noon**

### **Careless Talk can change the world**

Are you a workplace or community organiser? Are you tired of thinking you have to hide your radical beliefs just in case the other workers write you off as a "dangerous hot head"? Would you like to meet other "dangerous hot heads"? Then come along to discuss with others the best way to introduce radical ideas to your neighbours, friends and workmates without being written off as a "dangerous hot head".

Organised by: Workers Advice Surgery  
([workersadvice@riseup.net](mailto:workersadvice@riseup.net))

**12 noon – 2pm**

### **How to build a Fighting Union with your workmates**

Are you and your workmates tired of being used and abused by your boss? If the answer is yes, come along and learn how to build an effective Union controlled by you and your workmates. This 2 hour workshop co-hosted with the Latin American Workers Association will use real life experiences of precarious migrant cleaning workers and their attempts to build Unions they control to fight the bosses.

Organised by: Industrial Workers of the World  
([iww.org.uk](http://iww.org.uk))

**2pm – 3pm**

### **Boycott Workfare**

Workfare - forced unpaid work for people who need social security - is being pushed back by people resisting the schemes and by direct action targeting those who profit. We reject a future where a living wage - or volunteering - is a bygone dream. Resistance against workfare has grown massively over the last year - against companies and charities using forced unpaid labour, and the 'providers' like A4e who run these programmes. There have also been campaigns to get unions to boycott workfare. This workshop will explore workfare, and share stories and ideas for future action.

Organised by: Boycott Workfare  
([www.boycottworkfare.org/](http://www.boycottworkfare.org/))

**3pm – 4pm**

### **Future of Freedom Newspaper**

Freedom was founded in 1886 and is currently the only monthly anarchist newspaper in these isles. Currently we have over 300 subscribers but only 10 people/ groups taking bundles to distribute. In the July edition an appeal for money and distributors was launched to see if the paper was worth continuing in hardcopy form. At this meeting the results of this appeal will be discussed and the movement have the opportunity to debate the future of this venerable institution.

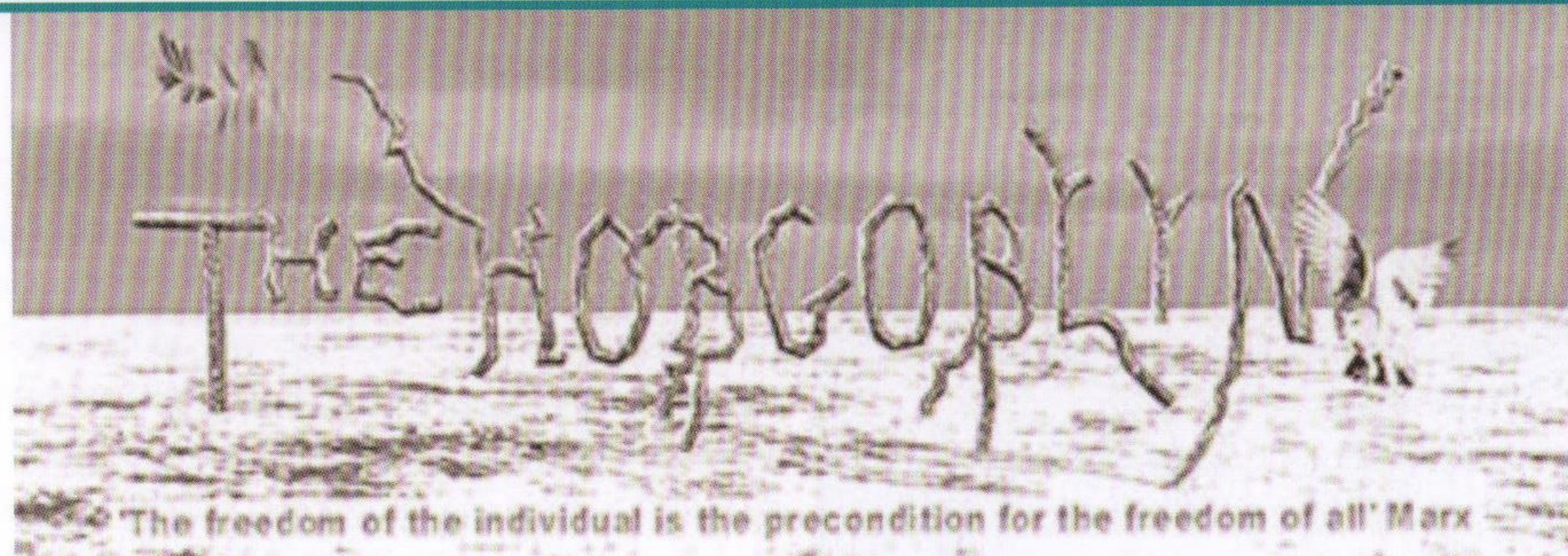
Organised by: Freedom Press  
([www.freedompress.org.uk](http://www.freedompress.org.uk))

**4pm – 6pm**

### **Stop G8 UK**

In summer 2013 the G8 summit will be in the UK. Already the G8 PR machine cynically suggests it will focus on alleviating world hunger. In fact, G8 countries leaders will meet and use financial crisis to further privatisation and austerity politics. They dismantle national borders for capital and brutally enforce them against the poor and dispossessed. They preach environmental concerns, but promote domination of natural resources by global elites. A coalition of activists has formed to plan mass mobilisation against the G8. We operate without hierarchy and respect diversity of tactics. Come and find out how to get involved.





[www.thehobgoblin.co.uk](http://www.thehobgoblin.co.uk)

**The Marikana Mine Workers Massacre- a Massive Escalation of the War on the Poor**  
by Ayanda Kota

**Israel and Iran – Enmity from above, Amity from below** by Richard Abernethy

**New Perspectives on Rosa Luxemburg's Critique of Global Capitalism** by Peter Hudis

**The European Crisis: Regression and Resistance** by David Black

*The Hobgoblin, published since 1999, is now an online journal. Address: BCM Box 3514, London WC1N 3XX*

**2pm – 3pm**

### **The Struggle for Abortion in Ireland**

In Ireland, both North and South, it is impossible for women to have an abortion. When we need the support of being in familiar surroundings, forcing women to make this journey is simply wrong. This should not be the case. Under the Irish constitution, abortion is not illegal where there is a threat to the life of the mother. Meanwhile right-wing religious groups are organizing to prevent politicians from introducing abortion laws. Right now change is on the agenda. This meeting will discuss how to support women and struggle for abortion rights.

Organised by Workers Solidarity Movement (<http://www.wsm.ie/>) and AF ([www.afed.org.uk](http://www.afed.org.uk))

**3pm – 4pm**

### **SHAC - Fighting to close Europe's largest animal testing lab**

Since its formation in 1999 the Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) campaign has proven to be the most effective, most innovative and most 'feared' grass roots anti-vivisection campaign the world has ever seen. Using a range of tactics SHAC has brought the multi-national corporation Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) to its knees. How has SHAC achieved this? What targets is the campaign focused on at the moment? Find out how you can help to smash HLS and save the animals suffering inside the lab.

Organised by: Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty ([www.shac.net](http://www.shac.net))

**4pm – 5pm**

### **Introduction to Anarcho-Syndicalism**

An introduction to anarcho-syndicalism and the launch of the new Solidarity Federation pamphlet, 'Fighting for ourselves: anarcho-syndicalism and the class struggle'.

Organised by: Solidarity Federation ([www.solfed.org.uk](http://www.solfed.org.uk))

**5pm – 6pm**

### **Fuel Poverty: The Cold Front of Capitalism**

We're told we have to choose between the climate and economic survival. Instead we're going after the corporations that are wrecking both. Fossil fuels, nuclear, biofuels and "extreme energy" are expensive (and subsidised) killers. Renewable energy co-ops are showing what could be done instead. Others are up for direct action, Can't Pay-Won't Pay, collusion with industry workers. Whatever: fuel poverty killing 7,800 people a year is not sustainable. Energy provision is likely to be a major point of confrontation as people refuse high bills, high profits, lousy housing and the choice between heating and food. We plan to help bring it on.

Organised by: Fuel Poverty Action ([www.fuelpovertyaction.org.uk](http://www.fuelpovertyaction.org.uk))

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- How has SHAC achieved this?
- Which targets are we focused on?
- Join our workshop to find out more!

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**11am – 12 noon**

### **We Are The 99%! Who Are The 90%?**

What should we do about wealth? This talk introduces the distribution of wealth; the historic reasons; and asks "what may we do?" The Guardian has published figures provided by the UN online. It is now possible to calculate a threshold between the 90% and the 10%. If you own less than X then you are in the 90%. So the question is - what is this figure? 10% of the world owns 85% of the world's wealth. What is a realistic, viable, nonviolent and legal, Activist's response to this situation? Come along to find out more and join the debate.

Organised by: Martin Cross

**12 noon – 1pm**

### **Kick Nuclear**

Fresh from the recent mass trespass action at Hinkley Point C nuclear power station, Kick Nuclear discuss the problems that nuclear

power presents, and opportunities for resistance.

Topics include: the burden of nuclear waste for any future society; authoritarian military - corporate-government security; oppression of indigenous people and destruction of the environment through extraction of uranium; resisting new nuclear and opportunities for action.

Organised by: Kick Nuclear ([www.kicknuclear.org](http://www.kicknuclear.org))

**1pm – 2pm**

### **Earth First!**

During this most crucial period in history the indomitable will and mutual aid of the Class struggle is vital in the battle to save Earth's Ecology. Come and hear about the recent history of Ecological Direct Action in the UK, aspirations and present struggles with space for questions and discussions.

Organised by: Earth First! ([www.earthfirst.org.uk](http://www.earthfirst.org.uk))



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ROOM 1.01.1 YOUTH SPACE	YOUTH SPACE (For 11 - 16 year olds - performances, films, arts, musicians and much more....)								



**11am – 12 noon**

**The Path Not Taken - welfare history and the libertarian perspective**

To know where you're going, you need to know where you came from. One piece of hidden history is the way working class people, in the face of the most ruthless capitalism ever, erected a system of welfare services, based on mutual aid 'friendly societies'. Health, education, housing, benefits, etc, were all included as the new book tells. We can't resurrect the friendly societies but we can work for modern collective libertarian welfare services, as well as defending the compromise welfare state. Books available.

Organised by: Socialist Libertarian Group

**12 noon – 1pm**

**Equality – a bad ideal?**

Equality, fairness and justice are widely appreciated not only in the democratic mainstream but also among Anarchists and Marxists. In this meeting we want to present and discuss what it means when the state grants its citizens equality and why this is not a sham. This is, we claim that one cannot adequately demand "real equality" when opposing domination and exploitation. More generally, we propose that equality, fairness and justice are no weapons of critique and would like to open the discussion on this.

Organised by: Wine and Cheese Appreciation Society of Greater London

**1pm – 2pm**

**Safer Spaces and Community Accountability**

A meeting looking at how we deal with issues of interpersonal conflict and abusive behaviour. The hope is to widen our knowledge and strengthen our practice from shared experience and work on processes and structures that empower transformation. Input is welcome from those who have experience of working on these issues. You can contact the meeting organisers via the Bookfair Collective. Because

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of the nature of this debate and that many people involved have suffered personal trauma please avoid personal recriminations and show respect and compassion to everyone involved.

**2pm – 3pm**

**Strikes, Nukes & Overdue Subscription Fees – Anarchist organisation in original documents (1944-64)**

This presentation showcases some of the recent work of the Sparrows' Nest anarchist library, using unique documents relating to Anarcho-Syndicalism in Britain and around the world. Focusing on the overlooked period in the history of radical politics between the end of the Spanish Civil War and the iconic events of the late 1960s we hope to give an insight into some of the political and organisational issues faced by the movement, and suggest further opportunities for research into anarchist history and practice.

Organised by: The Sparrow's Nest  
(www.thesparrowsnest.org.uk)

**3pm – 4pm**

**What does feminist sex and relationships education look like?**

With sex and relationships education back in the spotlight with Nadine Dorries' terrifying attempt to introduce abstinence training for girls, Feminist Fightback have been considering what feminist sex education might look like and how resources for teaching it could be made available. The resources deal with human relationships from an emotional perspective as well as a physical one, and acknowledge diversity and individuality and enable open discussion of gender and sexuality. However, sex education isn't only necessary for kids. We want to extend this discussion further into our own relationships as adults, and how we attempt to educate ourselves in a collective way.

Organised by Feminist Fightback  
(www.feministfightback.org.uk)

**Note there will be sign language interpreting provided at this talk**

**4pm – 5pm**

**The Housing Estate is Revolting!**

The BBC, the Met Police and the Local Council Newham, have one thing in common... the Olympic Games and the exploitation, suppression and attempts to systematically ruin a sustainable community on the edge of the Olympic Park. Come hear the amazing story of the Carpenters Estate and about the struggle that gave birth to a fighting local community organisation controlled and run by residents. Organised by: Action East End  
(www.actioneastend.wordpress.com)

**5pm – 6pm**

**Refuse the blackmail "either work or health"**

In July, Italian justice ordered the closure of the big Ilva steel mill in Taranto because of an environmental risk of cancer. A united front of bosses, unions and parties rejected the decision in the name of defending the company and work. But a minority of workers created a committee to refuse this blackmail. In doing so, they revived the spirit of Italian struggles from 1968 to 1977, when, against the unions, workers in dangerous workshops at a big chemical facility in Porto Marghera forced the bosses to pay them for doing nothing. Organised by: Mouvement Communiste  
(www.mouvement-communiste.com)

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**11am - 12 noon****Stop G4S**

As the notorious security giant takes over more public services, a new coalition of grassroots groups and campaigns is forming to highlight the company's horrendous track record, both in the UK and elsewhere. From prisons and detention centres, Israeli settlements, to police forces and welfare services, G4S has so many fingers in so many pies and wields enormous economic and political power. But it can be stopped! Come to learn about G4S' activities, what campaigns and actions have taken place against it, and what else can be done to Stop G4S.

Organised by: Corporate Watch and Stop G4S  
([www.notog4s.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.notog4s.blogspot.co.uk))

**12 noon - 1pm****Banking on Crisis**

The global economic 'crisis' isn't going away any time soon. This workshop aims to lay some foundations to understanding the crisis, present some basic building blocks to get past the jargon and map out what's been happening in the euro zone debt crisis with specific emphasis on Greece. Getting to grips with finance is key to understanding how capitalism works, how our lives are all tangled up in it and how we can fight back.

Organised by: Corporate Watch  
([www.corporatewatch.org](http://www.corporatewatch.org))

**1pm - 2pm****Crisis, Anti-Roma Riots and the Czech Working Class**

In 2011, northern Bohemia was swept by a wave of anti-Roma demonstrations and riots. Based on interviews we conducted with the participants, we will investigate the reasons that brought them to the streets, as well as the ambitions they had. We will situate the riots in the context of anti-worker policies of the Czech government and of the inability of workers to counter them. The growing anti-Romaism is itself a result of the weakness of

class struggle, further weakening the ability of workers to defend themselves against the bosses and the state.

Organised by: Kolektivne proti kapitalu  
(<http://protikapitalu.org/>)

**2pm - 3pm****Stuff Your Sexist Boss**

A workshop exploring our experiences of sexism and sexual harassment in the workplace, and looking at ways to deal with it. Self-identified women only.

Organised by: Solidarity Federation  
([www.solfed.org.uk](http://www.solfed.org.uk))

**3pm - 4pm****Radical London - direct action to create an anarchist society on your doorstep**

To create a free society we need to transform our neighbourhoods, from isolated collections of individuals and groups struggling to get by, into vibrant communities of solidarity and mutual cooperation. There's great potential for local issues, campaigns and struggles to link up and spread wherever anti-authoritarian activists are organised and involved. This meeting is for everyone in London - whether you're in a successful borough-based group, in the early stages of developing one, or just would like to see something positive to get involved in your area. Come to the meeting to find out how.

Organised by: Radical London Network  
([www.radicallondon.net/](http://www.radicallondon.net/))

**4pm - 5pm****Organising and Solidarity with precarious workers**

The economic recession has hit young and vulnerable and migrant workers hard. Come and hear stories of their struggles and resistance to naked attacks by the bosses.

Organised by: Industrial Workers of the World  
([iww.org.uk](http://iww.org.uk))

**5pm - 6pm****Don't Just Moan, Organise!**

An introduction to the Solidarity Federation Workplace Organiser Training Programme. As many of us are isolated militants, how do we organise with our co-workers, many of whom do not hold radical beliefs? How do we connect with them, collectively, as individuals with whom we share a material interest? More importantly, how do we begin getting them to take action that builds power in the workplace? How do we make sure we stay true to principles of solidarity, direct action, and direct democracy? Come and find out about the Solidarity Federation Workplace Organiser Training. Today's session will give you a brief taste of what you can expect on the one-day course.

Organised by: Solidarity Federation  
([www.solfed.org.uk](http://www.solfed.org.uk))

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**11am – 12 noon**

**Palestine Solidarity - Building a campaign against Sodastream**

Soda Club is an Israeli company which is expanding worldwide. It has premises on the Mishor Adumim settlement industrial zone in the West Bank. Its expansion is being used as a pretext for the eviction of neighbouring Palestinian Bedouin communities. The company has recently opened a shop in Brighton and its product are sold across the UK. This workshop aims to discuss starting a concerted campaign against Soda Club in line with the Palestinian civil society call for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israeli apartheid, occupation and militarism.

Organised by: Corporate Watch  
([www.corporatewatch.org](http://www.corporatewatch.org))

**12 noon – 1pm**

**Self-Managed Spaces: Saint-Imier and Beyond**

What do anarchists do well and do badly when it comes to 'self-managed' spaces? Behind-the-scenes work at this Summer's gathering in Saint-Imier, attended by some 3,000 anarchists, was a feat of organisation, mostly on the part of the French Anarchist Federation and the Swiss Organisation of Libertarian Socialists. Could we have done more for ourselves, especially given that some serious problems occurred? The AF asks for your ideas and responses to anti-authoritarian ways of 'self-organising', in good times and times at points of crisis, and invite the Bookfair organisers to share their experiences and suggestions too.

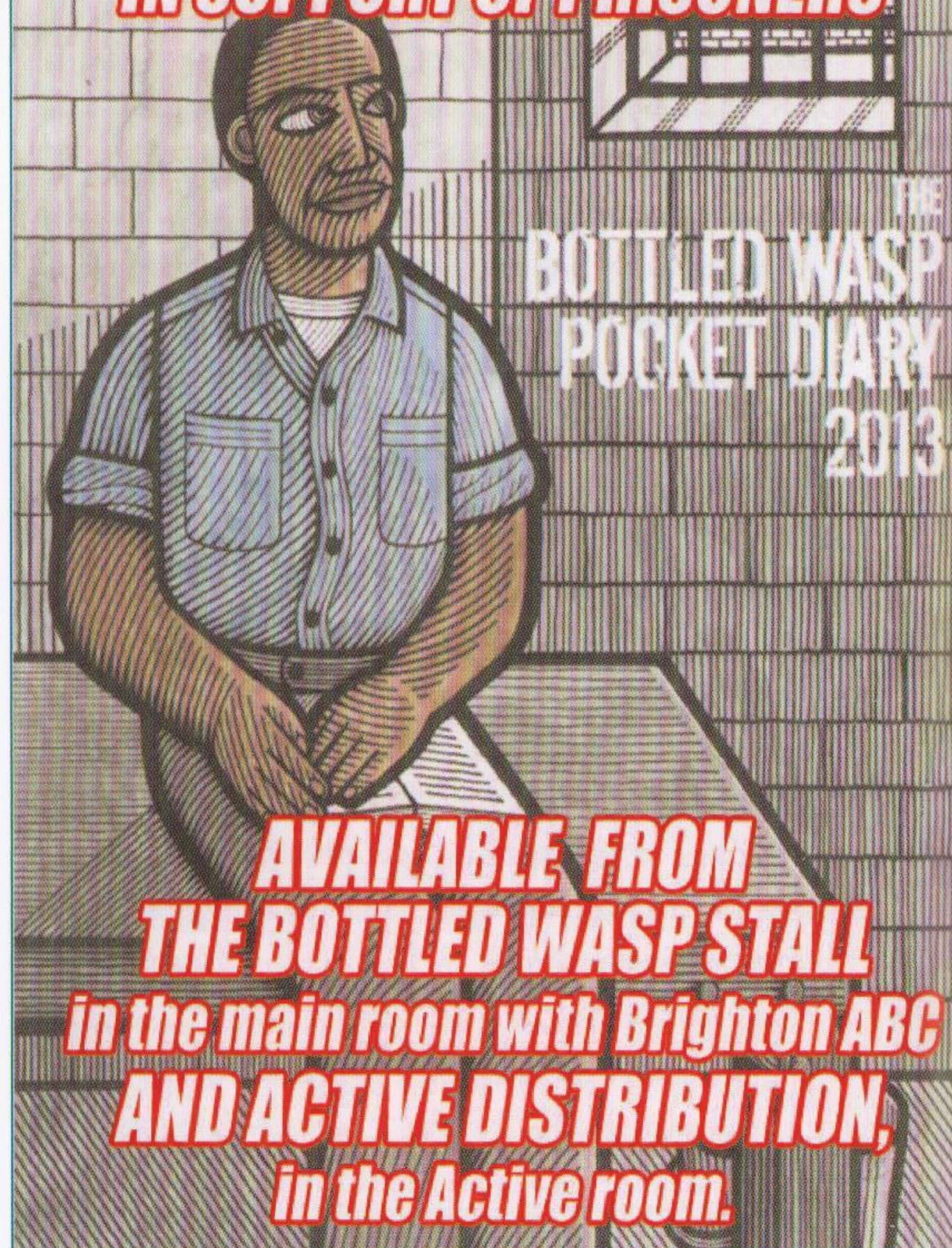
Organised by: Anarchist Federation  
([www.afed.org.uk](http://www.afed.org.uk))

**1pm – 2pm**

**Immigration profiteers**

Immigration controls serve as a means of social control by restricting people's movement. Yet they are often managed on behalf of the state by a handful of multinational corporations and

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their subcontractors, who make huge profits while compounding the everyday suffering of migrants. From coach companies, airlines, charities and service providers, to immigration prisons and private security guards, this workshop will profile these immigration profiteers, the existing campaigns against them, and what else can be done to stop them.

Organised by: Corporate Watch  
([www.corporatewatch.org](http://www.corporatewatch.org))

**2pm – 3pm**

**The International of Anarchist Federations: Solidarity with Imprisoned Belorussian Comrades.**

In 2011 five Belorussian anarchists; Lhar Alinevich, Mikalai Dziadok, Artsiom Prakapenko, Pavel Syramolatau, Aliaksandr Frantskievich and another activist Jauhen Vas'kovich were incarcerated for supposed involvement in actions including participation in an illegal anti-

militarist demonstration, physical attacks on symbols of capitalism, an attack on a KGB headquarters and hacking into government websites. They have been sentenced to different terms varying from 3 to 8 years in prison. Actions took place in protest on September 23 at Belorussian embassies internationally. Organised by: The International of Anarchist Federations ([www.anarchy.no/ifa.html](http://www.anarchy.no/ifa.html)) and Belorussian ABC (<http://abc-belarus.org/?p=326&lang=en>)

**3pm – 4pm**

**Why do we call ourselves Class Struggle Anarchists?**

In some anarchist circles the term "class struggle" is seen as outdated and boring. "Oh, you are so old fashioned" or "we don't like to divide ourselves with terms like class struggle" are just a couple of quotes from people who don't understand or accept the definition. Are they scared of the words, or do they just not understand what is meant by it? Is the reaction a class or cultural thing? Members of Anarchist Federation, Solidarity Federation and IWW will explain what we mean by "class struggle", why it is still important in today's society and then open up the debate with those present.

Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair Collective

**4pm – 5pm**

**Privilege Theory: Thinking about Minorities and Inequalities**

The British anarchist movement remains largely white and male-dominated. It arguably pays lip-service to LGBTQ and other issues around equal access and participation. Only our movement can change itself, but are we capable of moving beyond tokenism and the 'other oppressions' clauses in our aims and principles? In an attempt to learn from other movements about inequality, and about the interactions between struggles, the AF has been examining 'privilege theory' as a new starting point. We would value your thoughts and experiences too.

Discussion document on Privilege Theory available in advance (but not essential!). Organised by: Anarchist Federation ([www.afed.org.uk](http://www.afed.org.uk))

**5pm – 6pm**

**The politics of technology today: building resistance**

For the last 250 years technology has been a key driving force in the capitalist economy, yet radical movements rarely pay it sufficient attention. Technology has its own ideology and system of domination, technocracy, which influences capitalist, social and economic relations just as much as it is influenced by them. Luddism is not an anti-technology movement, but rather an anti-technocracy movement that is almost unique in opposing both technocracy and capitalism. The aim of the workshop is to encourage critical thinking about the role of technology in our lives and campaigns, including geoengineering and synthetic biology.

Organised by: Corporate Watch and Luddites200  
([www.luddites200.org.uk](http://www.luddites200.org.uk))

**PRIMITIVE COMMUNISM**

**ITS RELEVANCE FOR TODAY**

discussion led by Chris Knight

4pm - 6pm Room 319



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(nearest tube Camden Town)

[www.radicalanthropologygroup.org](http://www.radicalanthropologygroup.org)



**11am - 12 noon****Nobody Expects The Solidarity Federation!**

"Direct Action Gets The Goods" - in the past 12 months the Solidarity Federation has launched various direct action campaigns against business owners and landlords in order to retrieve stolen wages or rent and we have achieved some success, as well as pressuring a national high street chain into withdrawing from the workfare programme in a high profile case. This session aims to review and discuss these methods and potentially use the opportunity as a skill share.

Organised by: Solidarity Federation  
([www.solfed.org.uk](http://www.solfed.org.uk))

**12 noon - 1pm****1839: The Chartist Insurrection**

The Chartists were the original political movement of the working class, and 1839 was the year a National Convention assembled in London, and revolution seemed a real possibility. The year ended with an armed uprising in London, followed by the trial of its leaders for treason. Our speaker, David Black, is co-author (with Chris Ford) of a new book on the events of 1839.

Organised by: Hobgoblin

**1pm - 2pm****What is a co-op?**

"What makes a co-op co-operative? Why would you want to be in one? Find out about housing co-ops, food co-ops, social clubs, workers' co-ops and more. Are you setting up a project that could be a co-op? We'll hear what people are up to and share experiences and tips.

Organised by: Radical Routes  
([www.radicalroutes.org.uk](http://www.radicalroutes.org.uk))

**2pm - 3pm****Bioeconomy - big new business for energy, agribusiness and plantation companies**

Bioenergy accounts for more than 80% of energy classed as renewable in the UK and is expanding rapidly. UK companies rank first for biofuel-related land-grabs worldwide. At the same time, UK energy companies are at the forefront of creating a fast growing, major new global market for wood-based bioenergy, backed by generous subsidies. Moreover, biotech, chemical and other companies are investing in developing fossil fuel replacements from biomass in other sectors, including plastics. What is the industry vision behind the new bioeconomy, what are the drivers for it and what does it mean for climate, nature and people?

Organised by: Corporate Watch  
([www.corporatewatch.org](http://www.corporatewatch.org))

**3pm - 4pm****How to Set Up a Workers' Co-op**

If all those hippies can manage it, you can do it too. A basic guide to setting up a non-hierarchical, collective business - no bosses, no shareholders, just you and your mates working out how to get a decent wage in a satisfying way.

Organised by: Radical Routes  
([www.radicalroutes.org.uk](http://www.radicalroutes.org.uk))

**4pm - 6pm****Primitive communism and its contemporary relevance**

The chief value of the study of human origins is that it nails the myth that 'no revolution can change human nature'. It shows, on the contrary, that language, self-awareness and everything distinctively human about our nature was forged during the greatest revolution in history - the 'human revolution' which broke out in Africa concurrently with the emergence of our species, establishing an egalitarian lifestyle which lasted for a hundred thousand years.

Organised by: Radical Anthropology Group  
([www.radicalanthropologygroup.org](http://www.radicalanthropologygroup.org)) speaker Prof Chris Knight

**11am - 12 noon****New Anarchist Research Group**

A meeting to discuss the setting up of a new anarchist/libertarian-socialist research group, its potential and objectives

Called by: Martyn Everett

**12 noon - 1pm****Selma James: Book fair launch of new anthology - Sex, Race and Class, The Perspective of Winning: A Selection of Writings 1952-2011**

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One of the key political thinkers and activists of our times." M Rediker, historian. "Intellectually ambitious attempt to synthesize Marxism, feminism, and post-colonialism." J Turner, London Review of Books. "Shines with radical clarity on the economy, humanity, and society."

S Sandronsky, Z Magazine. "The best how to organise manual I have ever read." CGee, Tribune

Organised by: Global Women's Strike  
([www.globalwomenstrike.net](http://www.globalwomenstrike.net))

**1pm - 2pm****"Direct Struggle Against Capital", or Syndicalism and Anarchism**

What is the relation between anarchism and syndicalism? According to Leninists, there is none as anarchism is petit-bourgeois individualism which rejects class organisation and struggle. In reality, revolutionary anarchism has class struggle at its heart. Join me as I explore the anarchist roots of syndicalism - or the "Direct struggle Against Capital", a Kropotkin quote used as the title of my new anthology of his writings due out next year from AK Press.

Organised by: Iain McKay and AK Distribution  
([www.akuk.com](http://www.akuk.com))

**2pm - 3pm****Anarchism and Spirituality**

"People have a spiritual dimension, seen in forms of energy, separate from religion. ....the organising and controlling of .... (it, crushes) spirituality to advance hierarchies, power structures and accompanying capitalist ideas".

This meeting is a continuation of last year's meeting run by Jamie Heckert (cut short by time constraints) and will offer a brief recap on previous points, individual and collective experiences, and holistic anarchism.

Organised by: Martin Gilbert

**3pm - 4pm****Unconventional fossil fuels and extreme energy**

The endless pursuit of economic growth, coupled with the decline in conventional energy sources, is driving ever more extreme forms of energy extraction around the world, with devastating consequences. This workshop, provided by Corporate Watch, Frack Off and the UK Tar Sands Network, offers an overview of the types of unconventional fossil fuels, where, how and why they are extracted and what this means for the planet's ecosystems and peoples. This will be followed by a discussion on how to take part in the global resistance against these extreme energy sources.

Organised by: Corporate Watch, Frack Off  
([www.frack-off.org.uk](http://www.frack-off.org.uk)) and the UK Tar Sands Network ([www.no-tar-sands.org](http://www.no-tar-sands.org))

**4pm - 5pm****Making Nonviolent Revolution?**

Is a nonviolent revolution possible? Is it desirable? And what can we learn from past attempts at creating both nonviolent and violent revolutions? Come and debate the ideas involved with Milan Rai ("Chomsky's Politics"), co-editor of Peace News, which has recently republished George Lakey's classic 1987 book "Toward a living revolution: A five-stage framework for creating radical social change".

Organised by: Peace News ([www.peacenews.info](http://www.peacenews.info))

**5pm - 6pm****Can Dialectics still break bricks in 2012?**

The critique of value can certainly help, that is why the left ignore it.... Debate.

Organised by: Principia Dialectica  
[www.principiadialectica.co.uk](http://www.principiadialectica.co.uk)



# Films

11.30am - 12.15pm

## Over the Wall (Jesse Tate UK 2011)

This engaging documentary follows the endeavours of Bristol-based sports team Easton Cowboys as they return to the West Bank for a second time. The film provides an insight into the realities of the occupation as seen by Palestinian and Israeli people and explores how football can build connections between communities across the world.

12.30pm - 1pm

## The Anarchist In Me

"The Anarchist in Me" is a thirty-minute documentary about the Bound Together Anarchist Collective Bookstore and annual Anarchist Book Fair in San Francisco, California. It takes a fresh and close-up look at anarchism today in the U.S. through interviews with people of diverse age and background who talk openly about what anarchism means to them, and why they call themselves anarchists. Those who have seen the film—both from the U.S. and Europe—have commented that it has made them unexpectedly interested in anarchism and it has inspired them to learn more and re-think notions they had on the theme. It has also surprised people that the ideas of modern anarchism are so familiar to them and not so far removed from what they themselves think and feel in their current worldview. This is a film that changes something for everyone who sees it; no one is left indifferent.

1.15pm - 2.45pm

## Noise and Resistance

### Voices from the DIY Underground

There are other ways. Commerce, capital, and consumption are by no means irrevocable

necessities in today's world. In their angry and rousing documentary "Noise and Resistance", Francesca Araiza Andrade and Julia Ostertag show that those who think so are not alone in this opinion. What some would describe as mere din and nuisance, they prove to be a vital articulation of resistance.

Here punk is neither a passing fad nor a dusted relic from the past but the lively expression of an attitude towards life. "Noise and Resistance" is an inspiring journey through Europe's contemporary utopia, to subcultural places of desire where unity derives from autonomy along with the best punk sound you've heard for years.

3pm- 4.30pm

## Reel News

### Making Ends Meet (Syndicate Films)

Barcelona: new models of organising and protesting against the politics of austerity.

### Asturian Miners strike (Microfilms)

Faced with thousands of job losses, the miners in Spain go on strike using the most militant tactics seen so far in the struggle against austerity.

### Solidarity – Not Charity: Community Organising (Reel News)

Local assemblies are springing up all over Greece, organising community kitchens, clothing exchanges and other acts of practical solidarity.

4.30pm - 6pm

## If a tree falls:

### A Story of the Earth Liberation Front

This film tells the remarkable story of the rise and fall of this ELF cell, by focusing on the transformation and radicalization of one of its members. Part coming-of-age tale, part cops-and-robbers thriller, the film interweaves a verite chronicle of Daniel on house arrest as he faces life in prison, with a dramatic recounting of the events that led to his involvement with the group. And along the way it asks hard questions about environmentalism, activism, and the way we define terrorism.

10am - 6pm

## Creche (Room 1.02.6)

The extremely popular and successful Anarchist Bookfair creche was created following MayDay 2000 when a group of us felt we could set up and professionally run our own creche, rather than relying on an organisation that charged us a lot but paid the workers low wages. We also wanted a creche where children have freedom to explore, discover, express, create and have fun in a safe environment.

The creche welcomes children from 2 years to 8 years. Children under 2 can come with their parent or carer but cannot be left on their own. Extra adults at the creche during the day are a great help - please speak to the creche workers if you are able to volunteer for an hour or two. The creche will be in room 1026. The creche will be clearly signposted.

11am - 6pm

## Older Kids Space (Room 1.01.2)

We are also still catering for older children who come to the Bookfair. It will be in room 1012. The space will be dedicated to kids between 8 and 12 years old. There will be T Shirt painting, board and card games, DVDs, crafts and other activities. Once again, extra adults or older kids

# Kids and teens...

are very welcome to come along and help out - please speak to the workers in the older kid's space if you can volunteer for an hour or two.

11am - 6pm

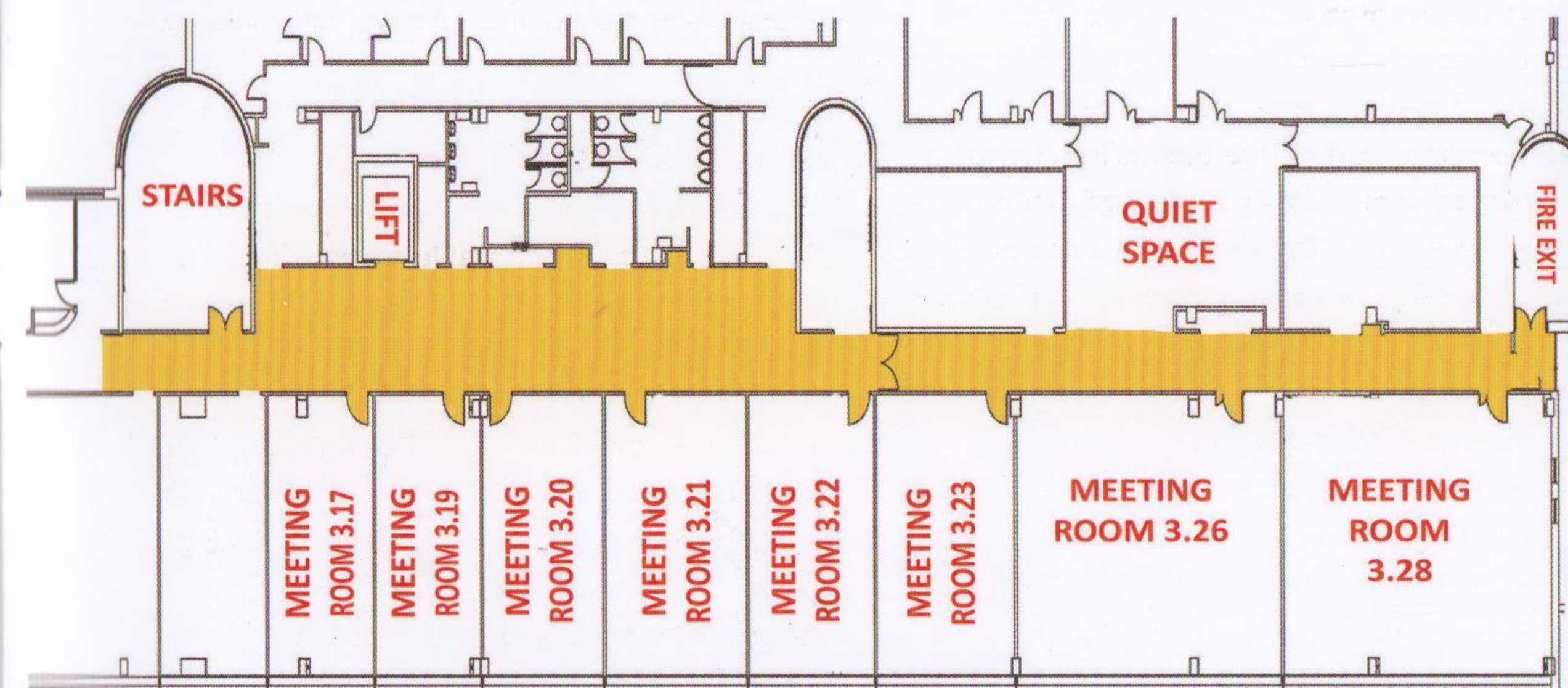
## The Wildcat Arts Collective

### Youth Space (Room 1.01.1)

(11 - 16 or thereabouts)

The Wildcat Arts Collective is programming a day of film, fun, discussion, free thinking, entertainment, etc Highlights include: Attila The Stockbroker, teen thriller writer, Sam Enthoven, Reel News Youth Stuff, Dirty Hands Poetry Collective, Anarcho Cup-Cakes, Cows With Guns and much more.

See info stall for times and more details.



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