

STATELESS!

Against all authority- for Anarchism



PATRIOTISM: ANGRY, POOR, SICK AND DYING: BUT LOYAL AS EVER!

Apparently being opposed to the killing and displacing of thousands, and disagreeing with the spending of millions of pounds on cluster bombs, cruise missiles and tanks. Is no longer a sensible, appropriate part of your "democratic right" to protest but is treasonous and unpatriotic. Apparently the best way to "support our troops" is not to demand that they are returned to their homes and families, but to cheer as they are sent like lambs to the slaughter to die in the deserts of the middle east or on the streets of Basra.

The State its politicians and allies in the media have consistently used terms like patriot, to commend those whose complicity or stupidity prevents them from doing anything other than revelling in our nation's military prowess, whilst mourning for those who return in bodybags yet sending thousands to fill their space at the front line. To oppose the war before it has begun is tolerable to but cry stop once the bombs start to drop and people, soldiers and civilians alike are butchered in their hundreds if not thousands is a crime. Patriotism is the command not to think, not to concern yourself with the dead and dying, not to draw parallels between how much the government is willing to spend on war and killing and how little it will pay for your local school, hospital or housing. A fog of stupidity that sends thousands to their deaths forced to pick one of two sides in battle they can only ever lose.



The conflict in Iraq will do long-term damage to the environment and destroy thousands if not millions of lives. Something corporations have been doing unrelentingly for decades. War, government and capital are irrefutably linked. As American corporations and arms dealers count their profits men, women and children just like us lie dead and dying in Iraq.

This war is just an extension of the war waged by the state and its big business allies on a daily basis on the world and its people. Their system, a society geared to the interests of a tiny class of politicians and their rich friends. Is happy to spend our taxes on killing with its missiles, troops and bombs while our communities, services, and schools are starved of cash. We're running, funding and working for a machine, which is destroying our lives, world and society. We need to take back what's ours, by both fighting their wars and struggling to reclaim our lives and communities from those who have stolen them.

ORGANISE AND FIGHT BACK, TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR COMMUNITY OR AT WORK. COME TO THE VIGIL EVERY THURSDAY FROM 4.30 OUTSIDE THE ALHAMBRA. GET IN TOUCH AND GET ACTIVE.

BRADFORD ANARCHIST GROUP

CLOSE THE PRISONS- OPEN THE BORDERS!

What ever you may believe, slavery has not being abolished in Britain, behind high walls and locked doors it still flourishes. Working class people are being forced to toil in poor conditions, beyond the reach of health and safety inspectors, denied even the most basic employment and trade-union rights, and severely punished if they refuse to work. Under the incentives and earned privileges scheme prisoners are divided into 3 status levels, basic standard and enhanced. Those refusing to work face a reduction in status, nice to see the class system remains even behind prison bars.

Prisoners refusing to work or not working hard enough are punished-placed in solitary confinement, brutalised, denied visits, having days added to their sentences. In British prisons, there have being savage cuts in education budgets over the past half-decade; any pretence of rehabilitating prisoners and empowering them with trade skills has being abandoned. Prisoners are now seen as a readily exploitable labour force, a third world colony in Britain's own backyard, cheap, non-unionised, available, and literally compelled to work.

The issue of prison slavery is one that affects all working class people, not least because it undermines workers' pay and conditions generally. Not because prisoners are somehow "stealing" jobs, they have absolutely no choice but to work or face the consequences of their time behind bars being made even harder and more unpleasant. But because companies can drive down the wages of their own employees by using prison labour and brings the threat of redundancy and short time. Why should an employer pay you £300 a week, when he can have a prisoner for less than a tenth of that? Why should an employer have to tip-toe around your rights when he can get the prison service to force a prisoner to be obedient? For example the employees of Dyson were thrown out of work when the company decided to use cheap non-unionised labour in Malaysia, but how many Dysons' workers knew that for some time the company had been using cheap, non-unionised labour at Full-Sutton prison?

Wilkinson's is another of the many companies profiting from prison labour, using prisoners in Swansea prison where they do packing for just one pound a day in order to keep costs low and profits high for the bosses rather than offering jobs to the community. Direct action has already being successful in the UK against companies using prison labour. Hepworth plumbers in Doncaster withdrew after demonstrators occupied their premises. Direct action works, get out there and show these companies what you think about them and prison slavery.



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The 1in12 club's vegan and vegetarian café is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 12-3. Selling burgers, chips, curries, soup and pies at reasonable prices. It is situated on the top floor of a three floor social centre situated in the centre of Bradford. The club also boasts two bars, an events room with live music most weekends, and practice room/recording studio. The club was opened in 1988 and has been run according to anarchist principles ever since. There is no executive, owner or managers; all decisions are made at weekly club meetings open to all members. The club is a practical example of anarchy in action and shows that... "Given the opportunity, people have the creativity, intelligence and above all the desire to take back control over their own lives." The 1in12 club is unique but relies on people drinking its beer and eating in its café to stay afloat, if you think you could fulfil either of these roles don't hesitate to drop in. Membership stands at £6 waged and £3 low or unwaged and gets you a discount on all gigs and events.

The club is situated on Albion St, just off Fulton Rd. The Bar is open from Thursday to Sunday at 7-11pm. (and during the afternoon most Saturday's)



Who are we?

Stateless is the irregular bulletin of the Bradford Anarchist Group, a collective of students, workers and the unemployed. Our aim is the abolition of capitalism and all government, rooted in the belief that people and communities are capable of taking control of their own lives and futures without the oppression and inequality inherent in a society controlled and directed by a ruling elite. We do not simply seek to replace one set of bosses and rulers with another one. Our politics are grounded in a rejection of hierarchy, centralised power and authority. We recognise that the only society worth living in is one organised and run collectively by all of us and for all of us. Where our resources and the products of our labour are shared out amongst ourselves and where each individual and community is free to exercise total control over decisions effecting their lives and their planet. Our lives, communities and ultimately our world are being destroyed day by day by the actions of a tiny elite of politicians, capitalists, and generals. The Bradford Anarchist Group is dedicated to reversing this process by answering every act of oppression and exploitation with agitation, education, organisation and direct action. Only through our solidarity and collective strength can we ultimately beat the bosses and take back control over our own lives.

If you'd like to get involved in our activities or simply find out more about anarchism please don't hesitate to drop us a line at Bradford Anarchist Group c/o 17-21 Chapel St BD1 5DT or send e-mail to:

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