

Mayday 2000 - A Festival of Anti-Capitalist Ideas and Action

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Welcome to the third bulletin. Another well attended planning meeting was held on 23rd January which was the usual mix of politics and business. The last meeting agreed to change the by-line in the heading for the event from 'anarchist' to 'anti-capitalist'. This meeting reaffirmed our long-standing commitment to revolutionary anti-capitalist, anti-authoritarian, anti-hierarchical, anti-statist, internationalist politics. Furthermore it was agreed that groups whose politics or form of organisation/operation is contrary to this would not be permitted to hold meetings at the conference and are discouraged from attending organising meetings-so that's bye-bye to the likes of the SWP and Workers Power whose would have only involved to further their aims and not the wider struggle. The cost of the venue alone has left us heavily in debt. We need funds urgently. If your group hasn't contributed (we're asking at least £100) then please do so. Individuals can take out standing orders. Simply tell you bank and building society that our account details are: **Mayday2000, sort code**

08-92-99, Account no 65022434. Or organise a fundraiser or benefit. There's 3 months to go which may sound like a long way off, but considering the scale of things, it doesn't give us much time at all. There's now loads of groups to get involved in..or put forward you own ideas for an event or workshop you'd like to organise....

SUBGROUPS

Conference/Bookfair

The administration of the planned bookfair will continue. Letters inviting stall holders will go out soon, or contact us direct for info. However in order to involve more people in planning the content and structure of the Saturday and Sunday at Mayday, this subgroup has decided to host a 'mini-planning conference'. This will take place on 12th February from 10.30am to approx 7pm at the Pullens Centre, 184 Crampton Street, London. SE 17. It will take the form of general assemblies and small discussion group. Food, chill-out space, and evening entertainment will be provided. More details will follow. See you there! In the meantime the subgroup meets on Monday 31st January at 56A Crampton Street

to finalise details for the day.

Culture

Film Festival for the Friday to Sunday is shaping up nicely, although more suggestions for films to show is always useful. A drama collective from Bradford want to put on a play about the 'Haymarket Martyrs'. They need a practice and theatre space and also (non-theatre)people to help put it on as a truly collective production. For more info/ to help contact Noel at janenoel@everett3.freeserve.co.uk. A number of benefit gigs are being organised, offers of help to put on/ play at gigs, ravcs etc. Always welcome. Next meeting 3rd February, 7.30, Arsenal Tavern, Blackstock Road, N4. Anyone interested in artistic/ art action type stuff should also contact this subgroup.

Publicity

Working on next leaflet (graphics or cartoons needed) which will have a huge print run and be ready late February, and stickers (any snappy slogans out there?). Also thinking about producing a programme for weekend, and press-related issues. This group meets on 27th January, for details of meetings after that ring up!. Meanwhile,

last week not- very-red Ken Livingstone failed to give unconditional support to activists/ events last J18 and N30, and would have lost our vote if we hadn't already seen the electoral process for the con it is. The mobile number for press enquiries remains 07989 451 096

Finance

What can we say- we need money- donations, benefits, proceeds whatever. See over for bank details.

Whilst the conference will be free, donations will be required, and there will be a charge to groups/individuals booking stalls at the bookfair.

Gender

Women involved in putting on the 'speakout' event later this spring are also looking at women's' issues/events over the Mayday weekend. Next meeting *2nd February at Spiral Squat, 402 Queensbridge Road, Dalston, or ring us for details.*

Action

Discussions being hosted care of weekly Tuesday RTS meetings. Contact them on for details of venue at PO Box 9656, London N4 4JY, tel: 020 72814621, e-mail rts@gn.apc.org

OTHER BITS&PIECES

Legal Defence/Security

As well as stressing the need for respect for the venue and each other over the weekend, moves are underway to ensure everyone's security. LDMG will be contacted to see if it can play

a role, and a group will be put together to respond to any threats of trouble.

Kids

Anyone interested in integrating kids into the weekend, and about kids running things for themselves? E-mail Tom c/o 'Mayday2k@email.com'

Football

Arrangements for a footie tournament, mass kick-about and picnic on the Saturday 29th of April is underway. A leaflet will be available shortly and will be posted on the Mayday web-site.

Post, e-mail& out of London contacts

Apologies for any delays in responding to stuff, it's been a case of too much to do and not enough time. We also ran out of publicity material. Some groups outside London have requested speakers if possible, this is being looked into. Anyone running events outside London are welcome to let us know and we'll publicise it as much as possible ie on the website/bulletin. Etc.

Critical Mass

One of the first events of the Mayday weekend will be to support the regular, monthly Critical Mass on Friday 28th April, meeting 6pm at usual place on South Bank. Great night out guaranteed! But don't wait till then, turn up on the last Friday of every month.

How to contact us

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Next planning meeting
6th February 2pm at the Arsenal Tavern, Blackstock Road, N4. Agenda will cover all the above, plus accomodation/alternative venues. Thereafter we will meet biweekly (20/2, 5/3,19/3,2/4) at 2pm at the Calthorpe Arms, Grays Inn Road, WC1

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Sat 19th February
At the Arsenal tavern,
Blackstock road (10 mins from
Finsbury Park)