

Anarchist Outposts of London and other random info.

56a Infoshop

56 Crampton St
Walworth
London SE17

Open: Wed 3-8, Thu 2-8, Fri 3-7, Sat 2-6pm

Tubes: Elephant and Castle or Kennington
Buses: 12, 35, 40, 45, 68, 133, 148, 168, 171.

The 56 Building has existed as a volunteer-run social centre since 1988. Three collectives share the building: 56a Infoshop, Fareshares Food Co-op and The Bike Workshop. The place remains a vital social space in South London.

56a Infoshop sells radical books and papers as well as music and t-shirts. It has a huge open-access archive of over 60,000 items - anarchist, left-communist and feminist papers, radical books, posters, leaflets and badges. We also house a big-ish Zine Library and host regular film screenings by Full Unemployment Cinema.

Fareshares Food Co-op has been going since 1988 in the building and supplies cheap whole foods, mainly in bulk but also vegetables, herbs and staples. You don't have to be a member to buy there. Open Thu 2-8, Fri 3-7, Sat 3-5pm

The Bike Workshop is where you can mend your bike for free or learn from the people who run it how to do so. They also sell basic bike parts very cheaply. Open at same time as the Infoshop.

www.56a.org.uk
www.fareshares.org.uk
<http://156abikespace.wordpress.com>



Housmans Bookshop

5 Caledonian Road
King's Cross
London N1 9DX
0207 837 4473

Mon to Fri 10am to 6.30pm, Sat 10am to 6pm, Sun 12 to 6pm

Tubes: Kings Cross
Buses: 10, 17, 30, 45, 46, 59, 63, 73, 91, 205, 214, 259, 39, 476

Housmans is London's premier radical bookshop - it's one of the last remaining such shops, as well as having been one of the first (originally opening in 1945). It sells a wide range of radical literature - books, pamphlets and magazines - dealing with the full spectrum of campaigning issues, as well as stocking stationery and cards. Its variety of political magazines, newsletters and journals - with over 200 titles - is unmatched anywhere in the country. It also has t-shirts, badges and other campaigning paraphernalia, and hosts regular in-shop events.

www.housmans.com



LARC London Action Resource Centre

62 Fieldgate St
Whitechapel
London
E1 1ES
0207 377 9088

Tube: Aldgate East or Whitechapel
Buses: 15, 115, 25, 205, 254

LARC is a collectively run building providing space and resources for people and groups working on self-organised, non-hierarchical projects for radical social change. The resources of the building include a meeting-space, library, shared offices, a roofgarden, banner and prop-making space and an action information area.

LARC was set up in early 1999 coming out of the history of the direct action movement from the anti-roads movement, through Reclaim the Streets, to the Carnival against Capitalism June 18th 1999. LARC tries to go beyond simply being a building with resources, to being a catalyst for the different direct action groups in London to meet face to face, to discuss ideas and strategies together and to build up new affinity networks.

The building has, over the years, been used for meetings, socials, talks, exercise & self-defence classes, film screenings, womenzone, kids days, banner/prop making for a variety of autonomous actions, among many other activities and events. We hope that LARC proves to be what it was intended to be: a useful resource in the growing struggle against capitalism, centralised power, environmental destruction and war; and a shared tool on the way to creating a truly free and ecological community.

www.londonarc.org



Freedom Bookshop

in Angel Alley
84b Whitechapel High St
Whitechapel
E1 7QX
0207 247 9249

Open: Mon to Sat Noon till 6pm, Sun Noon till 4pm

Tube: Aldgate East
Buses: 40, 42, 67, 115, 205, 254

The Freedom Press bookshop is Britain's largest anarchist bookshop, stocking thousands of books, newspapers and pamphlets on subjects from history to sex, philosophy to workers' struggles, fiction to anti-fascism, as well as the latest magazines, periodicals and newsletters of all the major anarchist and radical groups. We also stock an extensive range of political t-shirts, badges, CDs, DVDs, posters and Zapatista coffee. We can order & post you books - please phone or e-mail for availability/prices. On average UK books in print will take around 10 days to deliver. We also have a large amount of free material, and a small second-hand section with low, low prices! Freedom bookshop is wheelchair accessible. Plus we now serve coffee!

The building also provides office space for the ASS (Advisory Service for Squatters) whose office is open Mon to Fri 2 - 6pm. LCAP (London Coalition Against Poverty) and Corporate Watch magazine and researchers are also in the same building.

Famously difficult to find Freedom is at the end of an alleyway that is on the left hand side of a KFC two doors from one entrance to Aldgate East tube station.

www.squatter.org.uk
www.freedompress.org.uk/news/bookshop
www.lcap.org.uk
www.corporatewatch.org.uk



Pogo Cafe

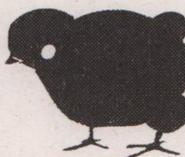
76 Clarence Road,
Hackney, London,
E5 8HB
0208 533 1214

Open: Wed - Sat 12.30pm to 9pm, Sun 11am to 9pm

Buses: 30, 38, 48, 55, 242, 254, 276, 294
Five minutes from Hackney Central station

Pogo Café is an autonomous, non-hierarchical 100% vegan space run completely by volunteers. We aim to encourage veganism and animal liberation by providing delicious, affordable food and useful information to the local community and beyond. Pogo supports other grassroots campaigns such as environmental and social struggles, providing a free space for groups to meet and organise. We have a small range of books for sale too!

www.pogocafe.co.uk



Squatted Social Centres in London

At any one time there may be one or more buildings that been occupied for use as social centres - places where people can meet, run a cafe, host benefit shows, put on films, organise actions and, of course, be places that people live in.

As these social centres are squats, they come and go and so it's best to use the resources listed below to find out which centres are currently in operation:

www.56a.org.uk/56aACTION.html
www.wombles.org.uk
<http://londonscn.wordpress.com>
<http://london.indymedia.org>



All Ages Records

27A Prat Street
Camden Town
London
NW1 0BG
0207 267 0303

Open everyday from 11:30am - 6pm

An independent punk and hardcore record store located in Camden Town, London, totally DIY since 2003. We stock CDs, vinyls, DVDs, T-shirts, fanzines, books, patches & badges, tickets and more.

www.allagesrecords.com



Vx
73 Caledonian Road
London N1 9BT
020 7833 2315

Open Tues - Sun 10am-6.30pm

Vx is a vegan boutique. We sell shoes, junk food, cupcakes, cakes, pastries, t-shirts, belts etc...ALL VEGAN

www.secretsofvegans.co.uk



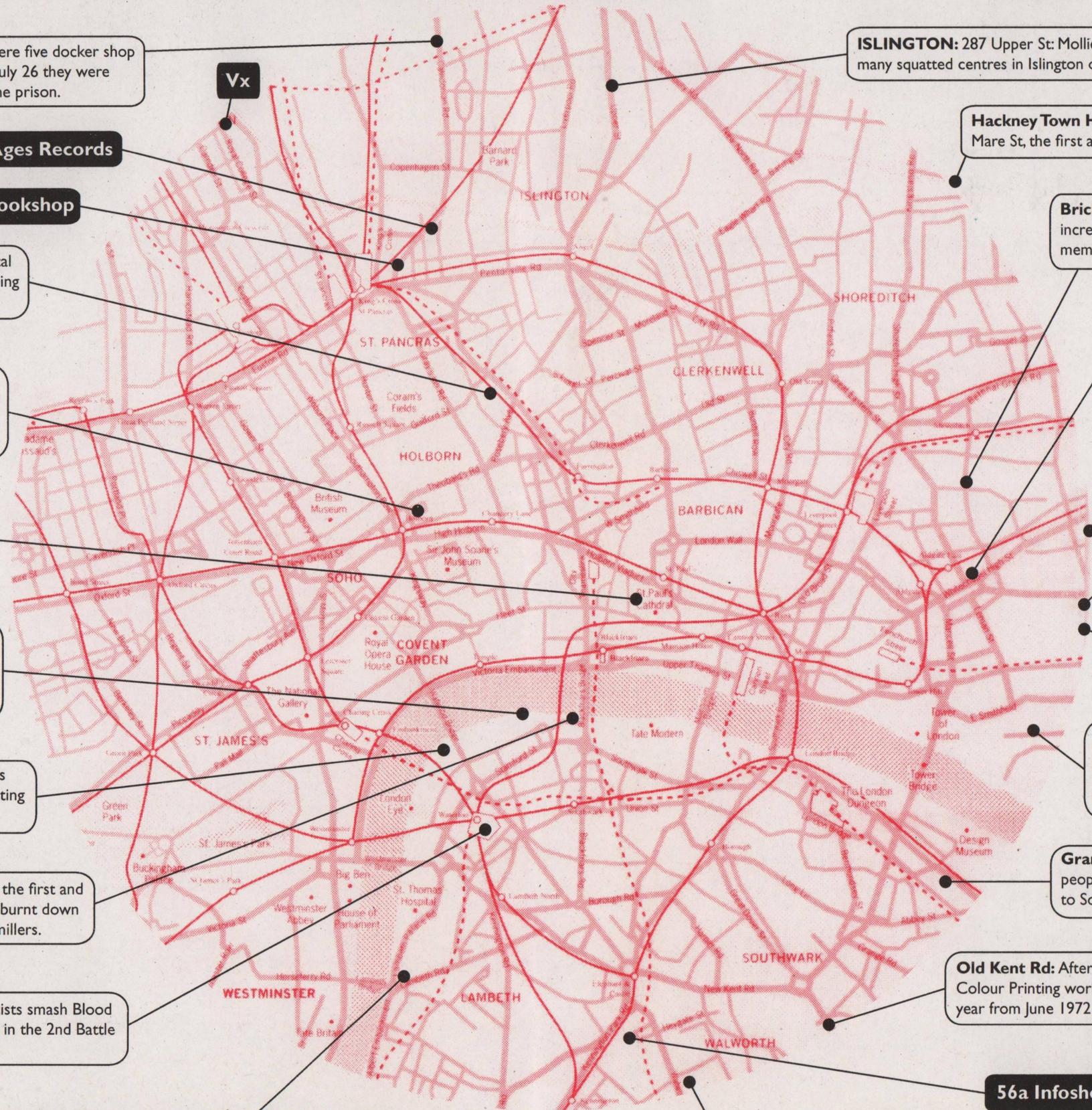
Zapatista Coffee

From the rebellious autonomous communities of the EZLN in Chiapas, Mexico comes strong organic coffee. Available to buy in 250g bags of ground coffee from 56A Infoshop, Freedom, Housmans, Pogo Cafe, as well as the Old Post Office Bakery, 76 Landor Rd. SW9 and Portobello Wholefoods, 266 Portobello Road, W10. You can drink this coffee freshly made at Pogo Cafe. Sold to stimulate your taste buds and support the revolutionary struggle in Mexico. It is also available mailorder from Active Distribution.

www.activedistribution.org



Radical London : Past and Present



Pogo Cafe

ISLINGTON: 287 Upper St: Mollies Cafe, one of the many squatted centres in Islington over the years, 1984.

Hackney Town Hall
Mare St, the first anti Poll tax riot of March 1990

Brick Lane: 8000 Asian workers strike against increasing racist and attacks by fascists on members of their community, 17th July 1978

Freedom Bookshop

Myrdle St: Bengali Housing Action Group occupies empty properties to house 100's of Bengali families who were living in desperate overcrowded conditions, late 1970's.

Batty St: Queeruption 4, held in a squatted building March 2002 hosting gigs, workshops, films, cafe and wild sex party!

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The Highway, Wapping: A year of mayhem and class violence as the Wapping Printworkers dispute see weekly pickets and demo of Murdoch's printing plant, 1986-1987

Grange Rd: 1937 and barricades are built as 15,000 people try and stop a British Union of Fascists march to Southwark Park.

Old Kent Rd: After the announcement of liquidation, Briants Colour Printing workers occupy and run the factory for one year from June 1972 to July 1973.

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Browning St: Anarchist Pirate Radio broadcasting from Browning Estate rooves - 1987

Lambeth Palace: During the Peasants Revolt of 1381 the rebels plundered Lambeth Palace, burning books and furniture at this Archbishops of Canterbury before burning many local prisons.

Waterloo area: 1000 anti-fascists smash Blood and Honour skinheads meet-up in the 2nd Battle of Waterloo, Sept 1992

Albion Mills, left of Blackfriars Bridge: One of the first and biggest new steam-powered mills mysteriously burnt down in September 1791. Much rejoicing from local millers.

South Bank: 1959, major strikes at Macalpine's building site after 4 workers are killed constructing the Shell building.

Lower Reach LWT Tower: Reclaim The Streets activists invade Richard Littlejohn's TV programme. Cops arrive and attack the posse as it leaves LWT studios, May 5th 1995

THE CITY: Peace activists, punks, anarchists and other freaks attempt to Stop The City in 4 days of direct action during 1983 and 1984.

Red Lion Square: Anarchist Bookfayre runs from the famous free speech and secular movement Conway Hall from 1985 to 2000 before moving to bigger premises.

Coldbath St: Coldbath Fields, 16th of May, 1833, a political meeting is attacked by the police, with batons drawn, leading to fighting and the fatal stabbing of PC Robert Cully.

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Pentonville Prison: The Pentonville Five were five docker shop stewards jailed in July 1972 by the State, on July 26 they were released as a mass demonstration reached the prison.