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Anarchism, Briefly

Anarchism is revolutionary, anti-state socialism. In practical terms, anarchists aim for the destruction of the power of the ruling class and of all relationships based on domination and submission. This means taking over our industries and communities and changing them to meet the needs of all, as well as the ecological needs of the environment. Without this takeover we can struggle within capitalism but never replace it.

Anarchism will be created by millions of people, not a dictatorial elite (we are not Marxist Leninists) and all will have their part to play in shaping it. Power will lie with the organisations thrown up by and for the revolution, not with the political parties who will try to dominate and destroy them.

The new society will not be born through abstract ideas, but will come out of the realities of struggle and the need for working class people to unite. Such struggle doesn't just involve resistance to ruling class power (strikes, mass protests and other forms of direct action), but also construction - the building of the new, locally-based federal organisations (examples of which go from grass roots anti-poll tax groups to the miners support groups of the 1984-5 strike), plus the forging of solidarity and the willingness to go further.

There is no truce in the class war. The only answer to ruling class power is continual and widening struggle - for social revolution and anarchism.

Organisations

This is a list, arranged alphabetically, of anarchist organisations in Britain. Some of them are national membership organisations with aims and principles others local or with a specific purpose. The entries were mostly written by the organisations themselves.

Anarchist Black Cross

121 Railton Road

Brixton

London SE24 0LR

phone 0171 274 6655

fax 0171 326 0353

The ABC aims at practical solidarity with prisoners. We support anarchist and revolutionary prisoners and those incarcerated for their political actions or beliefs. We support people framed up by the police. We support prisoners organising and resisting on the inside. We welcome contact from prisoners, their relatives and anyone interested in getting involved in our work. We actively support people with letters, contact, material aid, pickets and publicity. Ultimately we work for a class-based movement that will destroy prisons along with capitalism, in a revolution to create a real classless society. People working together without exploitation, hatred or terror, for a world based on co-operation.

Anarchist Book Fair

This takes place on a Saturday every autumn in Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1. Practically all the organisations and publishers have stalls there, and there are public meetings, videos and so on. The major anarchist event of the year, with the opportunity to meet lots of people. Organisations and

publishers often try to bring out new titles for the Fair. Ring any of the publishers to get the date.

Anarchist Communist Federation

c/o 84b Whitechapel High Street

London E1 7QX

<http://burn.ucsd.edu/~acf>

The ACF is an organisation of class struggle anarchists working for a revolutionary change to a free and equal society. Working as a federation of groups and individual members co-ordinated by an annual national conference and regular national delegate meetins we initiate and support the struggles of our class against the bosses in all forms of our exploitation, sexual, economic, racial, international etc. We also seek to promote anarchist ideas, both widening their audience and deepening our own understanding in agitational and educational ways to build a united revolutionary movement. See also Ace Editions (publisher) and Organise! (periodical)

Anti-Election Alliance

BM Box 357

London

WC1N 3XX

A coalition set up to denounce the parliamentary con during the general election. "Electoralism fosters the illusion that the state is legitimate. By voting, we surrender our power to the state and consent to its rule. Direct action gives us power over our own lives, not voting. Electoralism is just a diversion from the route to a free and equal society - working class revolution to abolish the state."

Class War

National Secretary

PO Box 3241

Saltley, Birmingham

B8 3DP

Hotline (phone) 0117 907 3667

Class War, the Federation and the paper you all love so much! Which, due to many years of fraternal criticism from our fellow revolutionary publications, and a certain amount of argument and discussion among ourselves, is on the verge of some momentous changes! At this very moment a new improved and changed CW is on the drawing board. Learning from past mistakes and creating some new inspiration for the future, we are attempting to create a new vehicle for fomenting anarchy into the 21st century. Sit up and take notice. . . .

Green Anarchist Network

BCM 1715

London

WC1N 3XX

International network of 30+ Earth First!, anti-fascist, animal and sexual liberationists, and other autonomous groups fighting for the destruction of civilisation and the creation of a new world free of hierarchy, technocracy and repression. See Green Anarchist (periodical) for your regional co-ordinator - we'll make you a UAB if you can't be a full-time contact. See also Lancaster Bomber, Eco-vegan, Oxfiend, Fighting Times and Green Anarchist books.

Industrial Workers of the World (British section)

No information received.

Kate Sharpley Library

BM Hurricane

London

WC1N 3XX

The Library comprises thousands of pamphlets, books, newspapers, journals, posters, flyers, unpublished manuscripts, monographs, tapes and videos in over 20 languages, covering the

history of our movement over the last century. It is the largest collection of anarchist material in England. Visitors are welcome. A database of our holding will soon be available(!!!)Please write to us if you would like a copy. We welcome all donations and will collect. We hope soon to publish regular second hand catalogues of our duplicates. Please write if interested.

Leeds Anarchist Group

PO Box HP 115

Leeds

LS6 1UN

We are a class struggle anarchist group, set up in Leeds in 1994. Aire Strike, our regular paper covers local, national, international and environmental struggles. To put across Anarchist ideas we produce stickers, leaflets and posters, hold public meetings and have stalls. This year we launched Leeds Against the JSA and we are still actively opposing the CJA and the Asylum Bill, and continue to fight racism from both the Fascists and the State. We have also organised around ABC and prisoners justice day. LAG is in the Northern Anarchist Network and we have taken part in many regional actions.

London Anarchist Forum

No information received.

Northern Anarchist Network

No information received.

Primitivist Network

PO Box 252

Rickmansworth, Herts.

WD3 3AY

The Primitivist Network promotes networking among anarcho-primitives and anti-civilisation resisters. The Network is

not an organisation and has no fixed ideological line. It is designed to act as a means of generating anarcho-primitivist projects. Its objective is the development of forms of analysis and action that will result in a world free of all forms of coercion, governance and domination. Send three postage stamps (or an IRC) to be entered on and receive a copy of the current network list. Abbreviated listings available. Meeting/socials currently take place bi-monthly.

Public Service Workers Network

PO Box 1681

London

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PSWN is part of the Solidarity Federation and is a revolutionary unionist Industrial Network, as described in "An Outline of our Ideas about Organisation". We aim to publish *Network*, our newsletter, quarterly and to improve distribution. Any offers to distribute copies of workers will be gratefully accepted. We will be targetting workers around workplace issues not taken up by the existing trade unions, and to support and encourage self-organisation. We cover all state, voluntary sector and private service organisations (except Education), regardless of trade union affiliation. Further information available on receipt of A4 size SAE, or equivalent.

Scottish Anarchist Federation

No information received.

Solidarity Federation

PO Box 29

SWPDO

Manchester

M15 5HW

The Solidarity Federation is the British section of the International Workers Association, the anarcho-syndicalist international with sections in a dozen countries and contacts in many more. Our aim is a libertarian communist society, and we work towards this with both short and long term goals. The SolFed is made up of locals and industrial networks, which aim to be the basis of a libertarian workers movement in this country. Locals are groups of workers in a local area who organise around community issues and across industry, like a trades council but with real politics. Networks groups together workers in the same industry to agitate around issues like health and safety, pay and conditions, and, ultimately, who controls production. For more information about our ideas, particularly with regard to organisation at work, write to the address above.

New Titles

This is an attempt at a comprehensive record of the anarchist books and pamphlets that have been published in Britain since the last Anarchist Year Book. (If you know of any titles that have been left out, please write and tell us.) The intention is to give short, factual descriptions of the titles, not to review them. Where the publisher has supplied the description this is indicated by being shown in inverted commas. The list shows what is available and thus what areas of thought are considered important and, by omission, what areas aren't. If you think that something that hasn't been published should have been, get to it. If you can't get the publications listed below from a bookshop near you, then you can order them by post from AK Press. (See their entry in the list of publishers.) Please add 10% (minimum £1.00) for postage and packing, 20% (minimum £2.00) if ordering from outside Britain.

Anarchism: Arguments for and Against

Albert Meltzer * AK Press * 1 873176 19 8 * £3.50

Reprint of the introduction to anarchism written by the veteran anarcho-syndicalist who died in early 1996. New foreword by Stuart Christie.

The Anarchist Resistance to Franco

Antonio Tellez * Kate Sharpley Library * 1 873605 65 X * £1.00

Thumbnail biographies, with photographs, of anarchists who were killed in the 40s and 50s fighting against Franco's dictatorship.

The Anarchist Revolution

Errico Malatesta * Freedom Press * 0 900384 83 2 £3.50

First appearance in English of articles written in the 1920s by the major Italian anarchist activist and thinker. Companion volume to *Malatesta: His Life and Ideas*.

The Blue Cow

John Olday * Freedom Press * 0 900384 86 7 * £3.50

A children's book written and illustrated by John Olday, (who did cartoons for Freedom in the 1940s). Produced in 1945 but published now for the first time.

Book of Levelling

John Moore * Ninth Wave * 0 9526518 0 7 * £2.00

"A collection of anarchist short fiction which combines the visionary and the surreal, authored by the leading English anti-civilization writer. Theory in fictive form!"

Burn the Cages

Davey Garland * Green Anarchist * £1.50

Poems published as a benefit for the six people (ALF officers and Green Anarchist editors) arrested and charged with conspiracy to incite criminal damage. (They'd published animal lib news.)

Class Warfare

Noam Chomsky * Pluto Press * 0 7453 1137 7 * £10.99

Another collection of interviews with David Barsamian.

Chomsky is a professor of linguistics, an anarchist and, in his spare time, the world's leading critic of the US government's foreign and domestic policies. This book is mostly on the latter subject.

Educating Who About What?

Black Economy Books * £2.00

Subtitled "the circle A and its parasites", this is a call for class separatism within the anarchist movement. Do the middle class exist? (No, according to Karl Marx.)

Fighting to Win

Boris Dumont * Black Economy Books * £1.50

Brief autobiography of the Belgian revolutionary who has been in prison now for ten years.

Four Letter World

Dan O'Mahony * AK Press * 1 873176 29 5 * £4.95

"An honest and telling portrait of the author's sorely misdirected passions and increasingly self-destructive emotional landscape."

I Couldn't Paint Golden Angels

Albert Meltzer * AK Press * 1 873176 93 7

Autobiography of the veteran British anarcho-syndicalist who died in early 1996. One of the founders of *Black Flag*, and much else.

Industrial Society and Its Future

Green Anarchist * £1.50

"World's first independent publication of the Unabomber's Manifesto (5/11/95) with communiques and introduction by John Zerzan. Called "ranting" by the ignorant, "dangerous" by the timid and "fascist" by their collaborators, it actually lucidly argues freedom and technocracy are incompatible. Book length edition due 1997."

Internationalists in France during the Second World War

Pierre Lannaret * Phoenix Press * 0 948984 30 9 * £3.00

Brief biography of the author, followed by his equally brief account of the theoretical positions taken by ultra-leftists in France in the period leading up to the Second World War.

Into the 1990s with Green Anarchist

Steve Booth * Green Anarchist * £2.50

"A summary of some Green Anarchist ideas, together with historical movements and individuals who inspire GA ideas. A history of GA from 1984 to 1996, placing it within the context of 1990s eco-militancy, together with a section on anarcho-primitivism."

The Last Capitalist

Steve Cullen * Freedom Press * 0 900384 82 4

Utopian novel by the author of *Children in Society: A Libertarian Critique*, also published by Freedom Press.

Politics and the Ethical Void

Steve Booth * Green Anarchist * £1.50

"How and why it is useless to try to apply ethical judgments to politics. Where there is no choice there can be no values. A comprehensive attack on the delusion that it is possible to join yourself to the political and yet remain ethical. We must withdraw from the political and take charge of our own lives."

Portraits of Anarchists

Casey Orr/Chumbawamba * AK Press * 1 873176 37 6 *
£12.00

Dozens of photographs of anarchists who all give a few words about themselves and/or their anarchism. Plus a CD from the group Chumbawamba.

Powers and Prospects

Noam Chomsky * Pluto Press * 0 7453 1106 7 * £13.99

New collection of essays by Chomsky, (see the entry above for *Class Warfare*). Essays based on lectures given during Chomsky's 1995 tour of Australia, subjects include East Timor, the middle east, language, human nature. . . .

Rebel Moon @anarchist Rants and Poems

Norman Nawrocki * AK Press * 1 873176 08 2 * £7.95

"dangerous poems and forbidden words. . . an anarchist critique of injustice and a call to action, direct action."

Repetitive Beats 1

no author/publisher/ISBN £1.50

First in a series of pamphlets exploring the relevance to each other of anarchism and the dance culture of the last few years, ie the drug ecstasy and the dance music produced by computer and played by DJs.

Reinventing Anarchy, Again

Howard Erlich and others * AK Press * 1 873176 88 0

This is a substantially rewritten version of the book that first appeared in 1978. Dozens of essays by different authors on "contemporary anarchism, theory and practice."

Scum Manifesto

Valerie Solanas * AK Press * 1 873176 ?? ? * £3.50

New edition of the 1968 feminist text. "Kill men" (but how seriously did she mean it?) and much, much more. Includes some biographical details, compiled by Freddie Baer, on Solanas.

Sentenced to Death Under Franco

Juan Busquets Vergas * The Meltzer Press * 1 901172 00 7 * £12.50

Autobiography of the Spanish anarchist militant who did 20 years, 1949 - 69, in prison in Spain.

Tales From the Clit

Cherie Matrix (ed.) * AK Press * 1 873176 09 0 * £7.95

Subtitled "A Female View of Pornography" and written from a pro-porn point of view by women. Claims to be "erotically and intellectually arousing."

Talking to Architects

Colin Ward * Freedom Press * 0 900384 88 3 * £5.00

A collection of essays written up from talks given to architects over the last twenty years. Ward is the author of dozens of books, including *Anarchy in Action*, and was editor of the magazine *Anarchy* in the 1960s.

Through the Anarchist Press

John Rety * Freedom Press * 0 900384 85 9 * £3.60

This is a collection of the columns of the same name that appeared in *Freedom*. The author decided to read nothing but the anarchist press for a year and then wrote these columns. Drawings by Emily Johns.

What Is Situationism? A Reader

Stewart Home (editor) * AK Press * 1 873176 13 9 * £9.95

"A broad range of critical material about the Situationist International", arranged chronologically. Contributors include Sadie Plant, Chris Gray, Jean Barrot, and the editor.

Periodicals

The descriptions given below were written by the periodicals themselves. If you know of any periodicals that should have been included but weren't, write to Phoenix Press and let us know. That way we can try and include them next year. If there isn't a shop near you selling these periodicals then subscribe or write off for a sample copy.

Aire Strike

See the entry for Leeds Anarchist Group in the organisations section.

Anarchist Lancaster Bomber

BM 1715

London

WC1N 3XX

Hardline anarchomag with zero tolerance for the state, advocating an all-out revolution. Officially recognised as subversive and prosecuted by Hampshire Stasi Branch. A magazine worth raiding is a magazine worth reading. This year we published articles on Biotech, CCTV, anti-voting, even a pro-roads article. News, views, cartoons, poems, satire. Part of the Green Anarchist Network.

Black Flag

BM Hurricane

London

WC1N 3XX

e-mail: crowpot@mail.bogo.co.uk

Quality magazine for revolutionary anarchism. Covers resistance from strikes to prisoners, squatting to anti-fascism, with

excellent international news, discussion and history. No party line yet still vigorously sectarian. Quarterly at last. £1.50.

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No information received.

Counter Information

No information received.

Echanges et Mouvement

BM 91

London WC1N 3XX

A network of comrades and groups exchanging information and discussions on class struggle, trying to escape the traditional sectarian opposition of ready-made theories, learning from class actions against capital. Quarterly bulletin in English and French, and pamphlets. Presentation text and publications from above address or from BP 241, 75866 Paris, Cedex 18.

Education Workers Network

PO Box 29

SWPDO

Manchester M15 5HW

Industrial network for all involved in education (teachers, lectureres, support staff, students etc.) Part of the Solidarity Federation, British section of the International Workers Association, the Anarcho-syndicalist International. Publishes Education Worker (free) at least 3 times a year.

Freedom

(in Angel Alley)

84b Whitechapel High Street

London E1 7QX

0171 247 9249

8 Pages A3, 24 issues a year, 50p. For subscription rates, send for a free specimen copy. Anarchist commentary on current affairs, thoughtful and entertaining. Founded in 1886, Freedom is the longest running anarchist paper in the world, produced and supported by generations of enthusiastic young comrades.

Green Anarchist

BCM 1715

London

WC1N 3XX

Quarterly primitivist tabloid (20+ pages, 75p). Now UK's biggest-selling. So inflammatory that it was raided 20+ times last year by Special Branch. Editors could now face 10 years for conspiracy/incitement. Challenging, practical range of publications via GA mail order, PO Box 407, Camberley GU15 3FL. See Green Anarchist Network entry in Organisations section.

Lib ED

Phoenix House

170 Wells Road

Bristol

BS4 2AG

For over 25 years, Lib ED has been actively promoting freedom in education by publishing books, pamphlets and magazines, and by organising meetings, conferences and other events. For information and a free sample issue of Lib ED magazine, please send a large stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Organise!

c/o 84b Whitechapel High Street

London E1 7QX

<http://burn.ucsd.edu/~acf>

£1. Every 3 months. Organise! is the magazine of the Anarchist Communist Federation. A quarterly theoretical, discussion and

news magazine published in order to develop anarchist-communist ideas. Stimulating debate and discussion on workplace struggles, the environment and cultural issues.

Oxfiend

BCM 1715

London

WC1N 3XX

Oxford's notorious alternative weekly freesheet. A mutated part of the Free Information Network (FIN), this is NOT for the fluffy or faint-hearted.

The Raven

(in Angel Alley)

84b Whitechapel High Street

London E1 7QX

0171 247 9249

Quarterly, 96 pages (or more), A5. £3.00 post free to anywhere in the world, subscription rates detailed in Freedom (q. v.)

Anarchist writing in depth, mostly readable, occasionally striking. 1996 issues included Communication 2 (The Net), and Anarchism and the Arts.

Public Service Worker

See the entry in the Organisations section.

Red and Black Revolution

Workers Solidarity Movement

PO Box 1528

Dublin 9

Ireland

<http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/2419>

£1.50. 36 A4 pages. In-depth coverage and analysis of major issues from an anarchist viewpoint. Topics have included the politics of Irish republicanism, racism against Irish Travellers

(similar to Romany/Sinti), organising within the unions, why some radical single issue campaigns end as little more than service providers, and an exclusive interview with Noam Chomsky about his anarchism.

Taking Liberties

121 Railton Road

Brixton

London SE24 0LR

phone 0171 274 6655

fax 0171 326 0353

Taking Liberties is published by the Anarchist Black Cross. It covers prisoners' resistance, news of class struggle/revolutionary prisoners, prison issues and the justice system, from an anti-capitalist perspective.

Workers Solidarity

Workers Solidarity Movement

PO Box 1528

Dublin 8

Ireland

<http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/2419>

75p, sample copy free. 12 A3 pages. Packed with news, views, analysis and reviews from Ireland - promoting anarchism and making suggestions for taking working class struggles forward. Irelands's biggest, brightest and best-selling anarchist paper.

The Yorkshire Anarchist

c/o Cornerstone Resource Centre

6 Sholebroke Avenue

Chapeltown

Leeds LS7 3HB

Now in its second year, *The Yorkshire Anarchist* is a quarterly publication produced by the Yorkshire Anarchists grouping. The paper contains articles on current issues, anarchist theory

and local events and is intended to be of interest not only to people in the Yorkshire region, but to the wider movement. Currently published in A3 format, it is intended to double the size of the paper during the coming year allowing for more in-depth analysis. Free, but donations always welcome.

Publishers

ACE Editions

c/o 84b Whitechapel High Street
London E1 7QX

<http://burn.ucsd.edu/~acf>

Published by the Anarchist Communist Federation. Pamphlets cover specific areas and continue a long tradition of presenting popular and in-depth arguments in a cheap format. Titles: *Manifesto of Libertarian Communism; The Role of the Revolutionary Organisation; Basic Bakunin*. Forthcoming titles: *Manifesto for the Millenium; The Japanese Anarchist-Communists; Where There's Brass, There's Muck* (on the environment).

AK Press

PO Box 12766

Edinburgh

EH8 9YE

phone 0131 555 5165

fax 0131 555 5215

AK Press publishes books and pamphlets on a large variety of anarchist, situationist, libertarian and related themes. Everything from poetry to parapolitics. Other active service units of the AK empire include AK Press mail order for individuals. Our current catalogue has around 4,000 books, magazines, political tapes and sexy sports wear. Ask us for a copy of the catalogue.

Freedom Press

(in Angel Alley)

84b Whitechapel High Street

London E1 7QX

0171 247 9249

Publishes *Freedom*, *The Raven* and other anarchist books and pamphlets (about 70 titles currently in print. Distributes other anarchist publications. Bookshop, in alley alongside Whitechapel Art Gallery, open Monday to Friday 10.30 - 6.00, Saturday 10.30 - 5.00. Mail order service, many titles post-free. Send for a free list. All run by volunteers.

Kate Sharpley Library

BM Hurricane

London

WC1N 3XX

We regularly publish pamphlets about "lost" anarchist history, the latest being "The Anarchist Resistance to Franco" by Antonio Tellez. More pamphlets are on the way and we are always looking for more. Forthcoming projects include a new book on the "Friends of Durutti" and "No God, No Master", the seminal anthology of anarchism by Daniel Guerin. The latter two are in conjunction with AK Press.

Land and Liberty

c/o 35 Rayleigh Avenue

Westcliff on Sea

Essex SS0 7DS

"Vegan, Punk, Permaculture", L&L exists mainly to promote my own booklets, posters, etc., which address issues such as organic gardening, veganism, land use, ecology, "third world" exploitation etc. from a libertarian, positivist perspective. I aim for accessibility, much stuff is "child friendly". Open to trade, communication and ideas. SAE for list.

The Meltzer Press

No information received.

Phoenix Press

PO Box 824

London

N1 9DL

Was mostly reprints of old books, but now bringing out more new stuff (including the Anarchist Year Book every year. Still aiming at a history of anarchism and a new anarchist manifesto. See elsewhere in the Year Book for details of Phoenix's loan system whereby you can lighten your bank balance and help publish anarchist books.

Pirate Press

PO Box 446

Sheffield

S1 1NY

Produces anarchist pamphlets cheaply. Mixture of class struggle serious stuff and more situationist, but we print whatever takes our fancy. See our new publications at the Anarchist Book Fair.

Rebel Press

Box R

84 b Whitechapel High Street

London E1 7QX

Publishes a number of key texts (e. g. *Revolution of Everyday life*, *The Ego and Its Own*), as well as other titles around the themes of anarchism and situationism.

Spectacular Times

Box 99

84 b Whitechapel High Street

London E1 7QX

Pocket-books with a situationist-inspired critique of the 20th century. Originally authored and published by Larry Law. Since Larry's death A Distribution has had stewardship of the titles and has been gradually bringing them all back into print.

Spunk Press

No information received.

Unpopular Books

Box 15

138 Kingsland high Street

London E8 2NS

Like it or not Unpopular Books has placed itself in the forefront of proletarian publishing with such tracts as "Black Mask", "Open Creation", "Green Apocalypse" and "Secret Societies in the International"> Also available: London Psychogeographical Association newsletter. Send 6 stamps (or IRCs) for next 4 issues.

Phoenix Press

After the Revolution money will either be abolished, or will grow on trees, I forget which. In these decadent, pre-revolutionary times, however, printers want to be paid for their work. So if you want to see more anarchist titles in print then lend Phoenix £40. There's a new book, or a couple of pamphlets, published every year, usually around the time of the Anarchist Book Fair, and once you've lent the £40 you'll get a copy of each year's book. Remember that it's a loan and you can ask for your £40 back.

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