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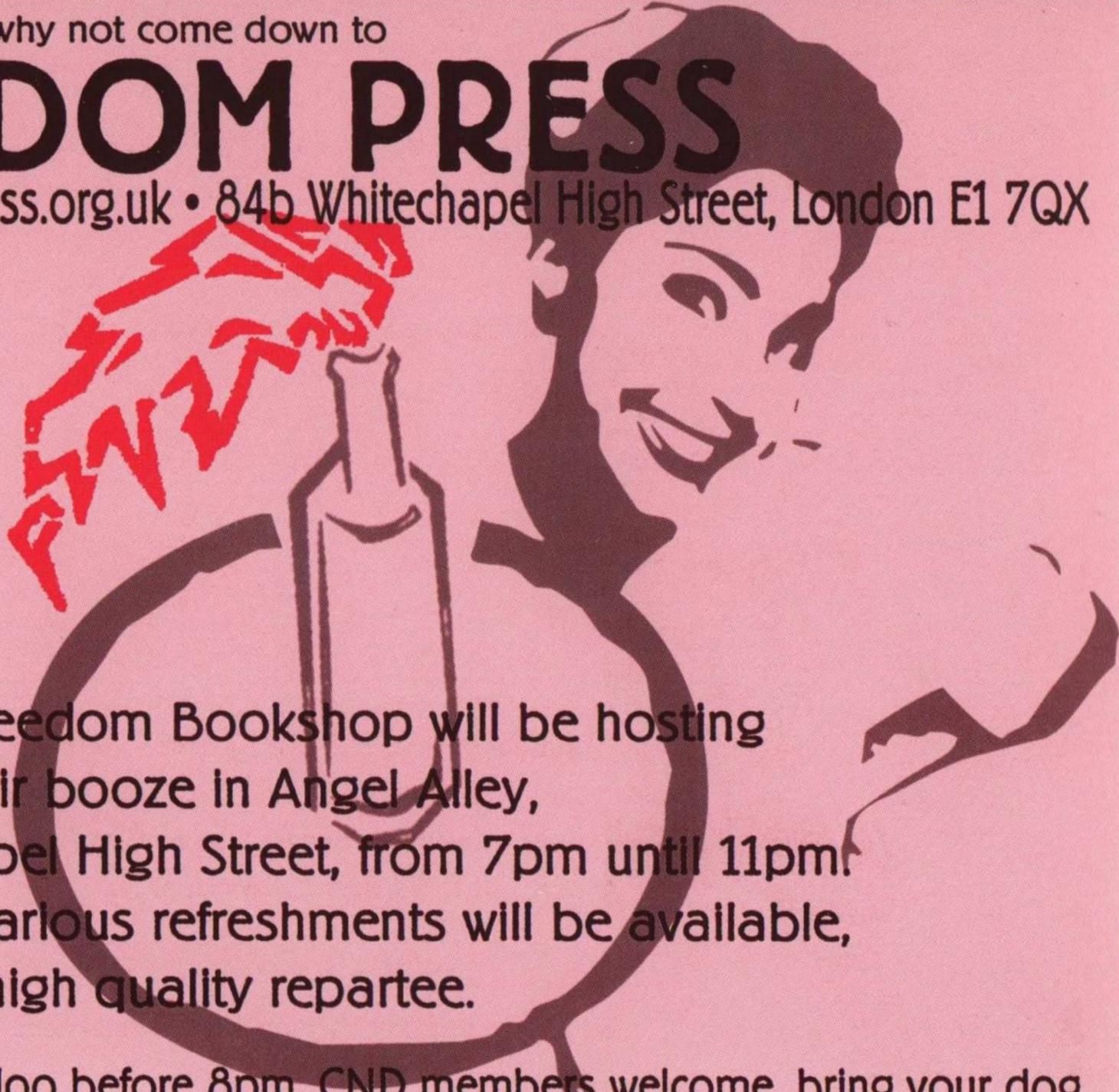
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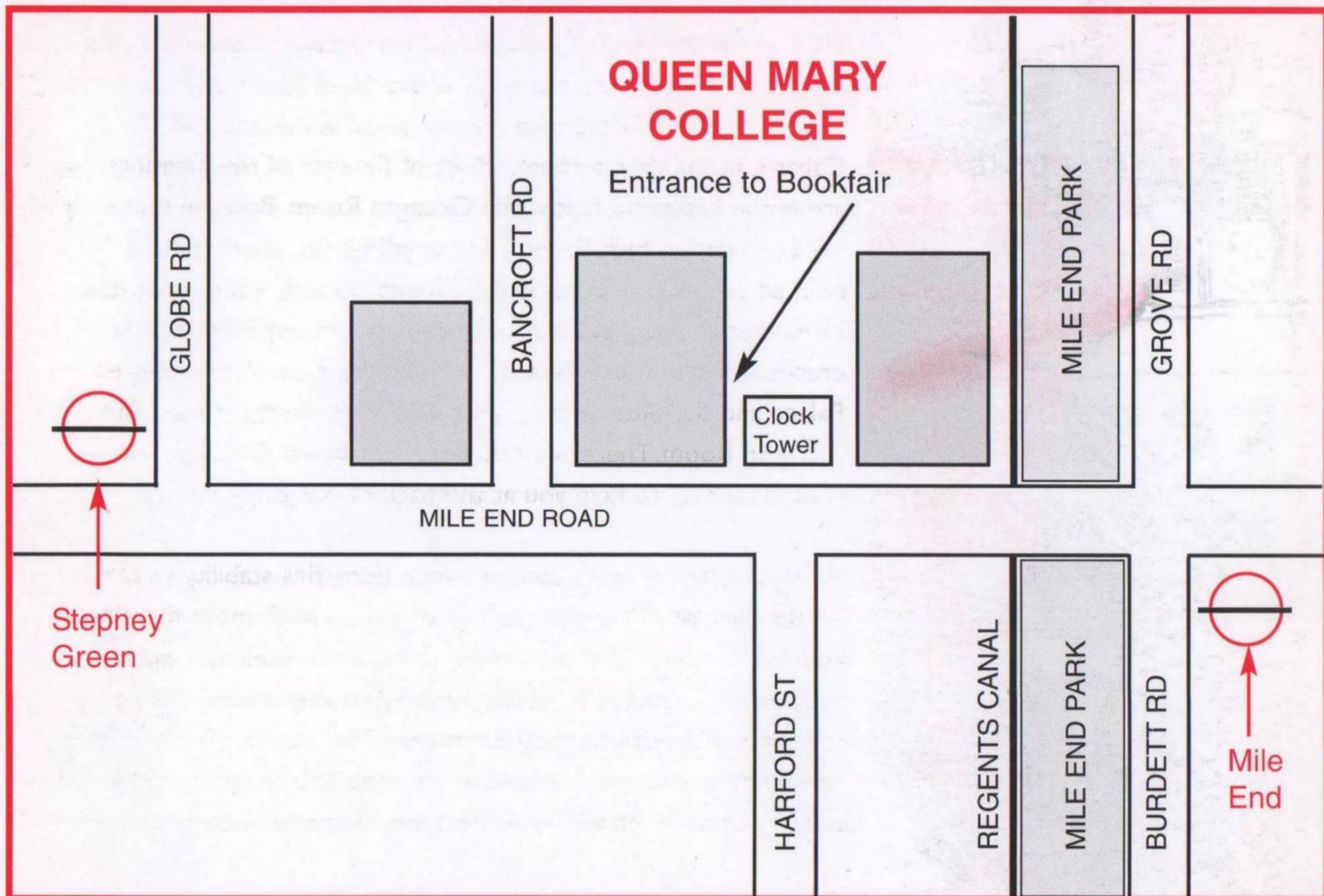
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Once again Freedom Bookshop will be hosting a post Bookfair booze in Angel Alley, 84b Whitechapel High Street, from 7pm until 11pm. Nibbles and various refreshments will be available, together with high quality repartee.

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Sometimes it seems like having an Anarchist Bookfair is fiddling while Rome burns? Over the past 12 months we've seen occupations, blockades and strikes, and even, in France, boss-napping. Greek youth revolt. Israeli tanks pound Gaza. In London the police kill Ian Tomlinson and think they can get away with it. So what good is a bookfair?

Anarchism is about fighting back. But it's not mindless knee jerk sloganeering. Resistance doesn't just happen - people build it and think about it. We don't need to be told what to do but we do need to work it out together.

The London Anarchist Bookfair is a space for anarchist groups and revolutionaries from all over the country and beyond to do this. Like it or not, it's also a place for people new to the anarchist movement, or just interested, to find more out about anarchist ideas. So, best behaviour, then.

This year there are meetings with activists from struggles here in the UK and from around the world. There are talks and films about the past and meetings to plan resistance and organisation in the future.

Stalls are in the People's Palace and the Octagon Room. Also in the People's Palace are meetings in the Skel Room and Small Lecture Theatre, films in the second Lecture Theatre and Cabaret in the drama room. Most of the rest of the meetings are in the basement below the Octagon Room. Because there has been such a high demand for meetings this year, we have booked two extra rooms in the Physics Building which is on the other side of the grassed area outside the People's Palace. The creche is in the Boiler Room - around the back of the People's Palace and the older kids space is in FBI - downstairs from the Octagon Room. There is a cafe area next to the Octagon room. (There's a map to help you at the back of this programme.)

As we are back in East London we're using this stability to build on the success of the past couple of years - with more meetings and more stalls. We're also trying to make the bookfair more accessible (see page 4). Finally, no programme intro would be complete without an appeal for money. The bookfair is put on by a small collective and we need all the help we can get to make sure we break even and do it next year bigger and better.



## Access

**We've tried to make the bookfair more accessible for deaf and disabled comrades so have made some changes to how it's organised this year:**

### **Everyone**

\* We have set some time in-between meetings so that comrades with limited mobility can get to them on time and any support needed can be set up. Please stick to meeting times so that this works.

\* Please be aware that some seats in the meeting rooms have been reserved. These are for comrades with limited mobility or who need access support in meetings, so please only use them if that is you.

### **If you have any specific access needs please come to the information desk to let us know:**

\* We have organised some BSL interpreting and speech-to-text support in meetings for deaf and hard of hearing comrades. Unfortunately we've not been able to provide these in all sessions, so if you require either of these please come and pick up the programme of which meetings are covered.

\* If you would like BSL interpreting or communication support to talk to people at the stalls and around the bookfair generally, please also come to the information desk to organise this.

\* If you are hard of hearing and would like to use the induction loops in meetings please come and let us know.

\* If you are blind or low vision and need a guide

or other support at any point during the day please also come to the information desk to organise.

\* If you are deaf or blind and have brought a guide dog please come and tell us if you need anything for them.

\* The whole venue is wheelchair accessible but some areas require lift-passes so please come and pick these up if needed. There is a map on page 23 showing wheelchair accessible routes around the campus, or ask at the info desk if you need directions.

\* We have reduced the use of rooms that are not on the ground floor but if you have limited mobility, please see the map to see where the nearest lifts and stairs are. We have also tried to improve signage around the bookfair to reduce unnecessary walking but please ask at the information desk if you require any help getting around. The main rest area is in the Octogan, as it was last year.

\* If you have any other access needs not mentioned above, please come to the information desk to tell us what you need and we will try our best to sort it out.

### **Access Mobile**

If you can not get to the information you can text or phone this number throughout the day: 07807 795428.

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### **Feedback**

If you experience any access problems please come to the information desk so we can try and sort it out. If we can't sort it out this year we may be able to for next, so please give feedback. You can also email the access group with any suggestions: [access@anarchistbook-fair.org](mailto:access@anarchistbook-fair.org).



## Skeel Lecture Theatre

Above stalls in People's Palace

**12 noon - 1.30pm**

### **Fighting the Fash - from 1945 to the present day**

Returning home from a bitter war in 1945, Jewish veterans were appalled by the obscenity of Mosley resurrecting his new Nazis with its old hat demonisation of the cowardly black-market Jews. Morris Beckman talks about the ferocious "no quarter" assault which the 43 Group applied to utterly destroy Britain's post war fascists. Paul Stott will bring the fight against the fascists into the context of the present day. We will be showing a short film about the 43 Group followed by a talk by Morris & Paul and then a question and answers session. Paul's blog can be found at: [www.paulstott.typepad.com](http://www.paulstott.typepad.com)

Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair Collective

**2pm - 2.50pm**

### **Greece - after the December 2008 insurrection**

After the highs of last December, struggles in Greece continue at a level unheard of in the UK. They do so in the face of a massive counter-offensive by the allied forces of the Greek state, capital and the fascists. Hear a speaker from Greece on the up to date situation on the streets, and how the movement is responding.

Organised by: UK ABC Network

**3pm - 3.50pm**

### **Tarnac 9**

In November 2008, French police arrested around twenty people, mostly from Tarnac, a small village in central France. Nine were then charged under anti-terrorist legislation in connection with the sabotage of train lines. While very little evidence was presented against them, the arrest proved to be clearly politically motivated. The Tarnac 9 were mostly prosecuted for their alleged authorship of a book, *The Coming Insurrection*, as well as for being associated with a movement that the scare-mongering government and media loosely termed "anarcho-autonomous". Both in France and internationally a strong movement emerged to support them and in defence of civil liberties. The meeting includes members of the main French support committee and will be the opportunity to discuss state repression of political activism in France, the UK or elsewhere.

Speaker from the Tarnac 9 Campaign

**4pm - 6pm**

### **Capitalism's Present Crisis - how will it end?**

**Paul Mason, John Holloway, William Dixon**

The capitalist system is facing years of crisis and social instability. This raises two questions.

1. what caused the crisis? Was it greedy bankers, the natural tendencies of the capitalist system or was it the resistance of the working class? 2. How will the crisis end? Will it end with more state regulation, more cuts in living standards or with working class revolution? The anarchist bookfair and Mute magazine have invited 3 speakers to debate these issues. Paul Mason, presenter on BBC newsnight and author of *Meltdown*; John Holloway, author of *Change the world without taking power*; William Dixon, Mute magazine contributor.

Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair Collective & Mute Magazine



## Lecture Room I

Below stalls in People's Palace

**11am - 11.50am**

### **Indymedia London - Training Session**

Training session for using the site and its new functions.

Organised by: Indymedia London

**12 noon - 12.50pm**

### **Radical journalism, capitalist media and the labour movement**

A talk on radical journalism, coverage of workplace disputes, grassroots trade unionism and the problems of capitalist media, featuring veteran radical journalist and anti-fascist campaigner, Pete Lazenby. Pete has reported on the mining industry since 1974 and is a contributor to the recent Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom book, 'Shafted: the media, the miners' strike and the aftermath'. Other speakers to be confirmed. NUJ Left is an inclusive coalition of activists in the NUJ who work together to improve conditions for members and advance socialist principles within the union, the labour movement and society at large.

Organised by: NUJ Left

**1pm - 1.50pm**

### **The Coming Revolution**

Mr. Wright and Mr. Bone - the stars of the anarchist firmament, the Abbot and Costello of anarchy, - this year they rip up the knockabout script and go serious. The revolution is coming. They'll probably name the exact day. This could be the last tour of two anarcho-legends. They're old sick men. Next year it'll be a tribute act. Your kids will ask...oh yes!

**2pm - 2.50pm**

### **Stardust & Coaldust**

Dave Douglass will present sections from the first two books in the forthcoming trilogy, *Geordies Wa Mental* and *The Wheels Still In Spin*, followed by a short discussion on issues raised.

**3pm - 3.50pm**

### **Participatory Economics**

Participatory Economics (parecon for short) is a type of democratic economy including new institutions and guiding norms proposed as an alternative to contemporary capitalism and central planning. Parecon is a direct and natural outgrowth of hundreds of years of struggle for economic justice as well as contemporary efforts with their accumulated wisdom and lessons. The talk will introduce the key institutions of Parecon, including some practical examples of how to get to a participatory economy, followed by a Q&A session.

**4pm - 4.50pm**

### **The truth about 'Peter the Painter'**

The 'Houndsditch Murders' of December 1910, when five policemen were shot and three killed by Latvian anarchists, are still regarded as the single worst police murder in British history. The men responsible entered into East London folklore when they took on Churchill and the British Army in 'The Siege of Sidney Street'. But no one ever accounted for the mysterious leader of the gang: 'Peter the Painter'. Phil Ruff reveals the violent events in London to be part of a much bigger story of class war, revolution and survival.

**5pm - 6pm**

### **Marking the 25th Anniversary of the Miners strike**

An exposition by David Douglass. Followed by debate & discussion.



## Room EB1

### Below Octagon Room stalls

**11am - 11.50am**

#### **Freedom to Protest Conference 2010**

The state, their police, courts and media have been involved in horrendous repression over the last few years in particular. Many activists have found themselves bullied, harassed, lied about, imprisoned and assaulted simply for questioning those in power. We want to fight back and claim our right to dissent against a society drenched in the blood and sweat of its victims. The conference is about how we can continue our struggle as activists, what we can learn from one another and methods we can use to counter oppression in the streets, the fields, the prisons, everywhere! In the workshop we need plans, ideas, thoughts and people to come and get involved with planning the conference. All activists welcome.

**12 noon - 12.50pm**

#### **What's wrong with angry? Gender, Sexuality and Struggle.**

A free discussion on developing a revolutionary, class analysis of sexual orientation, gender identity and male dominance.

Organised by: Anarchist Federation

**1pm - 1.50pm**

#### **Anarchists Against the Wall**

We are a direct action group that fights against Israeli apartheid and oppression in all its forms. For five years the group has waged a constant struggle against Israel's Wall. The work on the ground in the West Bank, alongside the Palestinian popular movement is breaking new ground in the joint struggle for Palestinian liber-

ation. The state's attempts to repress the Israeli resistance movement are constantly increasing. Members of Anarchists Against the Wall continually pay the price for our activism; being shot, beaten, arrested and indicted. We desperately need funding for legal support for Palestinian and Israeli activists who are arrested and charged in the course of the struggle.

Organised by: Anarchists Against the Wall

**2pm - 3.50pm**

#### **Anarchist Movement Conference 2009 & 2010**

This session will look at the positives & negatives of the recent Anarchist Movement Conference held at Queen Mary's in June this year. We know what we think, but we want to hear what you thought of the ideas, even if you didn't come along, so come and let us know if you think the format, subject matter, event worked or not - and why. We think the event should happen in 2010 as we never find space to discuss our politics in depth. Do you agree or not? If it should happen, where and when? Or, are we mad trying to bring the anarchist movement around these shores together. Is it much better as it is, a disjointed rabble?

Organised by: Some of the 2009 conference organisers

**4pm - 4.50pm**

#### **Earth First! UK ecological direct action comes of age.**

Since 1991 a loose network of groups and individuals have organised under (or at least somewhere approximately nearby) the Earth First! Banner and the principles of "non-hierarchical and the use of direct action to confront, stop and eventually reverse the forces that are responsible for the destruction of the earth and its inhabitants". This meeting will provide a brief history, with space for discussion.

Organised by: Earth First! Action Update

**5pm - 6pm**

**Sex Work from an Anarchist  
Perspective**

Sex work is a controversial subject on which everyone has an opinion. Is all Sex Work degrading and exploitative or can it under some circumstances be empowering? Do criminalisation, lack of rights and social stigma cause many of the problems associated with the sex industry? In an anarchist society, would people exchange sex for money or would prostitution and pornography be abolished? Who decides? The LAF presents a debate on this controversial subject initiated by a panel of speakers from various perspectives and followed by an open facilitated debate. All views are welcome as long as they are prepared to listen and reason.  
Organised by: London Anarchist Forum

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**Room EB2**

**Below Octagon Room stalls**

**11am - 11.50am**

**Corporate Games - London's 2012  
Olympics: Gentrification, Corporate  
Interest and Resistance**

It is now less than 3 years until the London Olympics. The construction, displacement, gentrification and privatisation associated with the Games are well under way, but have been met with resistance and criticism from diverse groups of people. The Games impact on a broad range of social and ecological issues from access to housing and environmental destruction to increased surveillance and a decline in community facilities. Can we make the most of the situation and use the spectacle of the Games to strengthen networks working on the problems it exacerbates? This workshop will discuss the effects of the Games and how we can continue to challenge and create alternatives to gentrification in London and beyond.

Organised by: Corporate Watch

**12 noon - 12.50pm**

**Taking History and Making History**

Celebrating and learning from radical history, linking in to our present and future experience. Is history irrelevant? Is studying the past just avoiding the present? Or can struggles, movements and personalities from 'history' inspire us and offer lessons, ideas and links that persist through time. A chance for people involved in anarchist or radical history projects, and anyone else interested, to swap and share their ideas, experiences and motives of using the past to reinvigorate and inform the present and transform the future. Organised by Past Tense.

**1pm - 1.50pm**

**Too Many Prisons, Not Enough Justice**

In the first of our two workshops, we will explore the factors that increasingly contribute simultaneously to the criminalisation and victimisation of communities, including political activists. Out of respect for other workshop participants, please arrive on time.

Organised by: Bristol and Brighton Anarchist Black Cross

**2pm - 2.50pm**

**Philosophy & Revolution**

Throughout modern history, philosophy has stimulated and influenced revolutionary movements, while revolutions - their achievements, limitations and failures - have posed new problems for philosophy. Our age has been shaped by revolutions that have remained limited or even transformed into opposite. Can dialectical philosophy help us advance towards real human liberation? Join us for a discussion of these issues.

Organised by: Hobgoblin

**3pm - 3.50pm**

**Desert !**

What possibilities for liberty and wildness might be closed, or opened up, by massive unstoppable global climate change with civilisations of constant surveillance in the centres and collapse at the peripheries? Talk and discussion.

Organised by Wildwood

**4pm - 4.50pm**

**Whitechapel Anarchist Group**

WAG mark their one year birthday with the launch of an annual and a discussion on setting up a local group. From writing, designing, printing and distributing a popular local paper (2000-3000 circulation per issue), organizing social events (Radical History Pub Crawl, Spitalfields Fair) working in local struggles (Resisting evic-



**BENT BARS**

**Linking queer & trans communities across prison walls**

**BECOME A PENPAL!** The Bent Bars Project is looking for non-imprisoned and formerly imprisoned queer, trans and gender non-conforming people to be penpals to LGBTQ prisoners. Becoming a penpal can give a person in prison vital emotional support, help them be less vulnerable to violence, and assist them in accessing resources for release. Time commitment is whatever you want it to be – one letter a month is great. To get involved contact us:

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[www.co-re.org/bentbars](http://www.co-re.org/bentbars)



tions, College Strikes) and being infiltrated by the Daily Mail (Yeah right). Members will share honest and personal reflections on the pros and cons of establishing an anarchist group, their plans and aims for the next 12 months and encouraging the establishment of local groups across London and the UK.

Organised by: Whitechapel Anarchist Group

**5pm - 6pm**

**Digital Security and Privacy**

A discussion and workshop on alternative tech, security resources available to activists, encryption and the anonymity of the 'net.

Organised by: Anarchist Federation



## Room EB4

Below Octagon Room stalls

**11am - 11.50am**

### **Challenging racism in the anarchist spaces**

We all have racism socialised into us. It may be mostly unconscious, but it has an effect which has an impact on how people of colour (POC) are able to participate equally in anarchist spaces. POC often speak with anger at how marginalised they are in this context. This workshop will look at some of the theory around how oppression operates, how we take part in it, and what concrete steps we can take to help dismantle it.

Organised by: Activist Mediation Network

**12 noon - 12.50pm**

### **Anarchist Organisation : Decentralised Society**

It is generally supposed within anarchism that society would be decentralised in a post Capitalist world. But how would this work? To what degree would such local communities be autonomous or federated? Would all communities be based on the same political and economic system or would a patchwork of diversity be more realisable? How would industry be organised in such a society? The LAF will present a few ideas on this tricky topic before opening the floor to debate.

Organised by: London Anarchist Forum

**1pm - 1.50pm**

### **Resisting NETCU, Fighting FIT**

In the past year or so, the Forward Intelligence Teams (FIT) have begun to be effectively challenged in their attempts to repress dissent. Meanwhile the National Extremism Tactical Coordination Unit (NETCU), designed to combat the animal rights movement, has been operating increasingly as a new political police force aimed at countering any effective resistance to corporate power. One of NETCU's strengths has been the seeding of negative stories in the media in order to limit public support for radical movements.

This workshop organised by Corporate Watch, NETCU Watch and FIT Watch will discuss how we can continue to challenge FIT teams and begin to resist NETCU's attack on our movements.

**2pm - 2.50pm**

### **Men Women Black White Rich Poor: Understanding Our Privileges and Vulnerabilities in the Crash**

Many of us here today live privileged lives, many of us are white, educated, articulate; our lives serviced and subsidised by poorer, more vulnerable people. As radical feminists we understand that, in times of scarcity, the privileged hold onto their power and the vulnerable suffer. Conservatism becomes entrenched along with increased tolerance of racism, class privilege, anti immigration sentiment and violence against/contempt for women. We see it in employment stats, miniscule rape conviction rates, and the lack of funding for Crisis services and the increasing commodification/pornification of culture.

As capitalism collapses around us, how do we keep our humanity and courage intact, in order to work together across widening divisions in society, and to protect the most vulnerable?

Organised by: Autonomous Radical Feminists

**3pm - 3.50pm**

**Beyond Direct Action Casework -  
Collectivising Struggle**

While Direct Action Casework gains concrete victories for individuals and families, it is not enough. Mass organisations need to be built to collectivise our struggles.

Organised by: London Coalition Against Poverty

**4pm - 4.50pm**

**Dig where you stand: mutual aid, self-  
activity and current anarchist strategy**

This meeting is for people interested in the current wave of occupations and revival of direct-action casework. It asks how this new culture of resistance can bring about generalised class confidence and help us in our own struggles at work, at the job centre etc.

Organised by: Anarchist Federation

**5pm - 6pm**

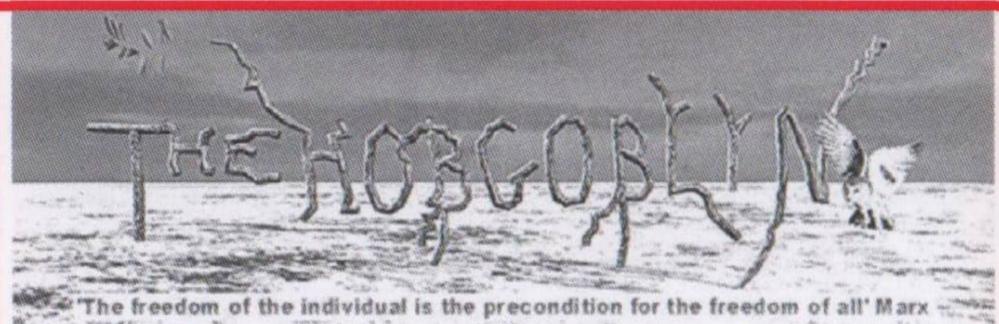
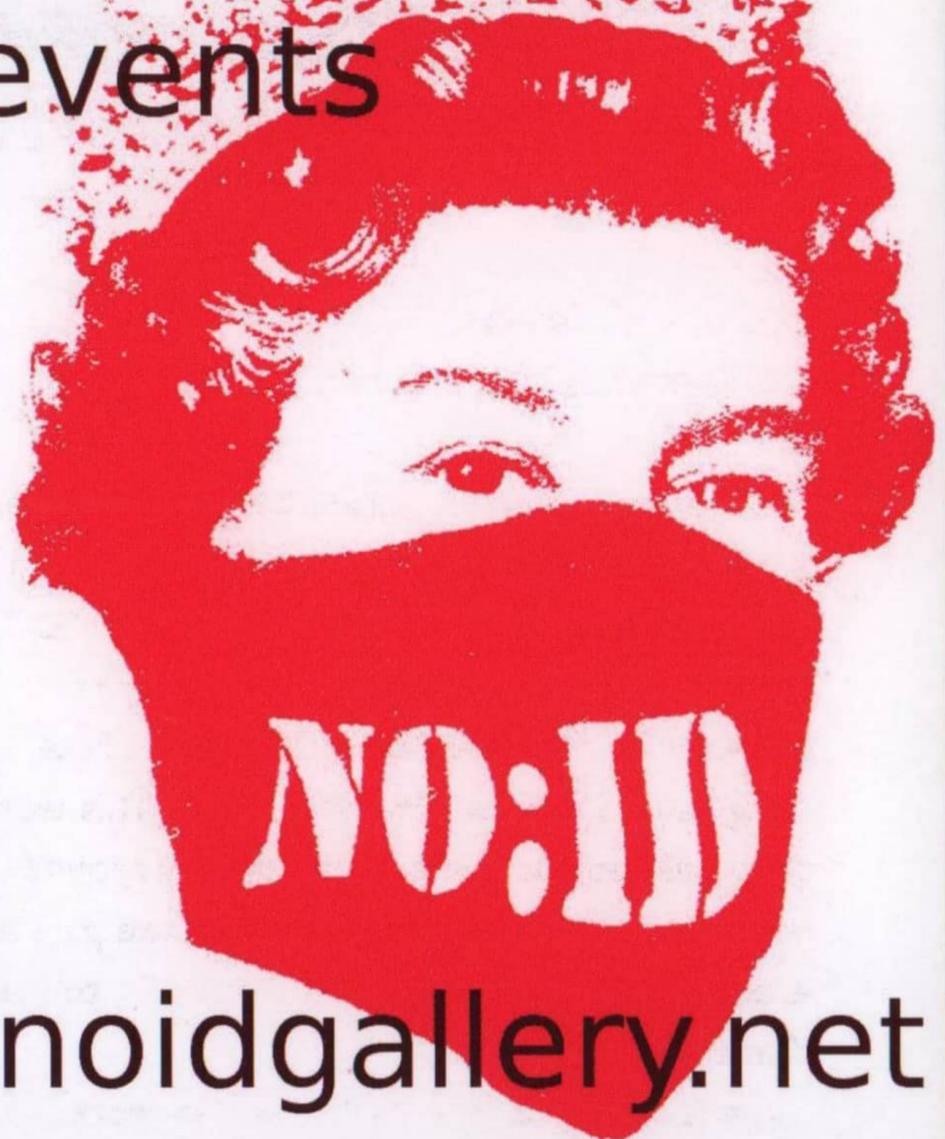
**Gustav Landauer, Erich Mühsam, and  
the German Revolution of 1918-19**

Gustav Landauer (1870-1919) and Erich Mühsam (1878-1934) arguably remain Germany's most influential anarchists. Both were key figures in the Bavarian Council Republic of 1919, the most ambitious attempt by left-wing radicals to create an egalitarian and socialist society on the ashes of the German Empire. English language material, in particular primary texts by Landauer, Mühsam, and fellow radicals of the era, are scarce. PM Press has now announced a series of publications providing sources that have long remained unavailable. An extensive Gustav Landauer reader will be published in March 2010. An Erich Mühsam reader and a reader on radical currents during the German Revolution will follow in subsequent years.

Gabriel Kuhn will give an introduction to Gustav Landauer and Erich Mühsam, discuss German anarchism, and outline the PM Press projects.



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<b>ROOM LG7</b>		Symposium on the economic crisis - Credit crunch, debt crisis, climate change		Free Our People - DAN	Primitive Communism and its contemporary relevance		Anarchist Women Unite!	Emergency meeting space	
<b>LECTURE ROOM 2 FILMS</b>	A Place in the City	This Black Soil	Reel News	The Angry Brigade - The Spectacular Rise & Fall of Britain's First Urban Guerilla Group.		Living on Your Feet: The Struggles of Cipriano Mera - introduced by Stuart Christie			To Gaza with Love
<b>CABARET DRAMA ROOM</b>	Non Stop Cabaret all day - MCs: Johnny Fluffy Punk and Angus Lindsey. Performers: Whatsername, Dave Russell, Becky Fury, Sir Gideon Vein, Corporate Watch, Cosmo, Richard Paton, Bradley and Bingford and more..... See Info Stall for details								

# MEETINGS

## Room EB4A

Below Octagon Room stalls

**11am - 11.50am**

### **The struggle against Shell in Mayo - a decade of resistance**

For the last decade residents of Erris in Mayo have been fighting attempts by Shell to impose a dangerous experimental gas pipeline on their community. They have been joined by campaigners from all over Ireland opposed to the billions of euro of gas and oil being handed over to the energy corporations by the Irish state. Over the summer the Irish state deployed 300 police, 2 Navy gunboats and Airforce planes to back up 200 private security in protecting a key phase of the project. This presentation explains the key events and causes of this struggle.

**12 noon - 12.50pm**

### **No Borders London: Update focusing on migrant solidarity in Calais**

Since the Calais No Border Camp in late June, activists have maintained a presence in the town in active solidarity with undocumented migrants living there, who are under constant threat of repression including arrest, deportation, and destruction of their camps. The situation in Calais reflects a current escalation of repression against migrants and Roma people across Europe, including the recent destruction by police of a 13 yr old refugee camp in Greece, and mob attacks on Roma camps in Italy. This workshop will look at practical ways to support the solidarity efforts in Calais as well as examining the political context of the situation.

**1pm - 1.50pm**

### **Libertarian Socialists - new booklets**

The Libertarian Socialist Communists are producing several new publications and we will be

using this meeting as a launch for these.

**2pm - 2.50pm**

### **Co-operative Living and Setting up a Co-op**

This meeting does exactly what it says on the tin. Organised by: Radical Routes

**3pm - 3.50pm**

### **From Hillgrove Farm to Highgate Farm: the rise and fall of animal rights activism in Britain, 1999-2009**

When the laboratory cat breeder Hillgrove farm closed 10 yrs ago, campaigners were buoyant, but since then a combination of repressive laws, long gaol sentences, and a loss of morale and support means the movement is in trouble. This workshop asks whether this was inevitable and to what extent, if any, activists were the architects of their own downfall. We also examine how anarchist ideas can help us understand the situation and find a way forward.

Organised by: Paul Gravatt

**4pm - 4.50pm**

### **Anarchists for Prison Abolition**

In the second of our two workshops, we will discuss ways of preventing the criminalisation and over-policing of our communities and ways of opposing the growing "prison society".

Organised by: Bristol & Brighton Anarchist Black Cross

**5pm - 5.50pm**

### **Radical London**

Over the last year a number of new groups have formed in local areas of London along anarchist/libertarian lines, working together through the new Radical London Network. How can these, and more established groups, best support each other to strengthen and extend such activities? This is a meeting for all Londoners interested in discussing practical ways to develop radical, locally-based groups.

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## Room LG1

In basement of Physics Building

**11am - 11.50am**

### **Liberty and Solidarity is one years old!**

Come and hear about why we started, what we do, and what we want to achieve. Three speakers on L&S's structure and ideas, our community strategy and our industrial work. Admit it, you're intrigued.

Organised by: Liberty & Solidarity

**12 noon - 12.50pm**

### **Countrywide Opposition to Welfare Reforms**

With increasingly punitive attacks on Jobcentre users, claimants across the UK are organising to defend social welfare.

Organised by: London Coalition Against Poverty

**1pm - 1.50pm**

### **Capitalist crisis and workers' resistance**

The past 12 months has seen unofficial industrial action challenge, and in some cases defeat, this country's reactionary industrial action laws. The Solidarity Federation invites you to an overview of recent struggles and a discussion as to how we can support and encourage this upsurge in fighting spirit.

Organised by: Solidarity Federation

**2pm - 2.50pm**

### **Chomsky, Revolution & Nonviolence**

According to Noam Chomsky - probably the world's best-known living anarchist - there is nothing inherently radical in either law-breaking or civic disobedience. This session will explore his thoughts on strategy for creating institution-

al change. Session run by Milan Rai editor of Peace News and author of "Chomsky's Politics". Prompt Start!

Organised by: Peace News

**3pm - 3.50pm**

### **Anarchism and (contemporary) Social Struggles in southern Africa**

This meeting will open with brief history of southern African anarchism and anarcho-syndicalism and the current situation South African anarchists face. Followed by a talk on the current context: the xenophobic pogroms of 2008; the recent election of Jacob Zuma as president and what his administration means for the popular classes; effects of the global economic crisis on SA; the recent wave of strikes and community revolts etc. and activities anarchists are involved in. If time, we will also look at the situations and struggles in Zimbabwe and Swaziland, and try and relate these to the relationship these countries have with the UK.

Organised by: Zabalaza Anarchist Communist Front (from South Africa)

**4pm - 4.50pm**

### **Defend Jobs and Services in Education - How should Education Workers respond?**

Education workers speak out against against the ongoing process of cuts and job losses in education. Followed by an open debate on practical action.

Organised by: Education Workers' Network

**5pm - 6pm**

### **Fighting the Military Machine**

This meeting is an introduction to the Anti Militarist Network, with speakers from various campaigns around the country including Smash EDO.



**Room LG7**

In basement of Physics Building

**11am - 12.50am**

**Symposium on the economic crisis -  
Credit crunch, debt crisis, climate change**

Why old ideologies, like the orthodox marxisms, the anarchisms, including the Situationist International, all subscribe to simplistic analyses, like class struggles, class war - and thus impede change. Today more than ever, value (commodity fetishism) rules all over the world - the working class being part and parcel of the capitalist system, Nothing will change if people do not update their ideas and criticise work at a deeper level. In fact, if we don't update we help the system to survive - a real dilemma and challenge for everyone on the planet. Organised by: Principia Dialectica

**1pm - 1.50pm**

**Free Our People**

An introduction to the Disabled People's Liberation Movement (including the Independent Living Movement) and its relationship to other minority liberation movements and other radical social movements, discussing the Social Model of Disability and what it can contribute to a revolutionary libertarian socialism. Organised by: Direct Action Network

**2pm - 3.50pm**

**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 ever change human nature'. It shows that everything distinctively human about our nature - our ability to speak, to see ourselves as others see us, to aspire to act on moral principle - has

# **WAS EARLY HUMAN SOCIETY COMMUNIST?**

*2pm*

*Room LG7, Physics  
Building*

**radical anthropology group**

come to prevail in our species thanks precisely to the greatest revolution in history, 'the revolution which worked'. This 'human revolution', which broke out in Africa more than 100,000 years ago gave rise to an egalitarian, essentially anarchist, lifestyle which lasted in most parts of the world until only 3-4,000 years ago. We know we can win the coming revolution because we won it already when language and culture were first established. We are a species designed for communist egalitarianism, not class society or capitalism.

Organised by: Radical Anthropology Group

**4pm - 4.50pm**

**Anarchist Women Unite!**

Workshop in response to lack of recognition of females in the Anarchist Movement raised at the Anarchist Conference. A challenge to all women in the movement to draw up an Action Plan.

Organised by: Class War Women

**5pm - 5.50pm**

**Free Space for Emergency Meeting**



## Lecture Room 2

### Below Stalls in People's Palace

**10.15 am**

#### **A Place in the City**

Jenny Morgan's film presents the ever growing rift between South Africa's economically marginalised and its government. Members of Abahlali baseMjondolo, a shack dwellers' movement opposing the removal of residents of informal settlements to new housing outside the city of Durban, argue that a Slum Clearance Act, will end their already limited access to economic opportunities. At the heart of Abahlali's struggle is the fight for meaningful citizenship rights for South Africa's poor majority.

As we go to press ANC militia have attacked one of the settlements killing several people and driving others away.

**10.45 am**

#### **This Black Soil**

This award-winning film chronicles the inspiring struggle of Bayview, Virginia, USA, a small and impoverished rural African-American community, which successfully defeated a state plan to build a maximum-security prison in their backyard and instead pursued a new vision of economic justice.

**12 noon**

#### **Reel News**

On occupations in Argentina, showing us how its done, Visteon and Vestas.

**1.30pm**

#### **The Angry Brigade - The Spectacular Rise and Fall of Britain's First Urban Guerilla Group**

The Angry Brigade was a militant British libertarian group active during the politically intense period of the late 60s and early 70s. Inspired by Spanish anarchism and the Situationists, they opposed repressive regimes and materialist society by taking symbolic militant actions against property. This is the Gordon Carr film from 1973 along with a shorter documentary on the Person Unknown trial. Where the state failed to railroad anarchists including ABC activists for "conspiring with persons unknown, at places unknown" to overthrow society. Jake Prescott - who served the longest sentences of the Angry Brigade defendants - died earlier this year.

**3-5.30pm**

#### **Living on your feet: The Struggles of Cipriano Mera**

**Introduced by Stuart Christie**

Cipriano Mera was a bricklayer who became a key figure in the Spanish revolution commanding the 4th army corps during the Spanish Civil War and defeating Mussolini's generals. This is the story of a free man who refused to die on his feet or live on his knees.

**5.30- 6.30 To Gaza With Love -**

**Introduced by Aki Nawaz**

This is the story of some forty campaigners from twelve different countries who went on board of two boats in the summer of 2008 in order to break the Gaza siege for the first time from the sea. Drama, courage, seasickness, storms and storm outs and everything in between.

# CABARET



## Drama Room

Below People's Palace

See posters / info stall for times of acts.

MCs:

**Johnny Fluffypunk**

Poet/comedian/mandolele

**Angus Lindsay**

Loveable innocent lost

Performers (as we go to press):

**Whatsername**

Politics in a see through dress

**Dave Russell**

National treasure; singer/songwriter/visionary

'The oldest punk in North Kensington'

**Becky Fury**

The loosest of cannons

**Sir Gideon Vein**

Performance artist with an unusual nose

**Corporate Watch**

Anticapitalist performance poets (Claire Fauset, Danny Chivers, Merrick)

**Cosmo**

Cardiffs singer/songwriter/cross dresser

**Richard Paton**

Comedian (of a kind) - 'Classically educated and terminally unemployable'

**Bradley and Bingford**

The fan-dancing, erotically-dressed investment bankers

More performers will also appear on the day  
- see info stall for details.

## Notes from the Borderland issue 9 hopefully out for this Book-Fair

Our biggest issue yet, and as usual, something to annoy (and please) almost everybody. Plus quite a few long words along the way. The picture is of the last *Notes From the Borderland* (still available)

We cross swords with the July 7th campaign, and positively welcome the opportunity to differentiate between our evidence-based critique of the secret state over the London bombs 7/7/05 and theirs. We also take a retrospective look back at the 9/11 cult and delve into the current vehicle for Annie Machon ex (?) MI5, 'Make Wars History'.

Quite rightly, there is consternation among anti-fascists at the BNP success in the European Elections in June: we make no apologies for covering the BNP in detail from various angles: their electoral success, relationship with the secret state and so on. Equally important, we discuss various oppositional strategies, including *Searchlight* front 'Hope Not Hate' & the SWP's 'Unite Against Fascism'

Finally, aside from book reviews, we have our usual features, 'Did they Not Like That' & 'Fancy That', as well as following up past stories such as that on Redwatch. All in all, though long in the making, this issue will not disappoint anybody--except those malleasants who come under our merciless gaze. This 56 page issue is a must-read for everybody craving rigorous and committed investigative research. That said, steer clear of *NFB* if you think political research is spending 10 minutes on the internet, 9 of those on YouTube. *NFB* delivers twin abdominal drop-kicks both to the mediaocrity that is mainstream 'investigative journalism' and the Twittering fools who think the internet is the supreme reality. Get back issues too, & buy issue 9 here or..:

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## Boiler Room & FBI

**10am - 6pm**

### Creche (Boiler Room)

The extremely popular and successful Anarchist Bookfair creche was created following MayDay 2000 when a group of us felt that 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 are very welcome as long as their parent or carer attends with them. 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 the "boiler room", the same as last year, which is outside, round the back of the Great Hall. The creche will be clearly signposted.

**11am - 6pm**

### Older Kids Space (Room FBI)

For the third year running we are also catering for older children who come to the Bookfair. This year it will be in room FBI which is in the basement below the Octagon Room near the other meeting rooms. 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 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.



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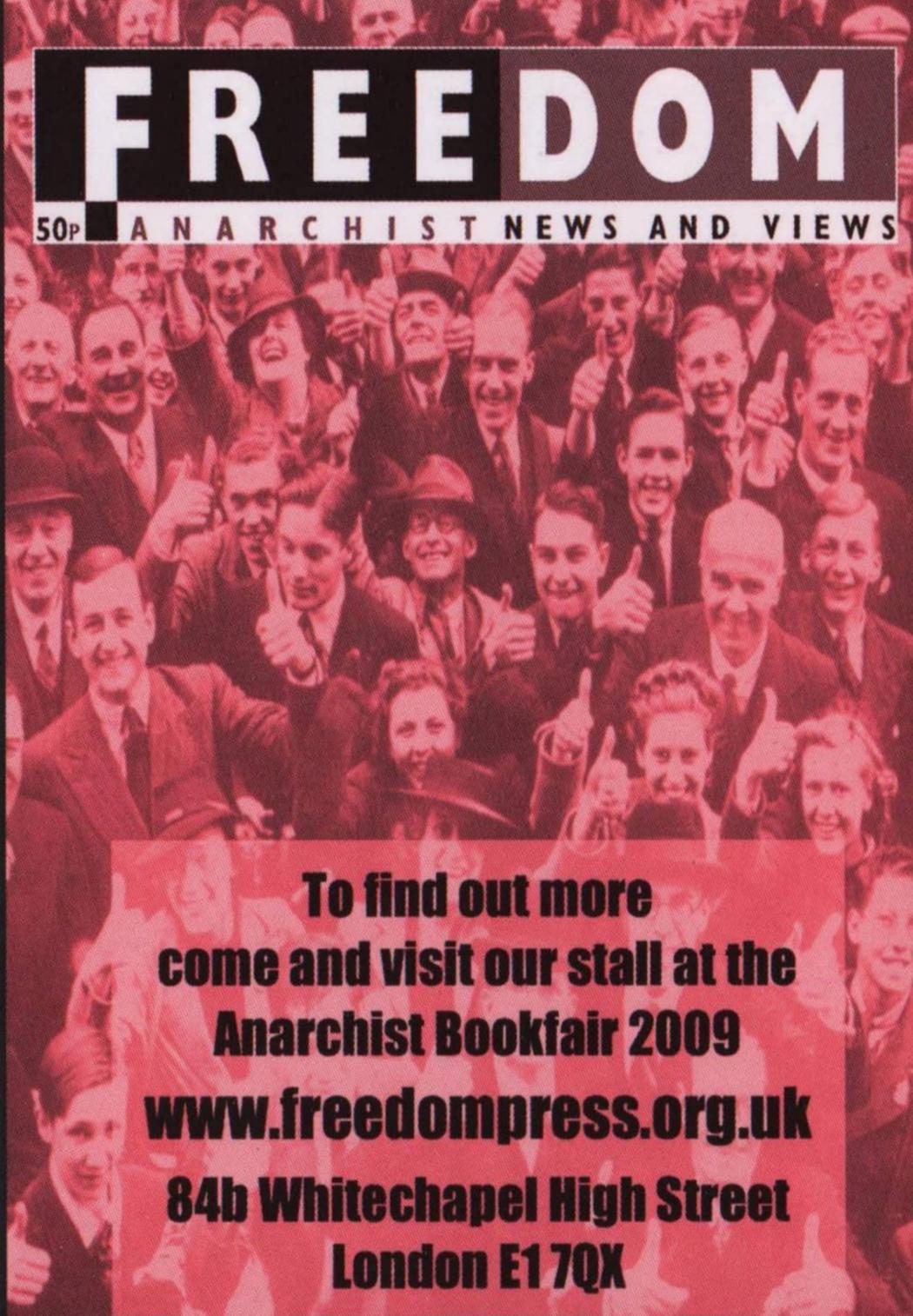


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**This way to Octogan Room Stalls, Octogan cafe & meeting rooms EB1, EB2, EB4, EB4A and FB1 (Older Kids Space)**



**This way to creche**



### Key to map

- door 
- stairs 
- lift 
- ramp 
- disabled toilet 

# PHYSICS BUILDING

meeting rooms LG1 & LG7

# QUEENS BUILDING

Route to Octagon avoiding stairs

Route to Octagon avoiding stairs

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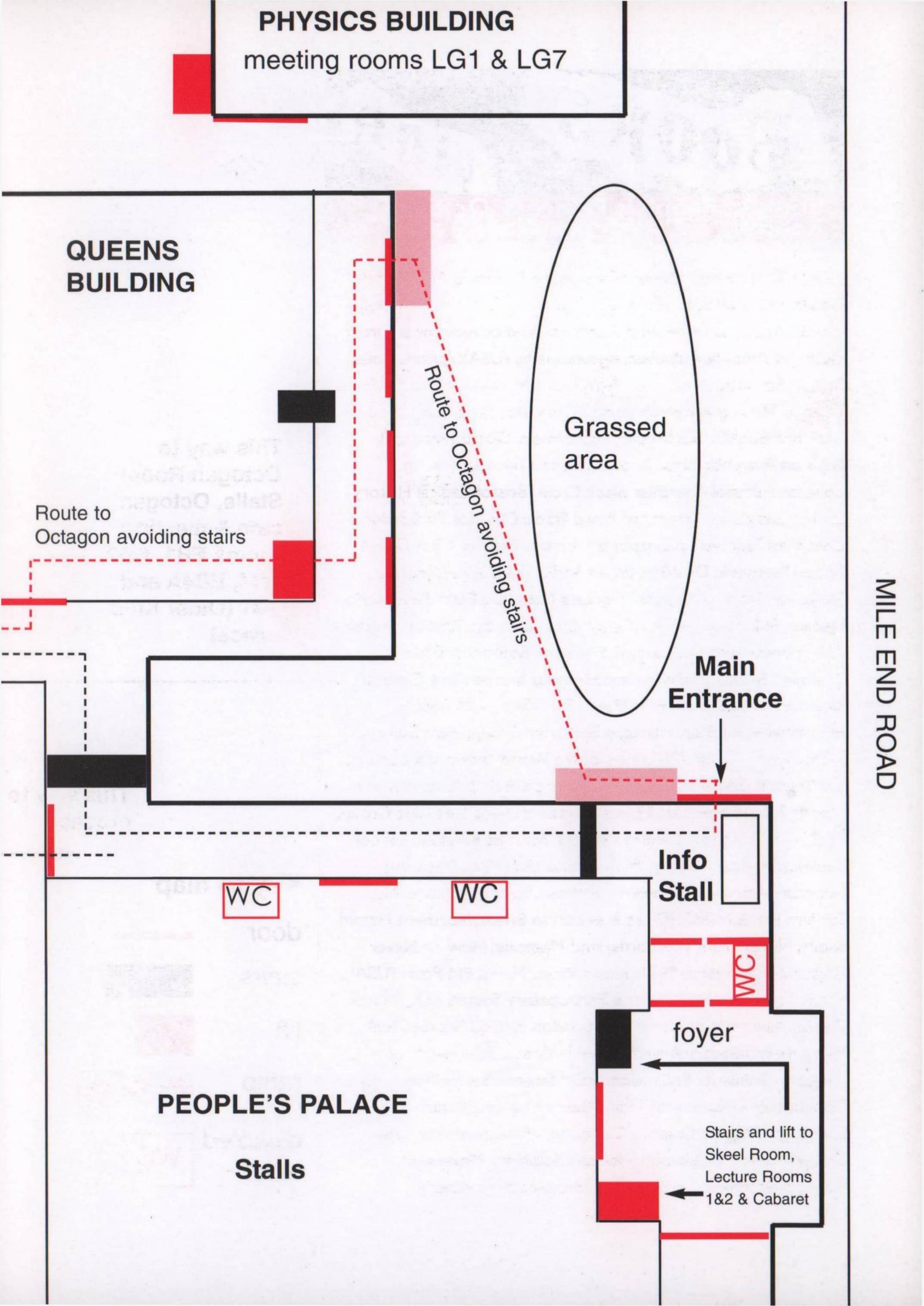
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