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Anarchist Bookfair

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10am - 7pm

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Welcome to the Anarchist Bookfair, which this year, clashes with a TUC march (date set after us). It's possibly heartening that we are central enough to political life that the same people would go to either and that a TUC march might be interesting enough to attract militants and anarchists. But we decided not to change the date as we also wanted to avoid a clash with the United Families and Friends Campaign march on Saturday 25th October. These are grass roots campaigns who have stood up against the state for years. United Families and Friends Campaign will be speaking at the bookfair this year at 4pm in the Sizer lecture theatre.

Speakers this year reflect the massive upheavals taking place internationally - Ukrainian activists giving an anti-authoritarian perspective, and first-hand accounts of Kurdish self-organisation in Syria alongside French armed struggle veterans.

Strike Magazine presents a room (1.06) for counter-information at the service of the class struggle. Come armed with information, ideas, slogans, designs and participate in actual printing of risograph posters. Aloes Books are there as well on site with regular demonstrations using a manual typewriter and a hand-cranked Gestetner producing flyers on the spot. Details on page 21.

As we move into the election year political organisations of the left will be trying to get us to vote labour without illusions, to pretend that the attacks on working class communities, the theft of resources and the increasingly authoritarian social controls are somehow the sole responsibility of the current government. Anarchists are some of the most vocal who know differently and the Bookfair is just one opportunity to make our voices louder and our own organisation more effective.

Practical stuff: stalls are on the first floor, most of the meetings are on the third floor but some are in 2.40 and 2.41 on the second floor, as well the Sizer Lecture Theatre and room G.07 on the ground floor. There are 3 sets of staircases one in the middle and one at each end of the corridors. Second floor toilets are mixed gender. Food is in the Curve: out of the main doors and keep left. For disability access arrangements and any other questions ask at the info desk if you can't find the answer in this programme.

Most importantly respect each other and respect the space, it's no smoking, no dogs (except guide dogs) and if you want to drink, use the pubs nearby. Please don't take photographs - it's not necessary and it can annoy or concern some people.

If you have drifted in from the TUC march we hope this is more welcoming and relevant and that you take away ideas and inspiration. If you dragged yourself away from an insurrection in the West End you only have yourself to blame. If you have ideas about how we can make the Bookfair better get in touch.

Mason Lecture Theatre 1st Floor

2pm – 3.00pm

Pre-publication of book: Ujamaa – the Hidden Story of Tanzania's Socialist Villages

The hidden story of Tanzania's Ruvuma Development Association – 17 self-governing villages created in the 1960s. Men, women and children collectively worked the land, organised production, distribution, housing, education, childcare, healthcare, overcoming poverty and women's subordination. People came from far to see this developing caring society that bypassed capitalism. But politicians, threatened by the autonomy and success of villagers, banned the RDA. Greed for power is also the blight of our movements today. Glimpse at what grassroots power was able to accomplish and can again – the most important truth we need to change the world.

Organised by: Crossroads Books (<http://crossroadsbooksonline.net/>)

3.00pm – 4.00pm

Stop, Thief!

Peter Linebaugh takes aim at the thieves of land, the polluters of the seas, the ravagers of the forests, the despoilers of rivers, and the removers of mountaintops. Scarcely a society has existed on the face of the earth that has not had commoning at its heart. "Neither the state nor the market," say the planetary commoners. He kindles the embers of memory to ignite our future commons. From Thomas Paine to the Luddites, from Karl Marx to William Morris to the historian E.P. Thompson, Linebaugh brings to life the vital commonist tradition. He traces the red thread from the great revolt of commoners in 1381 to the enclosures of Ireland, and the American commons, where European

immigrants who had been expelled from their commons met the immense commons of the native peoples and the underground African-American urban commons. Illuminating these struggles, Linebaugh reignites the ancient cry, "Stop, thief!"

Organised by: PM Press

4.00pm – 5.00pm

This space is kept free for an urgent issue that arises nearer the day. See information Desk for details

5.00pm – 6.30pm

Terrorism, Feminism and a Century of War, 1914-2014

In June 1914, Gavrilo Princip, a student influenced by both anarchism and nationalism, shot Franz Ferdinand and triggered the First World War. Tragically, many of Europe's socialists and feminists then supported this horrific war. However, a few courageous activists, such as Sylvia Pankhurst and the East London Suffragettes, did oppose the bloodbath. Mutinies and revolutions across Europe eventually ended the First World War. But capitalism - and its wars - continued for another century. As the capitalist bloodbath continues in the Middle East and the Ukraine, what hope is there for a movement that finally ends war?

Speakers: Bojan Aleksov on Gavrilo Princip; Laura Schwartz on 'Feminism and the Great War'; Gabriel Levy on the civil war in the Ukraine.

Organised by: 'Remembering the real World War One' (London)

Disability Access: Information and support will be available at the info desk, including limited access to BSL interpreting and speech-to-text support.

David Sizer Lecture Theatre Ground Floor

12 noon – 1.00pm

Futures: A novel by John Barker

It's 1987, London. Rumours abound of cocaine use in its financial centre, the City. The Thatcher government is loosening financial controls in a 'Big Bang' which threatens to downgrade the status of Jack and Phil, two City analysts who already have a taste for cocaine. One of their personal suppliers is shopped, the other is careful single mum, Carol, and she is involved as what begins as coke-fuelled fantasy – the creation of a cocaine futures market – starts to get real.

Organised by: PM Press

1.00pm – 3.00pm

G.A.R.I. (International Revolutionary Action Groups)

Spain, in March 1974 five members of the Iberian Liberation Movement (MIL) are under threat of death by Franco's justice. To prevent their execution, four groups of activists in Paris and Toulouse join forces in a network called the G.A.R.I. (International Revolutionary Action Action Groups) to kidnap Balthazar Suarez, the Bank of Bilbao's manager in Paris, in exchange for the release of their comrades. The prisoners are spared, the banker is released, G.A.R.I. dissolves and none of the real culprits are ever arrested. Forty years on the director of this film, Nicolas Réglat, who grew up in full knowledge of the secret of this adventure, tells the inside story of this incident in an offbeat and occasionally humorous way.

Introducing the film and answering questions about the events of the time is one of the participants, Jean-Marc Rouillan, a founder member of the anti-Francoist guerrilla

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group the MIL, the G.A.R.I. and, later, Action Directe. First captured in 1974 and released in 1977, Jean-Marc was re-arrested with partner Nathalie Ménigon in 1980 for his part in Action Directe but released in 1981 with other AD comrades as a result of an amnesty by President Mitterand. On release, Jean-Marc, Nathalie and a few other AD members continued the armed struggle until their dramatic arrest in February 1987. Sentenced to life imprisonment in 1989 and 1994, J-M was subjected to a special prison regime, spending seven and a half years in total isolation before being released on special parole in 2007; that was withdrawn in 2009 for breach of his conditions. Parole was only regranted again in February 2011.

**Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair
Collective and Stuart Christie**

3.00pm – 4.00pm

Syrian Kurdistan takes a different route to the Arab Spring – a first hand experience

A comrade from the Kurdish Anarchist Federation (KAF) and Haringey Solidarity Group has just returned from Syrian Kurdistan. Speaking with numerous people while there, it seems there is a desire to run Western Kurdistan (the Syrian part) along broadly non hierarchical, and dare we say anarchist, lines. As the KAF member says, "The best example the 'Arab Spring' produced so far is the 'movement of the democracy society' in Syrian Kurdistan. This emerged from the bottom of society where everybody regardless of their nationalities, religions, beliefs and genders came together to build local groups, the 'house of the people', neighbourhood committees and the Communes". This while a war is being raged against them by ISIS. Come and hear his

thoughts and observations.

Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair & KAF (<http://anarchistan.tk>)

4.00pm – 5.00pm

Burn! - (United Families & Friends)

In August 2011 Britain was on fire - what was the spark that led to the crisis? When Mark Duggan was shot by the police the scene was set for a confrontation but it was not the first time. In this grass-roots documentary we hear why Tottenham burned, show how the flames spread and look at the deep-rooted reasons that have set fires blazing in the last three decades. Four people in this small community, all black and working class, have died at the hands of the police and this film retraces their story. Powerful witness testimonies are balanced against police reaction to the violence that exploded and the film offers a fresh political analysis of the cause of the uprising. Exploring ideas of collective memory 'Burn' is poetry for the people.

Organised by: United Families & Friends Campaign (<http://uffc-campaigncentral.org>)

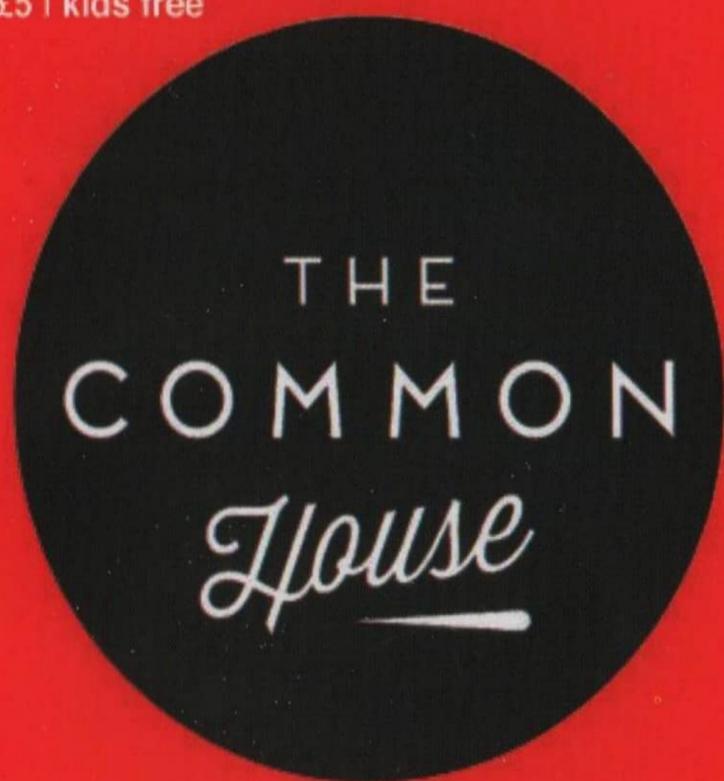
5.00pm – 6.00pm

Class Wargames: Ludic Subversion Against Spectacular Capitalism

A prelaunch peak at Richard Barbrook's new book (published by Minor Compositions) which reviews how Class Wargames investigated Guy Debord's use of nineteenth century military theorists to develop a clearer understanding of the role of warfare in revolutionary strategy. Class Wargames utilised additional wargames to explore the Haitian Revolution (1791-1804), the Austrian Civil War (1934) and H.G.Wells Little Wars (1913), which offered a cautionary illustration of the bloodbath which the First World War would inevitably turn into. Also a chance to see the Class Wargames film, Guy Debord's Game of War.

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Room G.07 Ground Floor

12 noon – 1.00pm

Resisting the anti-abortionists: a feminist debate on tactics

As US-style anti-abortion pickets outside clinics increase in the UK, how should anti-capitalist feminists respond? The mainstream feminist consensus is to avoid open conflict outside clinics to reduce stress for women using these services. But does this concede too much public space to the far right, with the result that abortion is harder to access? What would physical resistance look like, and what lessons can we learn from the anti-fascist movement?

Organised by: Feminist Fightback (www.feministfightback.org.uk)

1.00pm – 2.00pm

New threats to racial justice

The session will introduce a new campaign seeking to influence two areas critical to racial justice in east London. NMP will discuss findings from research looking at the erosion of race hate crime service provision that threatens to leave black communities without adequate support and new technology in street policing that pose challenges to civil liberties.

Organised by: Newham Monitoring Project (<http://www.nmp.org.uk/>)

2.00pm – 3.00pm

State Violence and Workers Struggles

Meeting organised by the Industrial Workers of the World commemorating the state sponsored murder of miners at Marikana in South Africa and the British miners' clash with the security service and police at the Battle of Orgreave.

Organised by: Industrial Workers of the World (www.iww.org.uk)

3.00pm – 4.00pm

Rules without Rulers

Matt Wilson will be talking about his new book, *Rules without Rulers*, which explores the possibility of organising society without the state. Contrary to much anarchist theory, he argues that such a life would not entail absolute freedom, but would mean creating new forms of social organisation which, whilst offering more freedom than state-capitalism, would nonetheless still entail certain limits to it. He goes on to argue that the reality of what an anarchist society might look like, and the problems that such a society might encounter, are rarely discussed or acknowledged. Talk, followed by discussion.

4.00pm – 5.00pm

An Introduction to Anarchist Communism

Revolutionaries believe that the societies we live in are basically unjust and unfair. Poverty, war, racism, sexism and all the rest of the problems we face are not exceptions to the rule – they are the rule. Capitalism cannot exist without creating poverty, without fighting wars, without oppressing people because of their race or gender. We in the Anarchist Federation believe that capitalism must be destroyed and a new society – an anarchist communist society – must be built. This is the revolution. This talk will introduce anarchist communism and its part in today's struggles.

Organised by: Anarchist Federation (<http://www.afed.org.uk/>)

5.00pm – 6.30pm

Class Struggle, is it still relevant to Anarchism?

A panel of four speakers present different perspectives for and against followed by a debate.

Organised by: London Anarchist Forum (<http://www.angelfire.com/ak4/Forum/LAFWebsite.htm>)

Anarchist Communism or Death



As anarchist communists we fight for a world without leaders, where power is shared equally amongst communities, and people are free to reach their full potential. We do this by supporting resistance against the state and business, organising alongside our community and workmates, hosting informative events, and producing publications that help make sense of the world around us.

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Room 2.41 2nd Floor

12 noon – 1.00pm

United with Victims of Benetton

On April 24th 2013 a factory collapsed in Dhaka, Bangladesh, in one of the worst industrial disasters in history. 1,129 people died and 2,515 were injured. Benetton clothes were found in the rubble, but they are refusing to contribute to the compensation fund for the families of the dead, and the injured survivors. United with Victims of Benetton is calling on Benetton to pay up. Token donations won't do. Micro loans and "skills training" add insult to injury. We will continue to hold Benetton to account until they pay real compensation to the Rana Plaza Donors Trust Fund.

Organised by United With Victims of Benetton (<http://www.benettonvictims.org/>)

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Notoriously Militant: The story of a union branch

Presentation of book – "Notoriously Militant: The story of a Union Branch" – in terms of its relevance to current issues of workplace trade union organisation and direct democracy.

Organised by: Sheila Cohen

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Pushing back workfare

Workfare - forced unpaid work for people who need welfare benefits - is being pushed back by people resisting the schemes and by direct action targeting those who profit: companies and unprincipled charities. Resistance against workfare continues to widen and grow. The government's latest scheme – punitive six month-long Community Work Placements – has had a

very shaky start as voluntary organisations and some unions begin to take a more active stance against workfare. This workshop will explore how we can win, and share stories and ideas for future action.

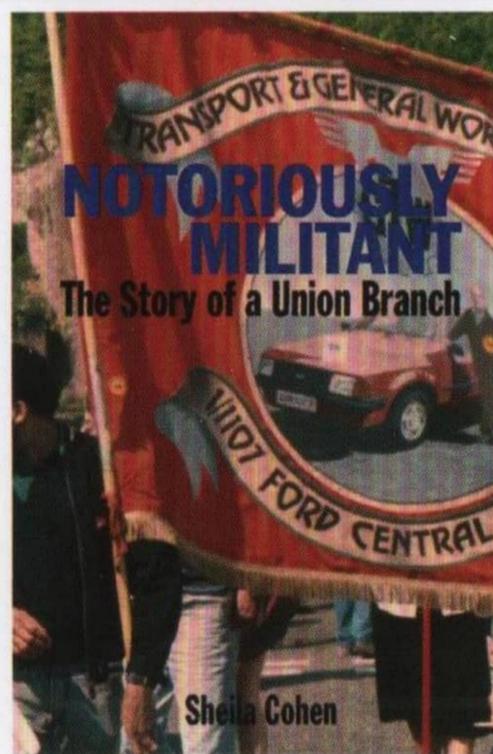
Organised by: Boycott Workfare (<http://www.boycottworkfare.org/>)

3.00pm – 4.00pm

Radical Co-operative Housing and Work (aka Radical Co-op Living)

What is a housing co-op? What is a workers co-op? How do you set one up? What's it like to live and work in a co-op? What is Radical Routes? A quick overview followed by small groups each focusing on a different aspect.

Organised by: Radical Routes (<http://www.radicalroutes.org.uk/>)



NOTORIOUSLY MILITANT: The Story Of A Union Branch by Sheila Cohen

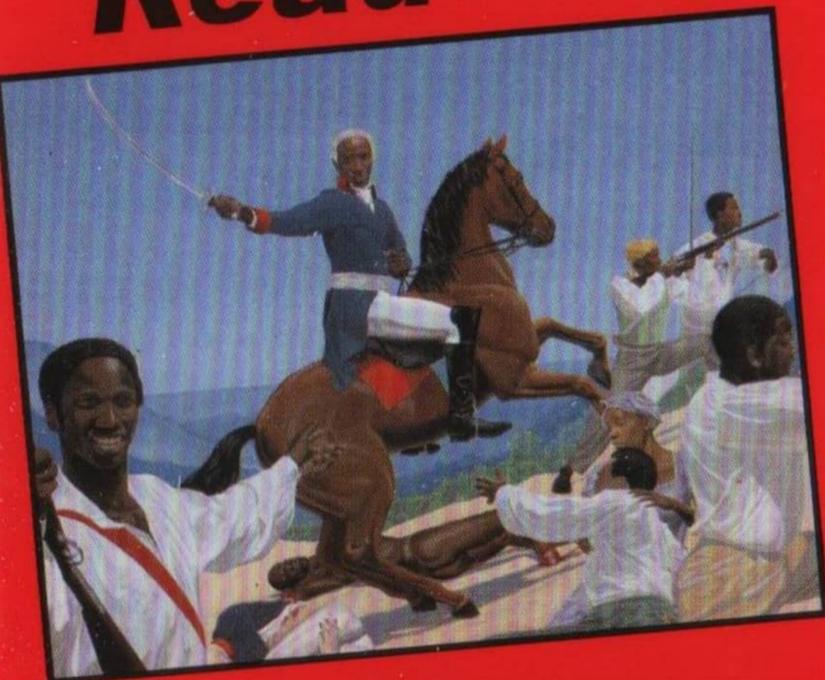
Merlin 2013, £15.99 (£10 to ABF purchasers)

Think trade unionism is just about fat bureaucrats sitting in offices? Read Notoriously... and you'll see it's anything but. This book tells the story of how rank and file Ford workers from Detroit to Dagenham staged occupations and mass protests in the 1940s to get their plants organised – not for trade union officials, but for

the mass of 'ordinary' workers demanding genuine shopfloor representation.

As the story of a TGWU/Unite branch founded during the upheaval of the occupation, Notoriously provides a lively account of these struggles and their impact on consciousness for both activists and so-called 'ordinary' members in the workplace. But you'll also discover some of the nails in the coffin – most of all, perhaps, the Tory anti-union laws - that destroyed the defiance of once-militant reps. Interviews and press reports provide a vivid portrayal of the dynamics of shopfloor unionism at Ford's Dagenham plant - from the founding of the branch that gives this history its name to its final defeat by the forces of trade union bureaucracy.

Read



Painting: Toussaint L'Ouverture at Bedeoret © Kimathi Donkor

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by Richard Barbrook

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PM Press was founded at the end of 2007 by a small collection of folks with decades of publishing, media, and organizing experience. Members of PM have founded enduring book fairs, spearheaded victorious tenant organizing campaigns, and worked closely with bookstores, academic conferences, and even rock bands to deliver political and challenging ideas to all walks of life.

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4.00pm – 5.00pm

Consenting sex is not a crime!

Lgbtq sex workers and allies are asking for support for the abolition of the prostitution laws. With rising unemployment and benefit cuts, the number of sex workers is increasing. Police arrests, raids, crackdowns and deportations are making it dangerous to work. Some parliamentarians have formed an alliance with homophobic “evangelical Christians” to propose increased criminalisation. Come hear about campaigns for decriminalisation, recent victories in France and Canada and discuss how we can work together to throw off “the last significant vestige of Victorian moral law”.

Organised by: English Collective of Prostitutes (ecp@prostitutescollective.net) & Queer Strike

5.00pm – 6.00pm

Stop Jailing Rape Victims

Reporting violence or defending yourself can land you in prison. Gail Sherwood and Layla Ibrahim were attacked by strangers; accused of lying after a biased police investigation they were jailed for two and three years. Rhiannon Brooker, mother of a 10-month-old baby, was jailed for 3 ½ years in June. In the US Charmaine Pfender is serving life for killing her rapist. Over 50% of women in UK prisons have suffered domestic violence; 33% sexual violence. Campaign with Women Against Rape to end these miscarriages of justice.

Organised by: Women Against Rape (<http://www.womenagainstrape.net/>)

Room 2.40 2nd Floor

12 noon – 1.00pm Free Chelsea Manning!

Payday men's network and Queer Strike support Chelsea Manning, Julian Assange, Edward Snowden and other whistleblowers. How Chelsea Manning was nominated Grand Marshal for Gay Pride in San Francisco Reports from Gay Pride in the world. Julian Assange still trapped in the Ecuadorian embassy in London, Edward Snowden in exile in Russia, Jeremy Hammond imprisoned for 10 years and Barret Brown on trial in the USA. Hunger strikes in the USA and Palestinian prisons.

Organised by: Payday men's network (www.refusingtokill.net) and Queer Strike (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Queer-Strike/337135763014298>)



The Cunningham Amendment since 1974

1.00pm – 3.00pm Women Against Fundamentalism: 25 years of resisting fundamentalism & racism

Pragna Patel and Sukhwant Dhaliwal reflect on key moments in the life and times of Women Against Fundamentalism, a diverse coalition of women engaged in anti-racist and anti-fundamentalist feminist politics. In this 25th year since WAF was founded, Pragna and Sukhwant will talk about WAF's political positions with a view to starting a discussion about the following:

- The importance of anti-fundamentalist campaigns for radical politics;
- Resisting the fundamentalist focus on women;
- Challenging both transnational religious right movements and neo imperialism;
- Questioning identity politics

Organised by: Women Against Fundamentalism (<http://womenagainstofundamentalism.org/>) and Southall Black Sisters (<http://www.southallblacksisters.org.uk/>)

3.00pm – 4.00pm From Gaza to Ferguson: Israel's worldwide role in repression

Palestinians draw out the connection with Ferguson, St Louis, where Michael Brown, an unarmed Black teenager was killed by a white police officer. US aid (\$3 billion a year plus several billions in military contracts and assistance) funds Israel's ongoing occupation of Palestine, including its genocidal slaughter in Gaza. The Israeli government boasts that "Israel has more than 300 Homeland Security Companies" which includes training St Louis police chiefs. Hedy Epstein, aged 90, who was arrested in Ferguson, and other survivors and descendants of victims of the Nazi genocide, signed an open letter condemning the "massacre of Palestinians in Gaza".

Organised by: International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (<http://ijsn.net/>)

GREETINGS TO EVERYONE AT THIS YEAR'S LONDON ANARCHIST BOOKFAIR!

Check out our red
and black themed stall (this may
not narrow it down much) and
our meeting on direct action
against wage theft.

*Solidarity Federation is a
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anarcho-syndicalism in Britain

4.00pm – 5.00pm

Ukraine and Russia: anti fascism, protest and workers' organisation

This year Ukraine has been shaken by the Maidan uprising, Russia's annexation of Crimea, and by near-civil war. Denis (Autonomous Workers Union, Ukraine) will report on the politics of the Kiev government and the separatist "people's republics"; the fascist threat on both sides; the wave of nationalism caused by war; austerity policies – and the response of the working class. Maria (a Russian activist) will talk about actions and reactions in Russia – by the left and by the Stalinist-clerical-conservative alliance that supports Putin. We will discuss anti-fascist and working-class responses.

**Organised by: Gabriel Levy & London
Anarchist Bookfair Collective**

5.00pm – 6.30pm

LIBRES

Libres is a historical presentation about the Spanish Social Revolution of 1936, drawing inspiration from these amazing times, sharing the beauty and relevance of those events and making links with what's currently happening in Spain. The performance includes folk songs written and sung in those days and some originals; also slides from the times and from the M15 social movement or movement of the Indignad@s and other social and political movements and initiatives. The show has been performed in different venues in London since 2011 and has been on tour to Sheffield, Edinburgh, Dundee, Bristol and Tolpuddle's Martyrs festival last summer. More info: <http://pilarawa.wordpress.com/libres-project-songs-from-the-spanish-revolution/>

Talk and singing: Pilar Lopez; fiddle: Roberto Foth; Cello: Tony Campbell; Spanish guitar: Ulrike Smidth

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MASON LECTURE THEATRE	1st floor				Ujamaa - the Hidden Story	Stop Thief! - Peter Linebaugh	Free	Terrorism, Feminism and a Century of War	
DAVID SIZER LECTURE THEATRE	Ground floor		John Barker	G.A.R.I with Jean Marc Rouillan & Nathalie Ménigan - Film & Talk (subtitled)	Syrian Kurdistan	United Families & Friends Campaigns	Classwar Games		
ROOM G.07	Ground floor		Resisting the Anti-Abortions	Threats to Racial Justice	State Violence & Workers Struggles	Rules Without Rulers	Intro to Anarchist Communism	Class Struggle - Is it still relevant to Anarchism?	
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ROOM 323	3rd floor		Struggle Against the Far Right	Safer Spaces	Revolutionary Organisations	The Tumultuous City	We are the 99%	Kropotkin - Class Warrior	
ROOM 321	3rd floor		Somme to Syria via Stalingrad	Primitive Communism and its Contemporary Relevance	Workers Inquiry: Logistics	European Housing Struggles	Born Free! - Innate Anarchy		
ROOM 320	3rd floor		Organising AFem 2014	Helen McFarlane	Christianity & Class War	Radical Social Work	Strategy & Soul - Milan Rai	The Politics of Knowledge	
ROOM 315	3rd floor		Elections	Universal Credit	Love	Domestic Sphere	Snowden Leaks	Immigration	
ROOM 1.06	1st floor	Strike Magazine are running a day of practical workshops and poster making. Aloes Books will be giving demonstrations of how to use a gestetner duplicator and manual typewriter (the old workhorses of political propaganda making).							
ROOM 1.01.1 FILMS	1st floor	To Hell With Culture (Huw Wahl)	(1)Badger Army (2) Strike News (Reel News)	Wisconsin Rising (Sam Mayfield/PM Press)	Give us Space		We Don't Like Samba (CIS Berlin)	Massacre in Vitoria (Reel News)	
ROOM 1.02.6 CRECHE	1st floor	Creche (for kids up to 8 years old, under 2s must be accompanied by a carer)							
ROOM 1.02.6A OLDER KIDS	1st floor	Older kids space (for kids aged 8 and over)							

Room 3.40**3rd Floor****12 noon – 1.00pm****Building a self-help movement against the Big 6**

All over the UK, people who can't afford to keep the lights and heating on are battling their energy suppliers - confronting the same uncontrolled, rapacious companies that are fracking local environments and the climate. But too often, facing them alone. Time for collective self-defence! Come see how you can help launch the Energy Bill of Rights and put it into practice, against fuel poverty and for energy democracy.

Organised by: Fuel Poverty Action (<http://www.fuelpovertyaction.org.uk/>)

1.00pm – 2.00pm**Gaza: Life beneath the Drones**

At least 851 major drone strikes were carried out during Israel's 2014 attacks on Gaza while drones caused the most deaths during the attack on Gaza in 2012. The Israeli drone industry is profitable as well as deadly. Israeli companies have sold drone technology to over 50 countries around the world. Israeli company Elbit is developing a British drone for the UK military. Come and hear the stories of survivors of Israeli drone attacks and find out how you can join the campaign to make sure Elbit don't profit any further from the bloodshed they have caused in Gaza.

Organised by: Corporate Watch (<http://www.corporatewatch.org/>)

2.00pm – 3.00pm**Resisting the Prison Industrial Complex**

The UK has the most privatized prison system in the whole of Europe. Plans for the next 'super prison' in Wrexham are underway.

This workshop is about resisting the prison industrial complex in the UK & community organising for prison abolition.

Organised By: Empty Cages Collective (www.prisonabolition.org)

3.00pm – 4.00pm**Learning from and with the Zapatistas: Ethics in the Face of Dispossession and Impunity**

Our Zapatista compañerxs in Chiapas suffer constant harassment and attacks (sometimes deadly) by paramilitary groups, to dispossess them of their land and of the dignified life that they have built. The attackers are the beneficiaries of impunity. In our calendars and geographies we are dispossessed of our territories through gentrification and the privatization of public space. White-collar crime often benefits from impunity. We will discuss dispossession and impunity, and how we can face them in an ethical way, in solidarity with our compañerxs in Chiapas and around the world.

Organised by: UK Zapatista Solidarity Network (<http://ukzapatistas.wordpress.com/>)

4.00pm – 5.00pm**Taking on Wage Thefts**

How SolFed organise to force bosses to pay back money owed to workers.

Organised by: Solidarity Federation (www.solfed.org.uk)

5.00pm – 6.00pm**Social Housing Not Social Cleansing!**

Thousands of people are facing the threat of repossession & eviction, struggling with the bedroom tax, council tax & benefit cap. Come hear how a group of young mothers at Focus E15 occupied, marched and fought back to win.

Organised by: Action East End (<http://actioneastend.wordpress.com/>)

Room 3.26**3rd Floor****12 noon – 1.00pm****Occupy Austerity Capitalism!**

What does revolutionary industrial unionism mean in the age of austerity capitalism? How can we meaningfully fight back when the only solution trade unions are promoting, with members money, is voting for a Labour Party hell bent on imposing austerity with a smile.

Organised by: Industrial Workers of the World (www.iww.org.uk)

1.00pm – 2.00pm**Resisting police surveillance of activists**

Short of dropping out of activism altogether, police surveillance targeting protesters is impossible to completely avoid - but it IS possible to resist. There are practical steps everyone can follow, from stopping police photographers from taking pictures or intelligence gatherers finding out your personal details, to action challenging the expansion of the police 'domestic extremism' database. The workshop, run by the Network for Police Monitoring (Netpol) – a coalition of groups that monitor public order, protest and street policing – will also provide an opportunity to share your individual experiences of surveillance, harassment and attempted intimidation by the police.

Organised by: Netpol (<https://netpol.org/>)

2.00pm – 3.00pm**Introduction to Anarchism**

The word "anarchy" is chucked around freely by its supporters, enemies and the like of the press who knowingly use it totally out of context. So what does "anarchism" actually mean? Is it one theory or are there 69 varieties? Am I an "anarchist"? If you're new

to anarchism and want to find out more, this is the meeting for you. We will try and explain some of the basic ideas and variations and answer all those questions you didn't know where to go to for proper answers. This is a "beginners" type meeting and not a place to argue the finer points of the theory.

Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair collective & Martin Cross

3.00pm – 4.00pm**Anarcha-Feminism Today**

This meeting will address issues concerning modern anarcha-feminism internationally, and the place of anarcha-feminists within the anarchist movement. It follows from last year's successful meeting at which the AFem2014 initiative was launched. The conference will take place on Sunday Oct 19th in the Bookfair venue. Please see the statement on our website concerning who the conference and this meeting are for, and also our safer-spaces policy.

Organised by: AFem 2014 (<http://afem2014.wordpress.com/>)

4.00pm – 6.00pm**The Failure of Nonviolence**

Nonviolence has lost the debate. Over the last twenty years, more and more social movements and rebellions against oppression and exploitation have broken out across the world, and within these movements people have learned all over again that nonviolence does not work. They are learning that the histories of purported nonviolent victories have been falsified, that specific actions or methods that could be described as nonviolent work best when they are complemented by other actions or methods that are illegal and combative. They are learning that exclusive, dogmatic nonviolence does not stand a chance at achieving a revolutionary change in society, at getting to

the roots of oppression and exploitation and bringing down those who are in power. At best, nonviolence can oblige power to change its masks, to put a new political party on the throne and possibly expand the social sectors that are represented in the elite, without changing the fundamental fact that there is an elite that rules and benefits from the exploitation of everybody else. And if we look at all the major rebellions of the last two decades, it seems that nonviolence can only effect this cosmetic change if it has the support of a broad part of the elite. When dissidents do not have this elite support, strict nonviolence seems like the surest way to kill a movement.

Peter Gelderloos is an anarchist from Virginia, and the author of several books, including *How Nonviolence Protects the State* ('05) *Consensus* ('06) *To Get to the Other Side* ('09) *Anarchy Works* ('10) and *The Failure of Nonviolence* ('13).

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We meet every month at The Common House, London E2.

Come and find us at our stall or meeting at the Bookfair.

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www.feministfightback.org.uk

Room 3.23

3rd Floor

12 noon – 1.00pm

The struggle against the far-right

Come and find out the latest information about those organising against the far-right and share your own news from around the country. Across Europe the far right is on the rise and in Britain we're seeing increasing racism and xenophobia. Over the last year the Anti-Fascist Network has been busy opposing the fascists wherever they raise their heads - whether it's Brighton or Middlesbrough, Sunderland or Slough. Come and share your thoughts, strategies and information and find out how to get involved.

Organised by: Anti-Fascist Network (<http://antifascistnetwork.org/>)

1.00pm – 2.00pm

The Fundamental Requirement for Organised Safer Space

This talk will be a very basic introduction to the foundations of safer spaces, community accountability and transformational justice that arise from elements present from the very inception of anarchism as a political philosophy. These concepts are responses to verbal, physical and sexual abuse that have always been present within radical communities and continue to present a challenge to this day. Please note: This talk will touch on the topic of abuse, from problematic language through to rape and physical violence.

Organised by: Anarchist Federation (<http://www.afed.org.uk/>)

2.00pm – 3.00pm

The Role of the Revolutionary Organisation

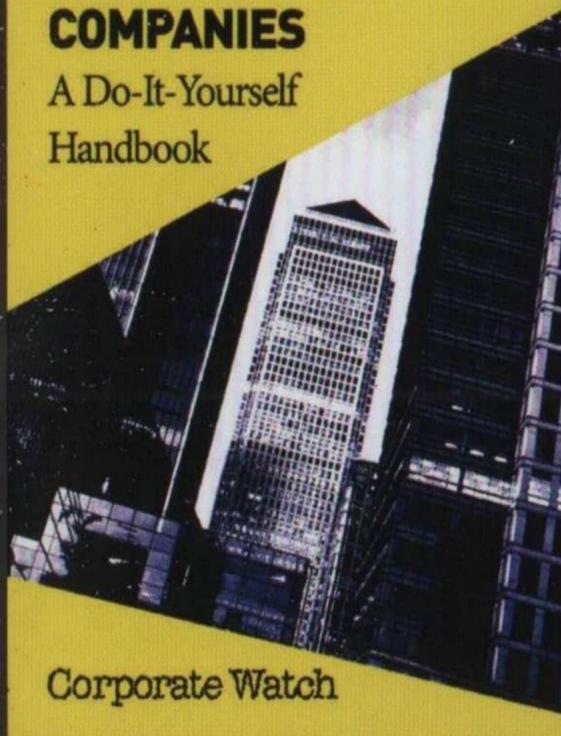
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principle 'From each according to their ability, to each according to their need.' This is anarchist communism. In order to achieve this we argue the need for a revolutionary organisation to undertake a certain role as part of the working class. This talk will attempt to explain why.

Organised by: Anarchist Federation (<http://www.afed.org.uk/>)

3.00pm – 4.00pm

Tumultuous City

Revolutionary London 1639 to 1642

This is an introduction to the book by Ian Brooke charting the revolutionary events in London in the run up to the civil war. It is an exciting story of repression, popular resistance and protest charting the movement of ordinary people who by mass direct action determined the course of the English revolution, prevented Royalist coups,

forced the Parliament to act and ultimately drove King Charles out of the city. These are events that have been hidden from history, events that laid the basis for the rise of the Levellers, Diggers and Ranters as revolutionary movements of the day.

Organised by: Huddersfield Anarchist League

4.00pm – 5.00pm

We Are The 99%! Who Are The 90%?

What should we do about wealth? This talk introduces the distribution of wealth; the historic reasons; and asks "what may we do?" The Guardian has published figures provided by the UN online. It is now possible to calculate a threshold between the 90% and the 10%. If you own less than X then you are in the 90%. So the question is - what is this figure? 10% of the world owns 85% of the world's wealth. What is a realistic, viable, nonviolent and legal, Activist's response to this situation? Come along to find out more and join the debate.

Speaker: Martin Cross

5.00pm – 6.00pm

Kropotkin: Class Warrior

Kropotkin is often portrayed as the peaceful "Prince of Co-Operation", a backward looking dreamer who viewed nature and society through rose-tinted glasses. In reality Kropotkin was a revolutionary communist-anarchist, committed to the working class winning the class struggle and creating a free, socialist, society. With the publication of "Direct Action Against Capital: A Peter Kropotkin Anthology" by AK Press, we are able to fully understand his ideas and refute the lazy inventions inflicted on both him and our movement. Join Iain McKay, the editor of this new book, to discuss the real Kropotkin and his relevance to anarchists in the 21st Century.

Organised by: AK Press & Distribution (<http://www.akuk.com/>)

Room 3.21**3rd Floor****12 noon – 1.00pm****From the Somme to Syria via Stalingrad**

“The Only War Worth Fighting is the Class War” (graffiti from the cells of Richmond Castle 1916). 100 years after the First World imperialist slaughter began, we not only oppose the justifications and lies about that war but commemorate how the working class, across Europe, brought that war to an end in 1917-18 in a revolutionary wave which lasted for years. Capitalism survived and has gone on to repeat its murderous wars ever since. There are no “just causes” in the era of imperialism. All wars are war against workers. As the populations of Syria, Iraq, Ukraine and Gaza (to name only the most notorious) suffer yet further atrocities we need to have a perspective on how to end this infernal cycle.

Organised by: Communist Workers’**Organisation****1.00pm – 3.00pm****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’. Everything distinctively human about our nature resulted from the greatest revolution in history. The ‘Human Revolution’ began in Africa over 100,000 years ago, giving rise to an egalitarian, anarchist lifestyle which lasted in most parts of the world until c.5000 years ago. We know we can win the coming revolution because in a real sense, we won it already, when language and society were first established. We evolved under egalitarianism, not class despotism.

Organised by: Radical Anthropology Group
(<http://www.radicalanthropologygroup.org/>)**3.00pm – 4.00pm****Workers inquiry: Logistics**

This workshop will explain why we think the Italian autonomous movement’s practice of workers inquiry is important and how we are attempting our own in the ware-houses of West London. As members of AngryWorkersWorld, we’re working in an expanding sector, in increasingly complicated global supply chains. Things have kicked off in warehouses/distribution centres in Italy, with struggles led by migrant, often undocumented, workers. We’ll talk about why we think this is an interesting area for inquiry and what our experiences of workers’ self-organising are, way out west.

Organised by: Angry Workers of the World
(<http://angryworkersworld.wordpress.com/>)**4.00pm – 5.00pm****European housing struggles: sharing tactics and perspectives**

Activists from the European Action Coalition for the Right to Housing and the City will share their organising strategies and contexts. with speakers from Spain, Portugal, Germany, Ireland and more and fresh from actions against the MIPIIM real estate fair Oct 15-17. Also the UK launch of ‘Mortgaged Lives’, the new translated book of the Spanish mass anti-evictions movement PAH. Find out how other movements are responding to the housing crisis and austerity, and discuss the future of UK housing struggles and the Radical Housing Network.

Organised by: Radical Housing Network (<http://radicalhousingnetwork.org/>)**5.00pm – 6.00pm****Born Free!**

A deep need for freedom lies at the heart of human nature, argues Paul Cudenec, author of The Anarchist Revelation and The Stifled Soul of Humankind. This has long been denied by Authority, which tells us we have to submit to

their rule because we are nothing but sinners, savages, or blank sheets of paper. But again and again this innate sense of self-empowerment has surfaced throughout history, in the Brethren of the Free Spirit, Anabaptists, Ranters, Romantic Revolutionaries and of course, in Anarchists...

Organised by: Paul Cudenec

Room 3.20 3rd Floor

12 noon – 1.00pm

Organising AFem2014

This meeting is primarily aimed at people already involved in organising the Afem2014 conference, to enable us to meet face to face and discuss practicalities. If you would like to get involved in organising the event at this stage, and agree with the invitation criteria on our website, please come along too!

Organised by: AFem 2014 (<http://afem2014.wordpress.com/>)

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Helen MacFarlane – Red Republican

Helen MacFarlane (1818 – 1860) was a Scottish Chartist, socialist, feminist writer and philosopher, the first translator of the Communist manifesto into English. Her complete writings are now available for the first time in a new book, edited and introduced by our speaker, David Black.

Organised by: Hobgoblin

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Christianity and Class War

“Christianity and Class War” Members of the London Catholic Worker Study Group present a workshop on this text from Nicholas Berdyaev from 1933 and reflect on its implications for today.

Organised by: London Catholic Worker (<http://www.londoncatholicworker.org/>)

3.00pm – 4.00pm

Perspectives on Radical Social Work

Trying to use anything like anarchistic ideas in social work can be like a tour of duty behind enemy lines. But cases can be made for trying to do so. Old hands and those new to the profession are invited to “show their wounds” attempting to see ways forward. This session is facilitated by Martin Gilbert, a compiler of www.anarchists_in_social_work.com.uk. First published in 2001, it was the first book then, on radical social work in 10 years.

Organised by: Martin Gilbert

4.00pm – 5.00pm

Strategy & Soul: Direct Action vs the Billionaires

Want to win your campaign? Facing seemingly impossible odds? Join Milan Rai to explore the lessons for activists and community organisers from Casino-Free Philadelphia, the direct action campaign that took on powerful elected officials, private investigators and hired thugs to stop a \$650m casino project. Based on Daniel Hunter's book *Strategy & Soul*: (www.StrategyAndSoul.org). Milan Rai is co-editor of *Peace News* and author of *Chomsky's Politics* (Verso, 1995) and *The Anarchism Reader* (Verso, forthcoming).

Organised by: Peace News (<http://peacenews.info/>)

5.00pm – 6.00pm

The Politics of Knowledge

How should we understand the construction/production of knowledge and how it is being transformed by neo-liberalism? What can we do about it? A discussion.

Organised by: New Anarchist Research Group

Room 3.15**3rd Floor**

Criticicuffs (<https://criticicuffs.org/>) have put together the programme of talks in this room.

12 noon – 1.00pm**The state is like ‘hello’, the people are like ‘hi’: elections**

Regular elections are central institutions in democratic states. They are also often misunderstood as mere shams or are criticised on formal grounds, such as being held not often enough to realise true democracy. In this workshop, we want to start differently and take elections seriously as a means of democratic rule. Our starting point is that democratic states want the consent of their citizens and that elections are means to reaffirm the unity of rule and its subjects.

1.00pm – 2.00pm**Universal credit: welfare that works**

Universal Credit, the new mechanism through which the state will manage useful poverty, merges 6 income-based benefits for “working age” people in order to make “work pay, achieve fairness and simplify the system”. What does the design of universal credit show about the purpose of work? Why does the state seek to ensure it is made to pay through a combination of financial support and sanctions? We look at how UC achieves fairness against the interests of those with and without work, and how simplification works without any reduction in rules.

2.00pm – 3.00pm**Love**

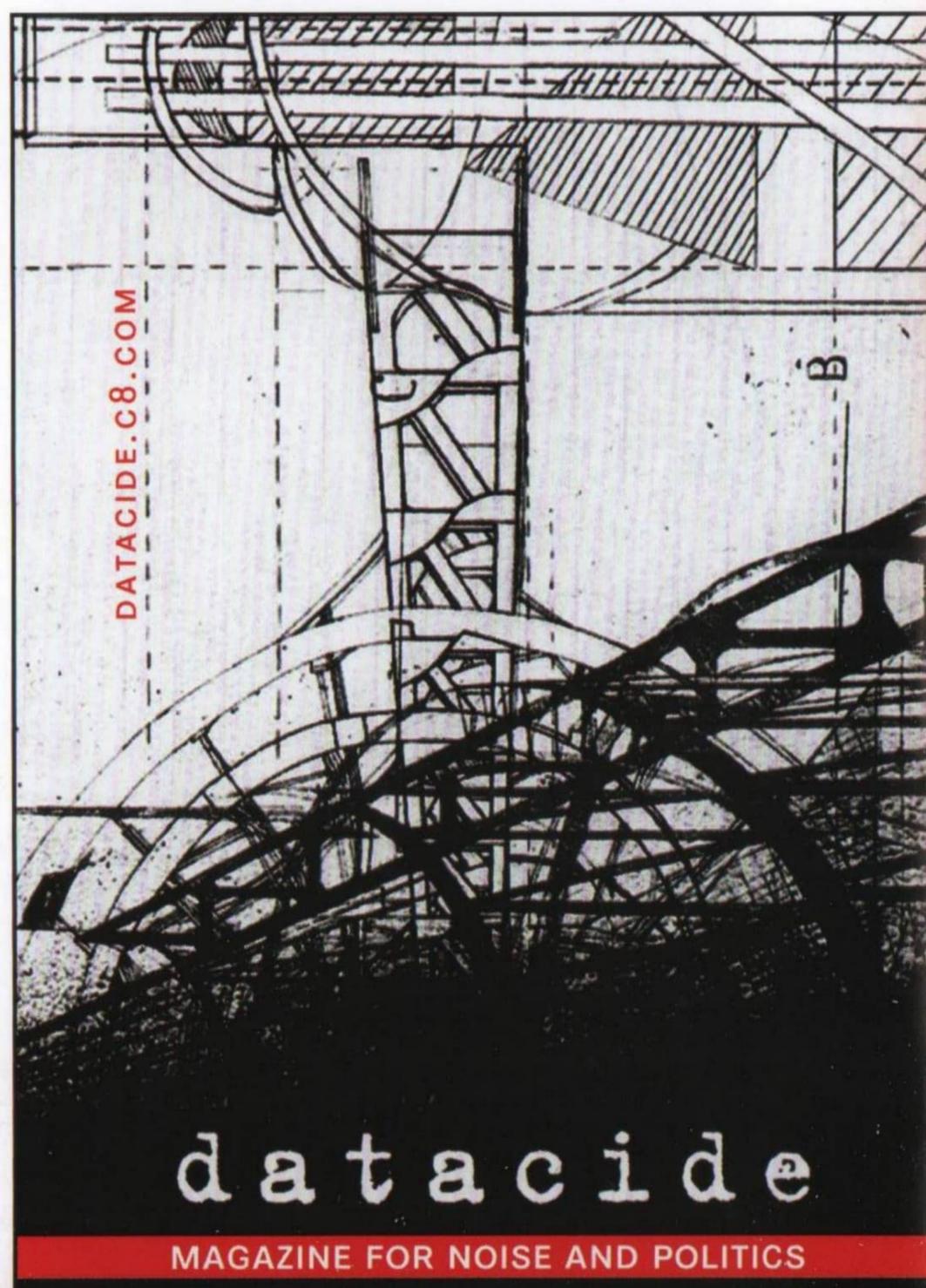
Finding love is the top priority for a lot of people in our society, judging by the never ending invention of match making websites. A failure of love is often blamed as the reason for tragic events like the Isla Vista killings. In this workshop we would like to look at why love is so important for so many people and how loving someone often implies a demand that is impossible to satisfy.

3.00pm – 4.00pm**Why is there a domestic sphere?**

Increasing attention has been paid to the nature of work carried out in the domestic sphere. This workshop takes a step back and asks: why is there a domestic sphere? We will argue that the domestic sphere has its basis in the institution of private property, that the domestic sphere is subordinated to the demands of the public sphere and that the poverty of workers ensures that the majority of ‘reproductive’ work will continue to be done privately.

4.00pm – 5.00pm**The Snowden Leaks**

Edward Snowden’s leaks about NSA surveillance techniques showed that the US did their job: controlling their own citizens thoroughly and the whole world. It is nothing peculiar to the world power: every state wants to know what is going on with its people, even in the private sphere. That clashes with the self-understanding



of democratic states to grant an ostensibly untouchable private sphere. Unfortunately, patriotic critics including Snowden argue that the secret services should receive better oversight – which leaves the state's demands against its citizens out of the picture and even affirms the principle of secret services.

5.00pm – 6.00pm

'Are you with us?' – About the state, its citizens and non-citizens

From EU immigration to the treatment of asylum seekers in the UK, hardly a day goes by without the public talking about the effects of immigration. We want to look at what it means for a state to differentiate people into citizens and foreigners and what it means for the people to be claimed as such. The state rules over its citizens in the interest of capital and nation. We will argue that the policies on immigration and asylum reflect the state's demand against its own citizens, albeit with different consequences.

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**Room 1.06
First Floor
Fly Print Workshop**

Inspired by Atelier Populaire, STRIKE! Magazine presents a room for counter-propaganda at the service of the class struggle. Come armed with ideas, slogans, designs and participate in actual printing of risograph posters.

Creative technicians will be on hand to assist with sloganeering and help make our posters as punchy as possible. Two riso-printers will be firing all day, and all material is produced strictly for public display.

"The posters produced by the ATELIER POPULAIRE are weapons in the service of the struggle and are an inseparable part of it. Their rightful place is in the centers of conflict, that is to say, in the streets and on the walls of the factories. To use them for decorative purposes, to display them in bourgeois places of culture or to consider them as objects of aesthetic interest is to impair both their function and their effect."

Organised by: Strike Magazine (<http://strikemag.org/>)

On the spot flyers – the old school way

Aloes Books has been refurbishing some old duplicator machines (Gestetners) as part of a publishing project. During the course of this we became aware there were many people who did not know of the important contribution this lo-tech equipment was in opening up printed communications to lo-funded activist groups, artists, poets and publishers. So we are glad to have space at the Bookfair to show how it worked.

There will be regular demonstrations using a manual typewriter and a hand-cranked Gestetner producing on the spot flyers. Creative in-put and hands-on experience welcome, but don't moan if your hands get inky.

Organised by: Aloes Books (<http://www.aloesbooks.co.uk/>)

Films

Room 1.01.1

First Floor

11am - 12noon

To Hell With Culture (Huw Wahl)

Co-founder of the ICA, Herbert Read (thats Sir Herbert to you or me) was an influential art critic, poet and self-confessed anarchist. In his 1943 essay, To Hell with Culture, Read laid out his ideas for a civilisation based on cooperation in which culture would no longer be a commodity, separated from society, but an integral part of everyday life. In this film, director Huw Wahl engages in conversations with artists, poets, curators, historians and Read's children, to ask how we can apply Read's ideas and approaches to the commodification of culture in our contemporary society.

12 noon - 12.30pm

Badger Army (Reel News)

An in-depth look at the opposition to the badger cull.

12.30pm - 1pm

Strike news (Reel news)

- 3 Cosas: Victory! - A huge step forward for outsourced workers at the University of London as they win major concessions on sick pay and holidays.
- Brixton Ritzy Strike - One of the most exciting new campaigns of the year, as cinema workers fight to win the London Living Wage.
- Lambeth College Strike - UCU and UNISON members prepare for an all out indefinite strike against cuts to sick pay and holidays, and increased hours.

1.15pm - 2.15pm

Wisconsin Rising (Sam Mayfield/PM Press)

This film documents the largest sustained workers' resistance movement in recent American history as big money attempted to undo basic workers' rights when newly-elected Republican Governor Scott Walker suddenly stripped collective bargaining power from the state's public employees. Wisconsin Rising catapults the viewer into the days, weeks and months when Wisconsinites fought back against power, authority and injustice. Happening months before the Occupy movement, Wisconsinites spontaneously occupied the state Capitol for weeks.

2.30pm - 3.30 pm

Give Us Space (www.giveusspace.co.uk)

Documentary attempting to explain the complexity of the housing crisis in London. Filmed over 2013 until now, the film focuses on housing as a human need and Human Right, interviewing people and following empowering grass-roots movements, self-organized events and housing struggles, while recognizing the vital importance of resistance; squatting empty properties to put them to good purpose and co-operative housing schemes seem essential indicators of alternatives and community building strategies.

4pm - 5pm

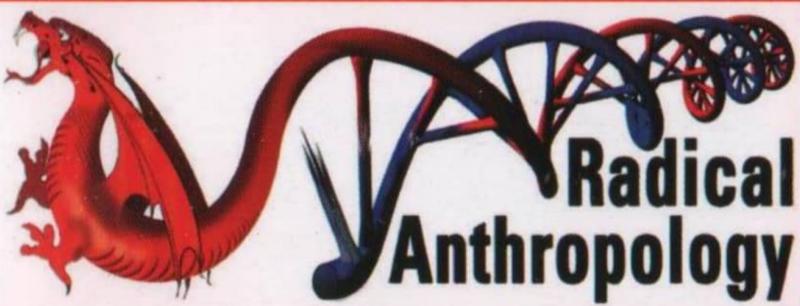
We Don't Like Samba (CIS-Berlin)

Documentary on Social Struggles in Brazil. (Subtitled)

5.15pm - 6pm

Massacre in Vitoria (Reel News)

1976, the Basque Country: a dying fascist state orders police to attack one of the greatest rank and file movements ever seen. 5 workers are murdered and over 100 seriously injured; 38 years on, the people of Vitoria are still fighting for justice.



PRIMITIVE COMMUNISM ITS RELEVANCE FOR TODAY

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The creche welcomes children from 2 years to 8 years. Children under 2 can come with their parent or carer but cannot be left on their own. 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 room 1.02.6. The creche will be clearly signposted.

Room 1.02.6A

First Floor

11am - 6pm

Older Kids Space

We are also still catering for older children who come to the Bookfair. It will be in room 1.02.6A. The space will be dedicated to kids aged 8 upwards. There will be T Shirt painting, board and card games, DVDs, crafts, music making 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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