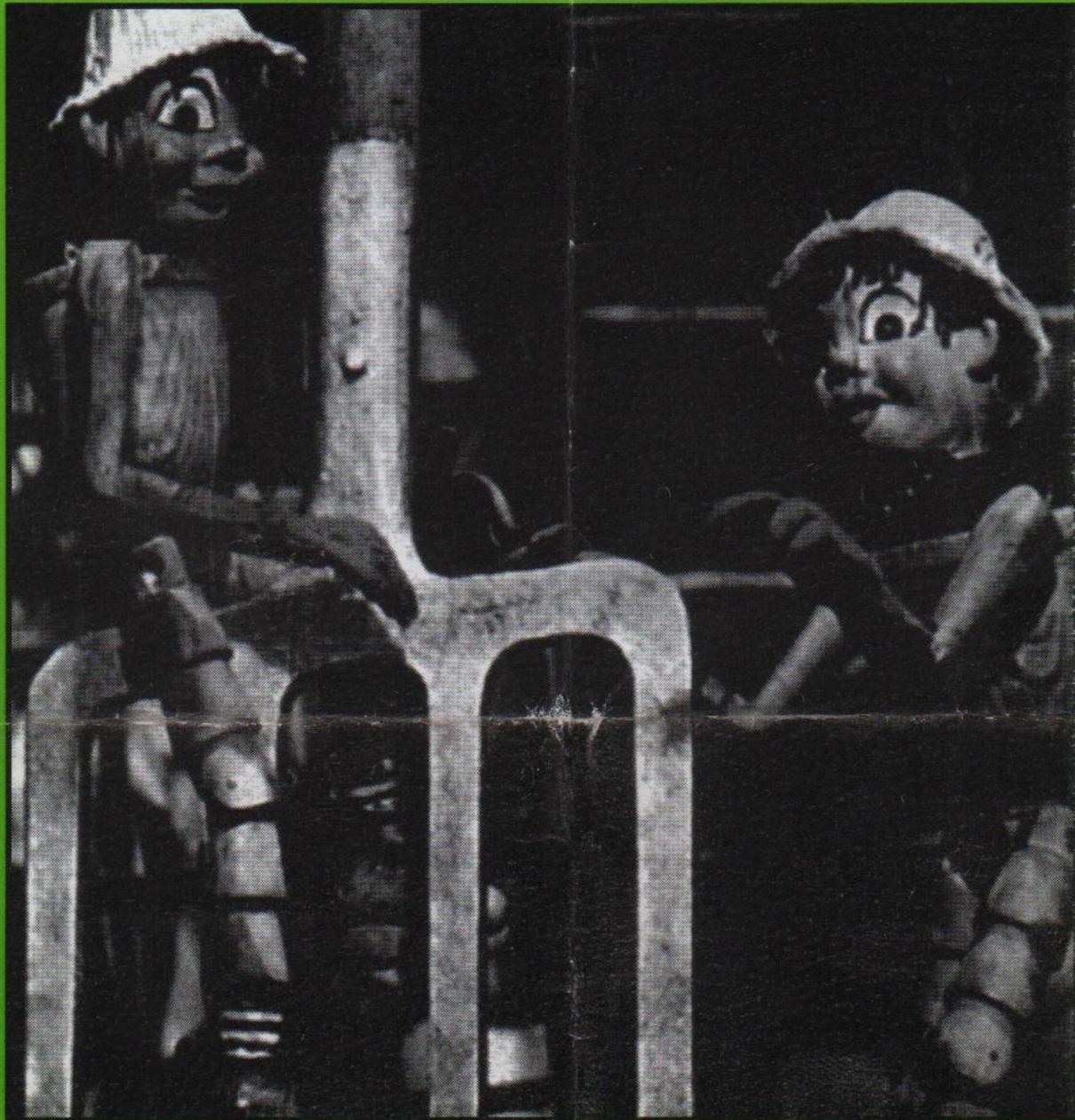


# Essential

information to enhance your  
Guerrilla Gardening Experience

*Resistance is fertile*



Guerrilla Gardening is not a protest; by its very nature it is a creative peaceful celebration of the growing global anticapitalist movement

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RECLAIM THE STREETS

# LOOK OUT FOR THE FLAGS

**Red is for the pulse of life** - follow the red flags when it's time to flow through the streets.

**Green is for ecology** - converge on the green flags to Guerrilla Garden.

**Black is for freedom** - gather round the black flags for nonhierarchical decision making.

The red flags will be used to facilitate crowd movement throughout the day, when they appear, get mobile.

So we arrive at our urban-transformation location(s) and you may well wonder 'what now?'...

When you see the green flags it's time to get your hands dirty! Take plants, compost etc. to the places indicated on the signs. Join together to form gardening groups around each flag. Find a comfy space to sit, develop your group's plan for the day and get started.

Other ways to participate in transforming our reclaimed space: make willow sculptures, paint signs, dig compost loos, play music, recycle space, chill out and enjoy the space that you have helped to create.

There will (hopefully) be five open mics around the space, which will be used throughout the day for poetry, music and expression. When you see the black flags raised by the mics, this will signal the start of the "Public Assembly", which aims to put into practice the nonhierarchical decision making process Reclaim The Streets strives for. The mics will be used to facilitate collective decision making about how we want to end the day. Take part, have your say (succinctly) this is an experiment for all of us, be patient and we may glimpse the future in the present!

## Legal information

You don't have to give any information to the police. Only if you are arrested are you legally obliged to give your name and address; answer 'no comment' to everything else. At all times they will be trying to get information from you, however friendly they seem: don't be fooled. Ask to speak to a solicitor of your choice (see numbers below): it's not a good idea to accept the duty solicitor. Ask for your custody record on release.

Solicitors: Taylor & Nichol 0850 385309 / Moss & co 02085330615 / Blavo Sharp 07979 911 082  
If you witness an incident or are arrested ring LDMG:0208 245 2930

# ELECTIONS CHANGE NOTHING

We need to  
change things  
ourselves!

## FRIDAY 28 APRIL

- **CRITICAL MASS cycle ride**  
6pm, Southbank
- **TOUR of the East End**  
(Pankhurst, anarchists, Lenin...)  
7pm, Whitechapel tube station
- **FILM FESTIVAL**

## SATURDAY 29 – SUNDAY 30 APRIL CONFERENCE

10am–6pm, Resource Centre,  
356 Holloway Road, London N7.  
Holloway Road tube

Topics include:

- Mayday – ancient and modern
- The Seattle protests
- GM crops
- Myths of globalisation
- 21<sup>st</sup> century capitalism and revolution
- Women speak out!
- Direct action
- Environment
- Dealing with anti-social crime
- Housing – creative solutions
- Alternative education
- Local organising
- Workplace organising
- After Iraq and Serbia, opposing the next war
- UK class struggles – miners' strikes, poll tax etc.
- Same sex desire and revolution
- Internet activism
- Opposition to prison building and road building
- The art of banner/flyer-making

... and much more!

**SPEAKERS include** Robert Newman, the McLibel Two, former miner Dave Douglass, Chumbawumba, former Black Panther Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin, Bertell Ollman and Cyril Smith (Marxist authors) and activists from Latin America, Europe and elsewhere.

**PLUS** women's space, kids' space, bookfair (Saturday only), football, art, videos, socials...

**PLUS speakers from:** Solidarity Federation, Reclaim the Streets, Anarchist Federation, Class War, Movement against the Monarchy, Radical Chains, HSG, ASS, CAGE and many others

**PLUS workshops on revolutionary ideas:** the human revolution and prehistoric communism, May '68 and the situationists, the Italian revolts of the 1970s and autonomist Marxism, the anarchists in the Spanish civil war, the German revolution and council communism, the Russian revolution.

## MONDAY 1 MAY: MAYDAY

**International Workers' Day:  
Demonstrations across the world!**

There will be no entrance fee for the conference. However the venue, publicity and travel expenses for foreign speakers are costing thousands and donations are urgently needed. Please send cheques payable to 'Mayday 2000' to this address:

BM Mayday, London WC1N 3XX  
Telephone: 020 8374 5027

For more information see:

[www.freespeech.org/mayday2k/](http://www.freespeech.org/mayday2k/)

Please write or phone if you want more leaflets to distribute or wish to help with organising the event. There is a creche: contact us if you want places. The venue is fully wheelchair accessible but dogs or alcohol are not permitted.

Topics marked '■' have articles available for optional background reading. You can find them at the website or send £1 for photocopies specifying the topics you are interested in.

# MAYDAY 2000

**A Festival of  
Anti-Capitalist  
Ideas & Action**

**CONFERENCE:  
Saturday–Sunday  
29–30 April**

**Bookfair, film,  
workshops and  
discussions on  
everything from  
war to sexuality,  
prehistory to  
the internet**

**Speakers  
include:**

**McLibel Two,  
Robert Newman,  
ex-Black Panther  
Lorenzo Ervin,  
former miner  
Dave Douglass,  
Chumbawumba,  
Bertell Ollman  
and activists  
from around  
the world**

**Wars, pollution,  
health and  
benefit cuts...**

**We all know  
politicians will  
never solve  
these problems**

**Job insecurity,  
overwork,  
boredom...**

**We all know our  
bosses just want  
to steal more of  
our time and  
make us work  
harder**

**But imagine what  
we could do if we  
got rid of the  
politicians and  
bosses and ran  
society in our  
interests, not  
theirs!**



**MAYDAY 2000 on the web**  
<http://www.freespeech.org/mayday2k>

# MAYDAY

# 2000

## KILL CAPITALISM!



Before it kills the planet!

### Why anti-capitalism?

Capitalism is the name of the system which rules our lives. It is a system in which a few rich people control and exploit the rest of us. Other ways of living are possible based on cooperation and equality. They have been given many names, including anarchism, communism and ecology. This festival has chosen 'anti-capitalism' to embrace the diversity of these different traditions and to stress that we do not have all the answers but need to seek solutions together.

Imagine what we could do if we replaced capitalism with a society based on our needs and desires, not their profits

The MAYDAY 2000 conference is an opportunity to meet people, to explore ideas and to begin to organise to overthrow capitalism in the 21st century. Everyone is welcome!

### The past

Mayday has been a celebration of life, renewal and pleasure since ancient times. Then in 1889 it became International Workers' Day to commemorate the execution of four anarchists in Chicago for their part in the struggle for an eight-hour working day. Both these aspects of Mayday were intertwined – a festival against work, want and denial, the ruled asserting themselves against their rulers, a vision of freedom and plenty throughout the world.

Mayday was just one part of a growing revolutionary movement. However, governments soon realised they could head off revolution by both shortening the working day and by granting reforms such as the welfare state. Revolutions still occurred in poorer countries like Russia where workers began to run society through freely elected councils. But the war and starvation that had provoked the revolution in the first place left them with little strength to prevent bureaucrats like Lenin and Stalin from taking over.

Labour and 'Communist' parties consequently contained and controlled the working class for decades. However, by the 1960s people began to rediscover the genuine communism of Marx and the anarchists. Not only did women, gay and black people send shockwaves through every institution, but workers organised protests and strikes across the planet.

Politicians tried to take over these movements but the only way they could really contain them was by making life too insecure for people to rebel. They did this by dismantling the welfare state and reimposing the market everywhere.

### The present

Today, under New Labour, privatisation continues and attacks on workers accelerate. After a century of pretending to reform itself into a more humane system, capitalism can now only show itself as unrestrained exploitation – much as it did when workers fought for an eight-hour day. Its constant drive for profit compels it to ruin the environment, provoke wars and force everyone to work harder – and longer. Increasingly people are becoming frustrated and angry with debt-ridden, stressful lives over which they have no control.

The media are keen to misdirect this anger against fellow workers, against asylum seekers or 'welfare scroungers'. But last year's demonstrations in the City of London and Seattle show that people are beginning to direct their anger against the real source of their problems: capitalism.

Meanwhile, in Africa, Asia and Latin America, resistance to the attacks of the IMF, WTO and World Bank is growing. No issue is isolated, whether it is rail strikes or opposition to the New Deal here, land occupations in Brazil, opposing oil companies in Nigeria or disrupting immigration controls in Germany. *Our resistance is as global as capital.*

### The future

Everywhere there is a growing realisation that we cannot rely on politicians, no matter how left-wing, to change anything. Things only really change through direct action. Examples include the protests that undermined the

road building programme or the anti-poll tax movement that brought down Thatcher. But such movements need to go beyond single issues. They need to inspire people to take control of their lives by replacing capitalism worldwide with a society based not on profit, but on our needs and desires – a society where work is replaced by free creativity.

We could then transform the amazing knowledge and productive capacity of humanity to feed, clothe and house everyone on the planet in abundance. If we, rather than the capitalist system, controlled our skills and ingenuity, we could do all this in far less than eight hours a day and without environmental damage.

A world of freedom and equality in harmony with the environment may seem a tall order. Making it happen will not be easy. Leaving things as they are will be far worse. If this vision of the future is to happen, it cannot be left to a few activists. Everyone must be involved: old and young, male and female, all cultures, all sexualities.

If these ideas make any sense to you – or you think you could make them better – come to the conference. We can then learn from each other, from the past and for the future we hope to create.



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