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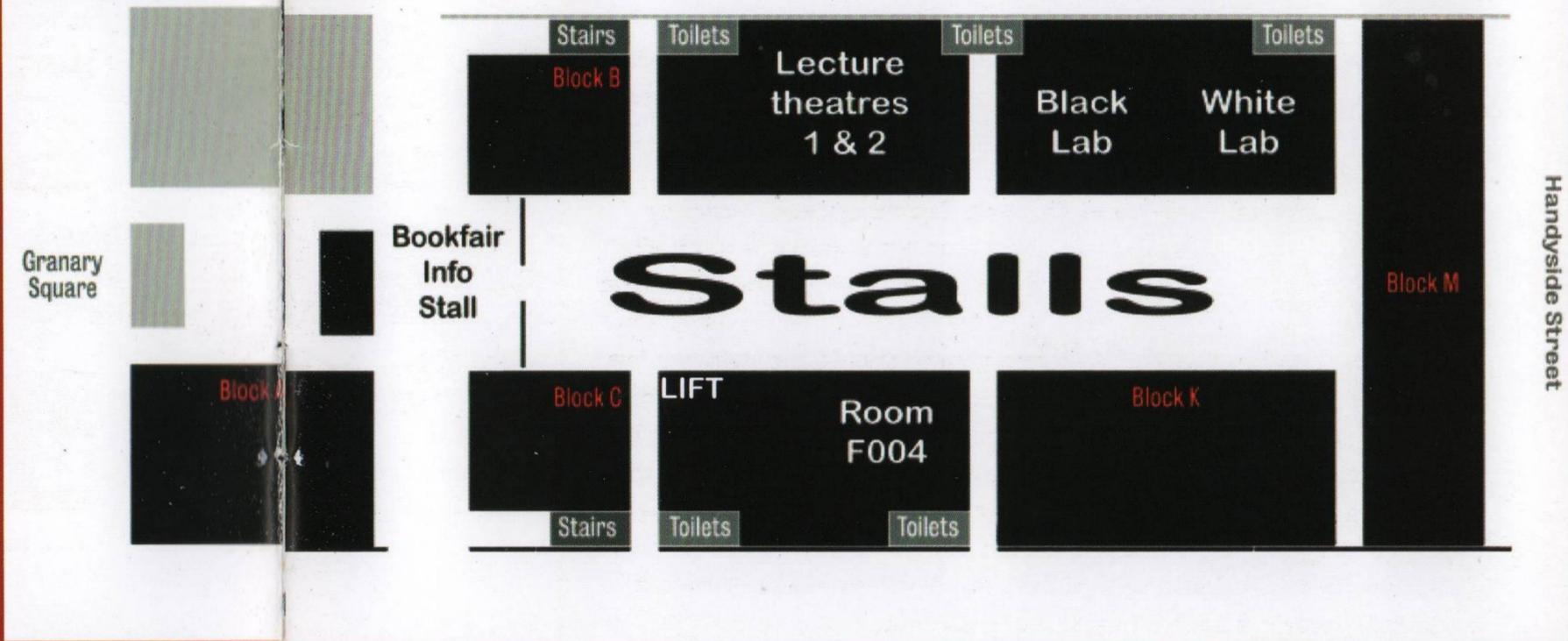


Welcome to the 34th London Anarchist Bookfair. Unless you got this programme before the bookfair, you have worked out that we have a new venue. Holding the bookfair at Central St Martins (CSM) gives us an amazing space and we want to make it work for the future. The bookfair has outgrown most other venues, one way or another, so credit to CSM for welcoming us. We might have a nice new venue but we still don't have the free world we seek and need so much. We still believe that Anarchist ideas can be part of creating real revolutionary change and so we still think that bookfairs like this are a chance to strengthen the ideas and actions we need to bring about change, or to resist the attacks we face. The bookfair is a space where we can challenge ourselves and each other to try and strengthen our movement but also to welcome and encourage those who are new to anarchist politics or simply interested in anarchist ideas.

Like the best ideas, Anarchy is pretty simple when you get down to it - human beings are at our very best when we are living free of authority and deciding things among ourselves rather than being bossed about. That's what Anarchy means - without governments & hierarchies, for total freedom & equality. So, having set that out: the venue is dog free (except guide dogs), smoke free, and people-sticking-cameras-in your-face free. The living free of authority bit comes with the obvious need to respect each other, accept that not all thinking the same is not a weakness, and above all looking out for each other.

The space is new to us so please help us make it work. All the stalls and five of the meeting rooms are on the ground floor. There are four meeting rooms on the first floor and the kids spaces are on the second and third floors. If you have a stall or are with people who are running stalls the lack of parking means being efficient and helping each other when packing up and loading out. If you have not found anywhere to park, the info stall have maps of likely places to park nearby. The outside of the venue is not part of St Martins, it can be quite busy and there will be lots of passers by.

Ground Floor



We don't have dedicated film or youth spaces this year due to lack of rooms, but we hope to address both next year. We do have a creche (room C303) and older kids space (room C202) again. The creche is for kids from 2-8 years old, although under 2s are welcome in the creche if carers stay with them. At the

time of going to print we hadn't agreed with the venue where the gender neutral loos will be, but we will signpost these for the event.

In addition to the wide variety of stalls and meetings, Strike Magazine will be running an interactive riso print workshop throughout the day. See page 22 for more details.

There is only a limited amount of food for sale at the venue and no bar. But if you want to eat or drink there are plenty of cafes and bars nearby.

Thanks for coming, and for making this bookfair a success and most importantly using it to increase our resistance and our effectiveness in the struggles ahead. If you have ideas about how we can make the bookfair better, more useful or even just more fun contact us on mail@anarchistbookfair.org.uk

Disability access information is on page 23 of this programme or available at the Info stall.

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Lecture Theatre One (Room E003) Ground Floor

12 noon – 1pm **Militant Anti-Fascism: 100 Years Of Resistance by M Testa (Malatesta)**

Anarchists are fundamentally anti-fascist. Militant Anti-Fascism looks at our participation in 1930s Italy and Spain and the UK (1960s - present). We need to appreciate our successes but also look at when fascists have faced minimal opposition, especially during the rise of the EDL and other recently unopposed events. Are we focused enough on the problem? Or are neo-nazis irrelevant when compared to attacks on the working class in the name of austerity? We know where we've been, but where are we going? Is it the right direction?

Speaker runs the 'Malatesta32 Blog', monitoring the far right.

1pm – 2pm **No Borders Morocco Fighting oppression at the Morocco/ Spain Border**

No Borders Morocco is a network of anarchist affinity groups taking action alongside struggling migrants and refugees at the Morocco – Spain border, which is the shortest sea crossing between Africa and Europe and has the only land borders between Africa and EU territory at the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla. EU border policy is funding systematic racism and brutality against the Black population and as anarchists we stand in solidarity with them.

**Organised by: No Borders Morocco
(beatingborders.wordpress.com)**

2pm – 3pm **Undercover Research Group**

We will introduce our work on mapping out the activities of the undercover units, those responsible and the networks between them. This talk will focus on our efforts to support people to get representation before the Pitchford Inquiry and on our experiences with research to expose further undercover officers.

**Organised by: Undercover Research Group
(undercoverresearch.net)**

3pm – 4pm **Spain – the end of austerity?**

The social movements in Spain have just sensationally taken control of the councils of the biggest cities. The "citizen's platforms" have agreed everything collectively in assemblies throughout the cities, from who would stand as councillors to what their policies would be - and are now implementing radical anti-austerity programmes which stop evictions, reverse privatisation, provide water, electricity and healthcare for all (whether they can afford to pay or not) and tackle youth unemployment. Is this the beginning of the end for the politics of austerity in Europe?

Organised by: Reel News (www.reelnews.co.uk)

4pm – 5pm **John King & The Football Factory**

Author John King discussed the politics of football and discusses the new edition of the Football Factory: a book about modern-day pariahs, people reduced to the level of statistics by years of hypocritical, self-serving party politics. It is about the insulted, marginalised, unseen. Graphic and disturbing, at times very funny, The Football Factory is a rush of literary adrenalin.

Organised by: PM Press (<http://www.pmpress.org/>)

5pm – 6pm **The Battle of Orgreave**

"All you needed was an official starter with a flag and whistle to set us off and we could batter each other for three hours, go for dinner, have a pint, come back and do it again in the second half!" The Battle of Orgreave by artist Jeremy Deller was a re-enactment of one of the most violent confrontations of the 1984/85 miners strike. It was documented by filmmaker Mike Figgis and includes footage of the clashes re-enacted, archived material and interviews with Deller, Tony Benn, David Douglass of the NUM, and Stephanie Gregory of the Womens' Support Group.

**Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair
collective**

Lecture Theatre Two (Room E002) Ground Floor

12 noon – 2pm **Janet Biehl – The Politics of Social Ecology**

The defeat of ISIS by Kurdish forces in Syria has generated much news recently. For activists this is especially true in respect of the link between the organisational experiment in Kobane/Rojava and Murray Bookchin. Bookchin developed a way of organising called Libertarian Municipalism which looks at ways to wrestle power from the state. Janet Biehl worked alongside Bookchin for many years and concisely pulls together his theories in her book "The politics of Social Ecology". Janet will talk about the theory and how it can be put into practice. We may not all agree with everything Bookchin said, but this is a chance to start the debate on how we organise and move from a small unknown theory (anarchism) to seriously looking how we overthrow the present system.

**Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair
collective**

2pm – 4pm **Black Flags and Windmills: Creating power from below**

This visual and engaging presentation drawn from Scott Crow's critically acclaimed book Black Flags and Windmills illustrates through stories, analysis and diverse political movement histories how individuals and communities can create collective liberation to change their own worlds by creating power from below. It covers how the ideas, philosophies and practices of anarchism have grown, shaping and influencing modern political movements and tendencies from the post-Seattle alternative globalization movements to the Common Ground Collective after Hurricane Katrina, the Occupy uprisings, environmental and animal rights movements and beyond. It also covers the rise of the surveillance state and the implications of political activism being labelled 'terrorism'. The presentation which is equal parts personal story, radical history and organizing philosophies asks how we engage in social change, the real and perceived challenges presented by the state and power and dares us to rethink how we engage in creating sustainable and liberatory futures.

**Speaker: Scott Crow. Organised by: London
Anarchist Bookfair collective**

4pm – 6pm **The Rojava Revolution - what is really happening in Western Kurdistan**

Many anarchists have been celebrating political changes in the Kurdish areas of Syria as a genuine social revolution despite appalling conditions of war. Others have been more skeptical. So what is really happening? Jeff Miley and Evrim Yilmaz have both been there and will talk about the revolution's achievements as well as its challenges. There will be plenty of time for debate and discussion.

**Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair
collective**

The White Lab Ground Floor

11am – 12 noon UK State vs Extremism

The British state notices a lack of support from its subjects and reacts by announcing a toughening of its anti-extremism laws. The message is that obeying the law is not enough, this state expects more. We want to discuss how it works to protect freedom of speech by putting restrictions on what can be said, what the British state appreciates about religion in general, what it is suspicious of in its Islamic variant and why the Human Rights Act won't save you from this one.

Organised by: Critisticuffs (www.criticuffs.org)

12 noon – 1pm Social Strike

At its most crude the Social Strike is an attempt to answer the question: how we can strike today. At the same time, Social Strike provides the possibility for common action with those struggles that have traditionally been ignored and devalued by the old left. We may be workers, but we are not reducible to the role of worker. The Social Strike pays attention to work and the world beyond work. Join Plan C and friends as we continue to debate the possibilities and current limitations to the Social Strike.

Organised by: Plan C (<http://www.weareplanc.org/>)

1pm – 2pm Art and Anarchism

Ad-busting, cultural subversion, avant garde experimentation, DIY ethics and a wealth of movement propaganda – posters, stickers, zines - all point to the central role that visual and performance art occupies in anarchism

... but how flexible is the relationship of art to anarchism and what are its limits? Is art an essential part of anarchist practice or a utopian aspiration linked to social transformations? How is art expressed : Does it have a practical purpose, or is function precisely the thing that anarchist art denies? Are we/can we all be artists or does art exist in a sphere beyond the everyday? Can cultural workers inspire social transformations by their activism and/or refusals and what can workers in other spheres learn from their struggles and experiences?

This meeting invites discussion of the themes with **Matthew Butcher** and **Michael Paraskos**. Chaired by: **Stephen Shukaitis**.

2pm – 3pm The current situation in Greece, the governance of Syriza and the trajectory of the antiauthoritarian milieu in the last few years.

We have invited two comrades from Athens, Greece to describe their personal experiences and their subjective approach to the situation. One will be talking primarily about the anarchists' response to the refugees' crisis and his personal involvement in the self-organised solidarity initiative in Victoria Square, Athens. The second comrade will be presenting a more general overview of the political situation in Greece and the position of the antiauthoritarian movement from a subjective point of view.

Organised by: **London Anarchist Bookfair collective**

3pm – 4pm 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



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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 & Whisky Sour** (norwichsf@riseup.net)

4pm – 5pm Housing: Grass Roots Campaigns and Direct Action Lead the Way

Housing has become one of the most important issues facing the working class. It is one of the most basic human needs yet it has now become something that speculators, developers, landlords (both private and

'social') and the State use to make money. This has led to rising rents, overcrowding, the demolition of social housing, evictions and a general social cleansing. Radical Housing Network is made up largely of autonomous grass roots campaigns who came together to support each other as well as organise common actions like the anti-MIPIM (international property fair) protests. This meeting will hear from speakers from some of the affiliated campaigns and groups.

Organised by: **Radical Housing Network** (<http://radicalhousingnetwork.org/>) and **Action East End** (<https://actioneastend.wordpress.com/>)

5pm – 6pm Free Space

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

The Black Lab Ground Floor

11am – 12 noon Social Centres

What are social centres and what is their relevance to anarchist practice? How do you get involved or set one up? What next for social centres? A participatory discussion, building towards the next Social Centres Network gathering at Kebele, Bristol in November.

Organised by: Social Centres Network (<https://socialcentresnetwork.wordpress.com/>)

12 noon – 1pm Contemporary anarchist activities in the Czech Republic

After years of decline, anarchist and autonomous activity is on the rise again. Squatters in Prague have been fighting speculators and recently have won wide public support and successfully fought to keep open the autonomous social centre Klinika. Anarchists have been supporting employees who have not received wages and are actively participating in anti racist struggles. Recently the Czech police launched anti-terrorist operation "Fenix". In April they arrested 11 activists in several cities and confiscated electronics, servers, papers and other materials. Four people are still in jail and police harassment continues. Come along to find out more.

Organised by: Autonomous social centre Klinika, Prague and London Anarchist Bookfair collective

1pm – 2pm Pushing back workfare

Workfare – forced, unpaid work for people who receive welfare benefits – is being

pushed back by people resisting the schemes and by actions targeting the companies and unprincipled charities that profit from them. The government's latest and most punitive scheme – six month long Community Work Placements – has inflicted huge damage on claimants so far, but large numbers of voluntary organisations and some unions are now taking an active stance against workfare. Resistance to workfare continues to grow and diversify – and so does workfare itself. In this workshop we will share stories about workfare and explore future actions against it.

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

2pm – 3pm Solidarity with Kurdistan

Kurdish people are currently being attacked by ISIS in Rojava and by the Turkish military in North Kurdistan. This workshop will be a chance to discuss how to build effective solidarity with Kurdistan and will focus on calls to action from Kurdish people. It will be a chance for existing solidarity groups and activists to build connections with each other and for new people to get involved.

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

3pm – 4pm Resisting Immigration Enforcement

Hospitals, schools, colleges, our workplaces are being turned into borders. Immigration enforcement and anti-terrorism legislation try to turn the workers against the most vulnerable in the society. Join SolFed, and others for a practical discussion how we can resist that.

Organised by: Solidarity Federation (<http://www.solfed.org.uk/>)

4pm – 5pm Anarchism in Cuba

With a speaker from Cuba, part of the newly formed Caribbean Anarchist Federation. Cuba is often held up by Leftists as an example of a progressive society. This is a myth. From early on the anarchist movement was repressed. Many were either driven into exile or put in prison. Now a new anarchist movement is emerging at a time when Cuba is facing away from state capitalism and towards the market. Cuban anarchists rejects both models and instead seek to build a movement that will create a truly free and communist society.

Organised by: Anarchist Federation and the International Federation of Anarchist Federations (<http://i-f-a.org/>)

5pm – 6pm To Defend the Revolution Is to Defend Culture: The Cultural Policy of the Cuban Revolution - Book Launch

To Defend the Revolution Is to Defend Culture takes its title from a slogan devised by Cuban artists and writers. Departing from popular top-down conceptions of Cuban policy-formation, the book is a documentation of how artists, writers, and the people of Cuba contributed to the 1959 Revolution. It introduces all the main protagonists to the debate and follows the polemical twists and turns that ensued in the volatile atmosphere of the 1960s and '70s. Author Rebecca Gordon-Nesbitt will discuss the uniquely Cuban response to culture and explore the relationship between art and ideology, engagement and autonomy, form and content.

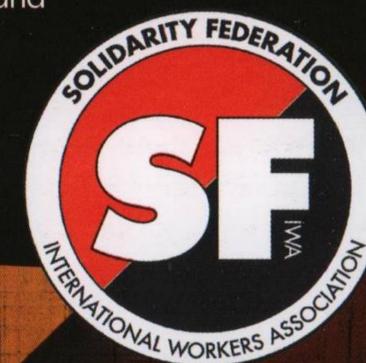
Organised by: PM Press (www.pmpress.org)

Greetings to all at the 2015 London Anarchist Bookfair!

As the Trade Union Bill threatens to make traditional organising even more difficult than before, migrant and refugee bashing fills the papers. We're holding two fairly relevant meetings today, come join us!

Workplace organiser training: 11am, Room D113

Resisting immigration enforcement: 3pm, Black Lab



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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 working class resistance to exploitation and oppression, organise alongside our neighbours and workmates, host informative events, and produce publications that help make sense of the world around us.

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Room F004 Ground Floor

11am – 12 noon Come meet and discuss the direction of Earth First!

Become more involved in the very exciting direct action projects planned for next year. Choose from travelling around or hosting the Earth First! Road show, join in at the beginning of the EF! Summer gathering or winter Moot collective for 2016, join in early November for EF! training weekend 'Build Up; Tear Down! Mischief and resistance in the streets and fields.', or find out how to form your own local Earth First! group to help support grass roots campaigns against environmental destruction and climate change.

Organised by: Earth First! (earthfirst.org.uk)

12 noon – 1pm Zapatistas: The Struggle against Dispossession

The autonomous Zapatista communities in Chiapas and those who are in solidarity with them struggle against dispossession, often because of the interest that national and transnational companies and corporations take in their land. The UK Zapatista Solidarity network gives an update on the situation of the autonomous Zapatista communities and on important events of the last year such as the seminar for critical thinking in Chiapas. We also look at ways in which we can connect the struggles against dispossession in different parts of the world among those in solidarity with the Zapatista struggle.

Organised by: UK Zapatista Solidarity Network (https://ukzapatistas.wordpress.com)

1pm – 2pm Trauma, burnout and mental health - looking after ourselves and each other

From undercover cops, violence, harassment, arrests and prison, political action can and does have a huge impact on our mental health. This workshop will discuss trauma and burnout, be a chance to share experiences and discuss what we've found has worked for ourselves and in supporting others.

**Organised by: Counselling for Social Change
www.counsellingforsocialchange.org.uk**

2pm - 3pm Austerity Making You Sicker? Can You Avoid Forced Treatments?

Coming to a job centre near you - forced treatments for claimants who will have their benefits removed if they do not comply with this latest quack regime. Disabled People Against Cuts will explore this latest abuse of claimants human rights and discuss ways in which this regime can be resisted.

Organised by Disabled People Against the Cuts (www.dpac.uk.net)

3pm – 4pm Women and Armed Struggle

From bomb throwing suffragettes to Female Urban Guerillas to the thousands of Women who participate in the Armed Struggle of the Zapatistas and the Kurds, there is a rich history of Women's Armed Struggle. But much of this history is forgotten or deliberately ignored by Liberal Feminists who wish to 'clean up' our history. This talk will be a brief overview of the history of Women's Armed Struggle, and ask questions like how do we react to fetishisation of Women Fighters among the radical left, and why Anarchist Armed Struggle seem to be even more male than they were 40 years ago.

Organised by: Essex Zapatista Solidarity

Group (https://www.facebook.com/pages/Zapatista-Solidarity-Group-Essex/318692894816225)

4pm – 5pm Still fighting for reproductive justice: a feminist discussion on tactics

Last year we held a debate on how to resist anti-abortion campaigners in the context of an escalation in the aggression and activity of these groups outside of clinics and differing opinions on how to confront them within the feminist community. We also felt that this rise was linked with the rise of fascists and the right, and so we located our activism within anti-fascist direct action and the reclaiming of space. We then used the content of that debate in organizing several direct actions against the anti-choice groups. In this meeting, we want to build on that work and take the fight forward.

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

5pm – 6pm Whistleblowers: for a caring society

Thousands of whistleblowers in the NHS, care homes, detention centres, the police, the military and every institution are speaking out against neglect, corruption, rape, torture, murder and war crimes (as Chelsea Manning did). For caring about others and society as a whole they face isolation, sacking, physical attack, destitution and imprisonment. Defending them is urgent. The Global Women's Strike and Payday campaign for recognition and financial support for caring and justice work, including whistleblowing. Join us to discuss with whistleblowers the defence of those who risk their lives and livelihoods for a caring society.

Organised by: Global Women's Strike (globalwomenstrike.net) and Payday Men's Network (refusingtokill.net)

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ROOM D115	First		The Power of Language	Never Work	Capitalist Crisis & Class War	Ideologies of Motherhood	Raise the Black Flag!	Radical Hospitality	Myths About Anarchism		
ROOM D117	First		Democracy Movements	Education & the State	Education & Freedom	Education from here to there	Sex Work in New Zealand	Anarchist & Unite Community	Libetarian Social Centres		
ROOM D119	First		Red Lines in Paris	Anti Capitalist Climate Movement	Radical Librarians Collective	Work	Activism & Mental Health	What are Co-ops?	Anarchist Organising		
ROOM C303	Third	CRECHE - for children up to 8 years old (under 2s must be accompanied by a carer)									
ROOM C202	Second	OLDER KIDS SPACE - for kids aged 8 and upwards									
THE STREET	Ground	STALLS ALL DAY									

Room D113**1st Floor****11am – 1pm****SolFed Workplace Organizing Training**

Our workplace organizing training is designed to give you tools and help you build confidence to organize in your workplace.

We advocate a direct action approach which is useful, whether or not there's an existing union. We updated it recently and we will present the new version for the first time!

Organised by: Solidarity Federation (<http://www.solfed.org.uk/>)

1pm – 3pm**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 about 5,000 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://radicalanthropologygroup.org/>)

3pm – 4pm**Unions, strikes and class resistance**

The government is proposing new legislation for strike ballots, with minimum turnouts, public sector strikes needing 40% of members saying yes, and use of casuals to break strikes. Applied to MP's, most wouldn't have been

elected. How should anarchists react to these attacks? If legal industrial action is being curtailed, is it time for anarchists to step up to the mark? Are direct action and wildcat strikes the alternative? Are there other ways of militant workplace action? All governments attack workers' rights - we only get better conditions when we organise and fight for them. So how do we do it?

Organised by: London Anarchist Bookfair , Solidarity Federation & Industrial Workers of the World

4pm – 5pm**What have the Anarchists ever done for us?**

An illustrated talk by Kevin Eady on the history and theory of the anarchist movement. Amusing and serious at the same time, the talk covers the whole world from 1870 onwards. From Brazil to Germany, from Italy to Korea, from Kurdistan to Mexico, from Spain to the Ukraine. What do Maximalist Socialist Revolutionaries have in common with Council Communists? Who were the Wobblies? Why are white bicycles important? What have we been up to for the past 150 years? What have the Anarchists ever done for us?

Organised by: Kevin Eady

5pm – 6pm**Colin Ward – Anarchist Writer**

Colin Ward was Britain's most important anarchist writer. Discussion on his relevance today led by Mo Moseley of Freedom Press, concentrating on the 118 issues of Colin's Anarchy magazine from the 1960s which are all being put out online.

Organised by: Freedom Press (<http://freedompress.org.uk/>)

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After Party

Anarchist Bookfair

Room D115 1st Floor

11am – 12 noon Power of Language

We often take the language we use for granted, not aware of how it can be used to oppress and exploit us. In this meeting we will explore some of the ways that language is used to prop up systems of domination, whether this be at work, in the media or at home. We will also discuss how language is part of the oppression of groups, eg gender. We will look at how we can challenge the power of language and make it work for us rather than against us.

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



The Cunningham Amendment since 1974

12 noon – 1pm Never Work

Capital lurches from disaster to disaster with no communist opposition on a mass scale. The official left calls on the state to provide jobs, security and higher wages. When it does it's calling for the strengthening of capital through the enforcement of labour. The need for another kind of society demands a rejection of the key element in capital – labour. This talk is a presentation of the book "The substance of capital" by Robert Kurz and explains the true nature of labour and how it's a feature of the capitalist world and not simply human practice.

Organised by: Chronos Publications (<https://enemiesofutopia.wordpress.com/>)

1pm – 2pm Capitalist crisis and class war

The capitalists are breathing a sigh of relief. The crisis they say is over. Now it's only a question of sitting out for few years, increasing productivity and all will be well. How true is this both in terms of the world economy and working class living standards? And what does it mean for revolutionaries?

Organised by: Communist Workers' Organisation (www.leftcom.org)

2pm - 3pm Ideologies of Motherhood

In 2001, the NHS published guidelines advising midwives and doctors to encourage women to opt for so called natural births. Breast feeding has been for some time similarly encouraged, and women going through pregnancies are repeatedly warned of the risks of formula feeding. We think that the way the debate around these programmes is led tells us quite a bit about ideals and ideas around motherhood and femininity. In the workshop we want to look at two things: Why is the state promoting these things and why does it

find so many fans of its programmes.

Organised by: Critisticuffs (www.criticuffs.org)

3pm – 4pm Raise the Black Flag! Improving Anarchist print media impact

With "Freedom" no longer a newspaper, where now for anarchist print media? Do we need physical publications? How do we get anarchist ideas to others without them? By shouting urls at people at demonstrations, marches, strikes, occupations? We in "Black Flag" magazine think we need printed magazines to spread anarchist ideas but currently we are annual. We want that changed and we also think our movement can make better use of the resources it has. If you are a class struggle anarchist and interested in helping to produce/write/edit "Black Flag" as well as discussing how we better co-ordinate our use of printed propaganda, please join us.

Organised by: Black Flag (<http://blackflagmagazine.blogspot.co.uk/>)

4pm – 5pm Radical Hospitality

Peter Maurin wrote that in capitalist society "hospitality, like everything else, has been commercialised". His vision was to create houses of hospitality bringing together the rich and the poor, the scholar and the worker, to "show what idealism looks like when it is practised". The aim of this workshop is to discuss the role of practical hospitality within anti-capitalist grassroots organising. We will introduce the work of hospitality as understood in the Catholic Worker movement and share our own experiences from our house of hospitality in north London, where we live alongside 20 destitute asylum seekers and refugees.

Organised by: London Catholic Worker (www.londoncatholicworker.org)



5pm – 6pm Myths About Anarchism

Anarchists have had a lot of nonsense written about them over the years. Whether it is proclaiming that we want chaos or see revolution as an easy process, the "conventional wisdom" is often at odds with reality. For instance, Kropotkin has been painted as a gentle Prince of non-violence who had an idealistic vision of social revolution. This is not true. Anarchism and anarchists have a coherent and practical vision of both social change and a better (not perfect) society. Join Iain McKay (author of An Anarchist FAQ) as he explodes some of the common myths about anarchism and anarchists.

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

Room D117 1st Floor

11am – 12 noon Democracy movements and class struggle

From the Arab Spring to the Indignados, the last few years have seen a remarkable series of popular protests and even insurrections for democracy, civil liberties and the overthrow of corrupt and oppressive regimes. Too many people uncritically cheerlead them. Others dismiss them as reformist cross-class movements, which is a tempting thing to do, given that the working class is not obviously present as a separate force. But what attitude should revolutionaries take?

Organised by: Mouvement Communiste/ KpK (www.mouvement-communiste.com)

12 noon – 3pm Three workshops on Anarchism and Education

"I am not in the world simply to adapt to it, but rather transform it" (Paolo Freire)
In these workshops, we will borrow from what is known as "critical pedagogy", a radical style of anarchist learning which was espoused by Paolo Freire in his books, such as "Pedagogy of the Oppressed". We believe that critical pedagogy is an endeavour to create a more just, ethical and free society, and that to structure a workshop in a traditional way would be a contradiction. Therefore our workshops will have an open and participatory, non-hierarchical structure.

12 noon – 1pm Education and the State

- What, if anything, does mainstream education have worth keeping?
- How do we prevent the Prevent strategy damaging children?
- Mapping connections and resistance between education system and criminal justice system.

Organised by: State of Education (<https://stateofeducation2014.wordpress.com/>)

1pm – 2pm Education and freedom

- What is Anarchist Education?
- What can we learn from the past?
- Education and freedom: what is going on now?

Organised by: State of Education (<https://stateofeducation2014.wordpress.com/>)

2pm – 3pm How do we get from here to there?

- What can we do as young people, parents and teachers?
- How should we organise to challenge what's wrong with education today?
- Learning from education struggles elsewhere.

Organised by: State of Education (<https://stateofeducation2014.wordpress.com/>)

3pm – 4pm Decriminalisation of sex work in New Zealand

New Zealand decriminalised prostitution in 2003. This 30 minute film documents how the law was won and its impact as told by sex workers and activists working with the NZ Prostitutes Collective.

Followed by discussion with the English Collective of Prostitutes, whose members have visited New Zealand and saw the effects of the law first-hand.

Organised by: English Collective of Prostitutes (www.prostitutescollective.net)

4pm – 5pm Anarchists and Unite Community Union

A meeting for anarchists who are members of Unite Community Union and Unite activists sympathetic to anarchism.

Organised by: unaffiliated anarchists who are members of Unite

5pm – 6pm Libertarian social centres: catalyst for community activism or instrument for social control?

A historical perspective with a focus on Italian cases – a talk by Luca Lapolla.

Organised by: New Anarchist Research Group

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Room D119**1st Floor****11am – 12 noon****Red Lines in Paris: mobilising for the UN climate talks this December**

We've had 20 years of international talks to avoid dangerous climate change - yet capitalism has intensified the extraction of fossil fuels during this time - pushing us ever closer to the brink of climate catastrophe. We understand that the United Nations process is broken and that the corporate dominated talks can never produce an agreement that deals with the underlying causes. Instead, how can we use the international mobilisation in Paris to popularise the use of direct action against polluter interests and to strengthen our movements for climate justice back home?

Organised by: Reclaim the Power (www.nodashforgas.org.uk)

12 noon – 1pm**Ways forward for the anti-capitalist climate movement**

Corporate Watch invite you to discuss ways forward for the anti-capitalist, anti-authoritarian climate movement in the UK. Much of the climate/environmental movement lacks a serious political analysis, and at the same time anarchists can have a blind spot about climate change and ecological crises, sometimes adopting a misanthropic or fatalist attitude. This workshop will explore ways to communicate and organise around climate change that place it as an important part of the struggles against capitalism and other systems of oppression. It will be part of a series of workshops on the topic that CW has been organising around the country.

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

1pm – 2pm**Radical Librarians Collective: on Librarianship and Anarchist Politics**

The Radical Librarians Collective (RLC) started life in response to perceptions that the ethical principles of librarianship have been marginalised, work has been increasingly marketised, and professional discourse has been depoliticised. RLC aims to offer a space to challenge, to provoke, to improve and develop the communications between like-minded radicals, to galvanise our collective solidarity against the marketisation of libraries and the removal of our agency to our working worlds and beyond. In this meeting, we will discuss how the RLC works, as well as discussing the relationship between radical librarianship and anarchist principles.

Organised by: Radical Librarians Collective (<http://rlc.radicallibrarianship.org/>)

2pm - 3pm**Work: What is it and what can we do to stop it?**

Far from engaging only in activities because they're enjoyable, or beneficial to society, capitalism compels us to do many things which are neither. The Anarchist Federation, in collaboration with Red and Black Leeds, are launching a new pamphlet on work. What makes an activity work? Who does it benefit? What can we do about it? At this workshop we'd like to talk about what we mean by work and our attitudes to it.

Meeting organised by: Anarchist Federation (<https://afed.org.uk/>) and **Red and Black Leeds** (<https://wearetherabl.wordpress.com/>)

3pm – 4pm**Activism and Mental Health**

A collective discussion on activism and mental health looking at the challenges of organising around mental health and what can be done to strengthen mental health activism. Speakers TBC.

Organised by: Adam Barr

4pm – 5pm**What are Co-ops?**

Come and find out about the co-op movement and the more radical aspects.

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

5pm – 6pm**Anarchists organising: who, what, when, how, and why?**

The ruling class is on the offensive. How do we organise to fight back? This introductory talk from a member of the Anarchist Federation will look at the who, what, and why of resistance, and how we can organise for a new society in the here and now.

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

Round-table on political policing and spying

The Undercover Research Group and Netpol invite you to a round-table to discuss our research into the infiltration of activist groups and the implications of engaging with the judge-led Pitchford Inquiry into the undercover policing scandal.

The event will present what the Undercover Research Group has learned so far and explore how we can represent activists who do not want to engage with the Inquiry directly. Whilst we are sceptical that the Pitchford inquiry will completely curb covert police surveillance, we believe it represents a unique opportunity to expose undercover spying operations and political policing in the UK since 1968. If nothing else, it is a way to keep the pressure on the police to reveal more.

<http://UndercoverResearch.net>
<http://Netpol.org>



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More info: www.edgefund.org.uk

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“The Street” Ground Floor

10 - 7pm
Stalls

For the first time, since Conway Hall days, we have a venue where all the stalls can be in one place. We have 100 stalls all situated on the ground floor in the “Street”, including an interactive riso print workshop from STRIKE Magazine:

STRIKE! riso print workshop

Inspired by Atelier Populaire, the Parisian print shop who brought graphic design into the radical sphere, STRIKE! Magazine presents a space for creating counter-propaganda at the service of our struggles. Come armed with ideas, slogans, designs and make your very own posters.

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PRIMITIVE COMMUNISM ITS RELEVANCE FOR TODAY

discussion lead by Chris Knight
1pm-3pm Room D113

The Radical Anthropology Group
meets Tuesday evenings 6.15-8pm

The Cock Tavern, 23 Phoenix Road,
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In terms of the physical environment, this year's venue offers easy access to events on the ground floor, and lift access to events on other floors. On the day there will also be a 'Deaf and Disabled Access Stall' in the main reception area offering info and support for Bookfair visitors with different access needs. Support provided will include sign language interpreting (at requested events) for BSL users.

Because it is not always possible to anticipate all requirements in advance, if you have any particular access/support needs on the day, or if you have further queries regarding venue/event accessibility feel free to contact us via email at access@anarchistbookfair.org.uk or text/phone us on: 07497 466389

Room C303 Third Floor 10am - 6pm Creche

The extremely popular and successful Anarchist Bookfair creche was created following MayDay 2000 when a group of us felt 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 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 clearly signposted.

Room C202 Second Floor 11am - 6pm Older Kids Space

We are also still catering for older children who come to the Bookfair. It will be in room C202 on the second floor. The space will be dedicated to kids aged 8 and 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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