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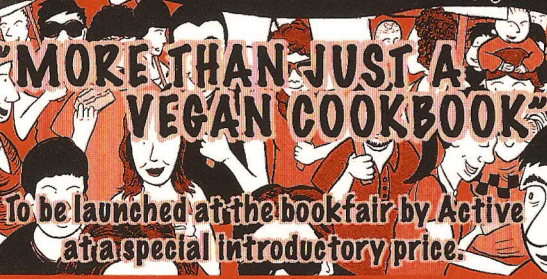
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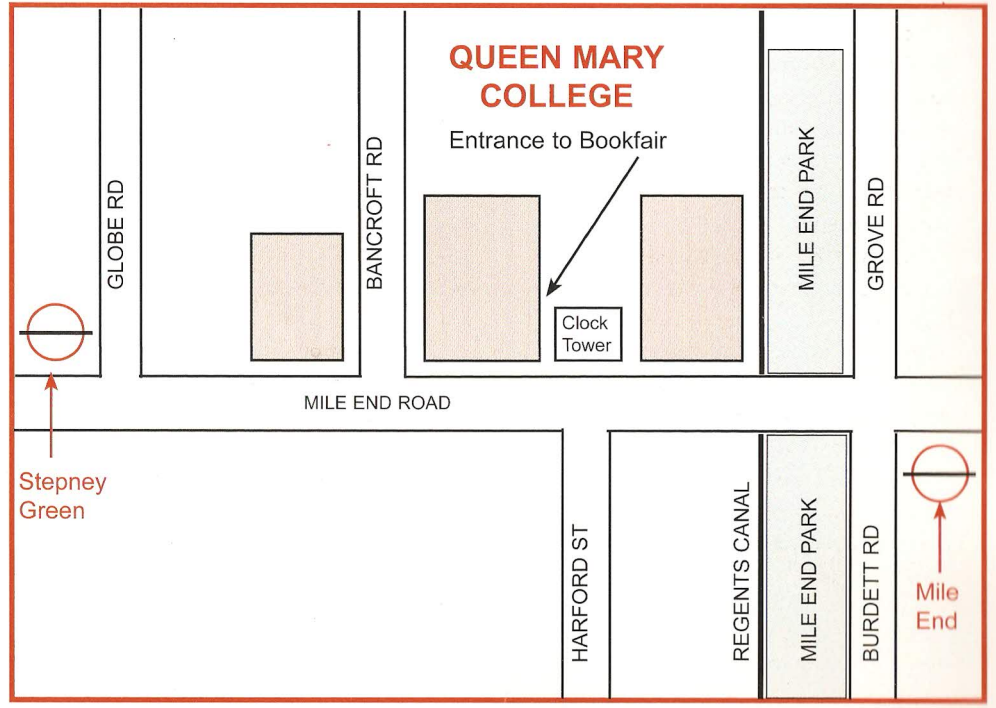
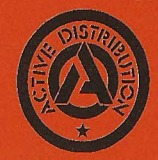
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THE ANARCHIST BOOKFAIR 2007

The Anarchist Bookfair has moved again, thanks to Arsenal Football Club's new ground and its less than beneficial knock on effect on public transport. This year the bookfair is at Queen Mary College in the heart of London's East End. An area with a rich and proud history of radicals and trouble makers. Where better to celebrate our 26th year?

The next few pages set out a potted history of the radical East End to get you into the swing of things.

As seems to happen each year, the Bookfair has expanded again, now with 83 stalls, 42 meetings, an all day cabaret, a dedicated film room and two kids' spaces. All good, but this means it is getting increasingly difficult to find affordable, accessible venues that can accommodate us. So we're really pleased to have found a space at QMC.

But there is one downside. The stage area in the Great Hall, which will have to accommodate some of the stalls, is not wheelchair accessible. All we can say is that we are really sorry about this, and will try to assist anyone who needs help up the steps to the stage. The rest of the venue is completely accessible.

This programme should give you an idea of what's on and when, but things never go completely to plan, so please bear with us if the odd meeting, film or cabaret performance has to change on the day. All the up to the minute information will be available at the Bookfair Information Stall and on our website.

Please respect the space, particularly as this is our first time at QMC - we are only here for the one day and remember that it is a non smoking venue.

As for what's happening where - the 80 odd stalls will be in the Great Hall, with a few set up

in the foyer and entrance areas. There are two small lecture theatres and the larger Skeel Lecture Theatre, all close to the Great Hall.

There will be meetings in the Skeel Lecture Theatre and in one of the small lecture theatres, and the films will all take place in the second small lecture theatre. All the rest of the meetings will take place on the third floor of the Engineering building which is accessible by lift and stairs from a corridor leading off the Great Hall which will be signposted.

There will be non stop cabaret in the 'Drama Room' just downstairs from the Great Hall.

The creche will be in the rather alarmingly named, but actually very nice, 'boiler room'. This is accessed by going outside the Great Hall and around the back of the building. Again, this will be signposted.

The new 'older kids room' will be on the 2nd floor of the Engineering Building, accessible by the same lift and stairs that lead to the meetings.

We have loads going on as usual, see the centre pages, or our website, for a run down of the meetings and other events.

At the time of going to press we did not have details of any after bookfair events, but we'll have details (if anyone has got around to organising something) at the information stall. We are working to sort out a pub for all those that want to socialise together to go to. Check with the info desk on the day.

Please don't forget this is all organised by a small collective, and that your donations help the Anarchist Bookfair to forge onward - so chuck us your spare change when you pass a bucket being rattled. We hope you find the day useful and enjoyable and come out feeling inspired.

THE REAL EASTENDERS

The people of East London have a long tradition of organising themselves - to change their lives, improve their living standards, or working towards a radical overthrow of the social conditions they lived under, and dreaming/creating new ones... From before the Peasants Revolt, to the struggles around the development of the Lea Valley for the 2012 Olympic Games, Eastenders have always been ready to stand together and kick up a fuss. This article is a brief intro to some of East London's radical and revolutionary past. A longer version is available as a booklet from the Bookfair info table and the Past Tense stall. NB: Arbitrary borders were set: Hackney was excluded solely because of space reasons.

It's the economy

East London has often been defined by its location: neighbouring on the powerful City of London, much of it close to a river navigable by ships. Docks, industry and factories have dominated life here. The class make-up of much of the areas has until recent decades been overwhelmingly heavily of the lower orders, since industrialisation it has been working class. Economic relations have set the tone for struggles here.

Until the 19th Century most people scratched a living working for landowners who controlled their labour and owned their homes. There were many struggles around access to common land & woods, to gather wood for fuel, hunt small animals or graze a cow or two if you had one. Landowners resented poor people's access to what they saw as "their" forests, and would

often build fences to keep the plebs out... In turn the poor would break in or fight to keep their 'right' to use woods for keeping themselves alive. In Epping Forest & what's now Victoria Park, from the 13th Century, there was physical resistance to attempts by landowners (often the Church), to enclose woods and fields.

Into modern times locals were still fighting the enclosure of open land, if more for somewhere to hang out for fun and games... Resistance to enclosures continued in Epping Forest and Wanstead Flats in the 1860s/70s, eventually forcing the Corporation of London to buy all the manors of Epping Forest and reopen enclosed land for all. Locals preserved their right to part of Leyton Marshes by direct action in 1892, but this very land is now being nicked for the Olympics (then it's to be sold). This new enclosure is being resisted...

Outlaws

For centuries Epping Forest was the haunt of rebels, criminals, outlaws and political radicals, including heretical Anabaptists, runaway slaves, and servants, fugitive rangers 5th monarchists and levellers after 1660, smuggling gangs, "blacks" (outlaws who disguised themselves to rob and poach) and many more. Whole villages of squatters grew up, called "maroon Villages" after the rebel communities of Jamaica. Squatter communities were still being cleared in the 1860s.

1381

When the Peasants Revolt broke out against new taxes, wage cuts and other grievances, it

kicked off in Essex. Marching on London, they camped at Mile End Fields. On June 14th, 1381 king Richard II met them here and they put their demands to him, including: an end to serfdom, labour to be based on free contracts, and the right of the poor to rent land. Some even demanded the abolition of all classes under the king! A far-reaching program, for its time, which the king agreed to, but only to buy time to get troops together and crush the rebels.

Sailors

As England became a naval power and London an important dock, Wapping & Shadwell came to be crowded with sailors working naval, privateer and merchant ships. Conditions on board were terrible, often lethal; made worse by the years sailors could wait to get paid. They often had to steal and loot to survive. In the 1620s-30s there were several sailors riots in Wapping over pay and conditions. In 1626, tars mutinied in London Docks over pay arrears, 300 attacking the house of William Russell, Treasurer of Navy.

The English Revolution

Sailors later led the urban mobs of London that inaugurated the revolutionary crisis of 1640-41, in the lead up to the Civil War and the English Revolution.

Although often put down to Constitutional struggles between King and Parliament, many economic class struggles, and religious battles, also sparked the Civil War; from it arose new political and social ideas. Radical groups that sprang up were active in East London: the Levellers, pushing for a wider franchise for adult males, held public meetings in Wapping, and had a secret printing press near Aldgate. Ranters, who rejected many of the political and religious ideas of the time and declared there was no sin and no one should go poor or hungry, were active in Whitechapel and Ilford.

Urbanisation and Poverty...

By the 17th Century many areas bordering the City to the East were overcrowded Rookeries, areas of the very poor. Areas of Whitechapel, Shoreditch, Spitalfields and Wapping, became no-go zones with a measure of solidarity against authority. These areas became gathering places for rioting crowds.

In the early 19th Century, as Britain fought a long war against revolutionary and Napoleonic France, followed by economic hardship and unemployment, radical groups and clubs sprang up in areas like Bethnal Green, Stepney and Whitechapel, with growing working class populations. Groups like the Spenceans, communists advocating land redistribution who planned uprisings, and of more reform-minded groups, were active here. Later the Chartists held mass meetings in Bonners Fields (now Victoria Park), fighting police & troops in the 1840s. Chartists aimed at increasing working class political power, but were split into those who believed in peacefully pressing for the vote to be given to working class men, & a physical force party who felt the working class must seize power by force. The latter were popular in the East End because of the area's poverty and desperation: the East London Democratic Association, advocating physical revolt, was strong in the late 1830s.

Industry

The clothing trade has long been an important East End industry. Spitalfields Silkweavers, working in the mass industry that lasted 300 years, waged a long battle to keep their wages up, often destroying imported silks & smashing looms of employers working under the agreed wage rate. There were weavers riots in 1675, 1697, 1719, 1739, and a long war in the 1760s; in 1768-1771 machine smashings & fighting ended in the hanging of two weavers leaders,

Doyle and Valloine, after a weaver was killed, & the murder of a scab cutter who gave evidence against them. For years this struggle maintained weavers' wage levels: when their hold on the rate was broken they were plunged into abject poverty. Silkweavers were famed for political radicalism and support for the Levellers, reformer John Wilkes and the 1790s democrats.

The Docks

The London Docks grew rapidly in size as England became a huge naval and economic power. 1000s of workers were employed along the river by the 19th Century. For decades dockers struggled over their right to take home some of the goods they unloaded, as part payment of wages, often carrying out as much as they could to sell. So much tobacco was stolen from the Docks more stolen than legitimate baccy was in circulation. (Kind of like today then!) Mass theft, piracy and smuggling were endemic on the Docks; the West India Dock was built in 1802 with its own police, to limit the looting of ships on the open river. Markets like Spitalfields began or grew as venues for the sale of liberated goods.

One of the hardest jobs on the docks was unloading coal from ships. Coalheavers by the 1700s were often Irish, the pay was crap and the job was long and hard. Gangs of heavers were controlled by powerful City merchants and local publicans. In 1768, at a time of starvation and unrest, a bitter struggle broke out in Wapping & Shadwell as heavers demanded a 4 pence pay rise. There were riots, taverns were attacked, and scabs beaten up, and a sailor was killed. Only military occupation broke the strike: 9 coal heavers were hanged.

Dock work was backbreaking and insecure, dockers would just line up every day & try to get hired. Wages were low and many families

lived in desperate conditions. In August 1889, a huge strike broke out in the South West India Dock which spread to both sides of the river; the demands were a 2p rise to 6 pence an hour, plus overtime rates, an end to subcontracting middlemen and guaranteed hours of work... The strike was massive, and inspired numerous other East End workers to stop work. Kids struck at East End schools. The East End came near to General Strike, a No Rent campaign started; anarchist David Nicoll described the East End as like "Paris in the first Revolution." In the end the bosses settled – but chipped away at the concessions over the next few months. Dockers continued to struggle for higher wages and better employment conditions, as well as sometimes striking for political ends, into the 20th Century.

Later in the 19th Century East End streets resounded to the sound of secularists, radicals, socialists and anarchists, who would often hold several street meetings a week. Popular spots for open air meetings included Victoria Park, Dod St and Grundy St in Limehouse, Durward St, Whitechapel, The Obelisk in Bromley High St, the Beckton Rd corner in Canning Town, The Grove in Stratford, & hundreds more, including Mile End Waste, a popular spot for union rallies, socialist and anarchist speakers. There were also many radical, socialist and anarchist clubs. After WWI East London became a stronghold of the Communist Party.

Anarchism

Anarchism in Britain found some of its first expression in the East End. From the late 1880s, anarchist were active here. Anarchist clubs could be found in Berner St (now Henriques St) Whitechapel, in the 1880s/90s, in Jubilee St in the 1910s... Anarchist were involved in anti-landlord agitation, tailors unions; many worked as carmen (cartdrivers) before WWI, especially

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in Bow and Stratford. In the pre-WWI industrial and political unrest, anarchists were to be found active in Walthamstow, Stratford, Plaistow, Whitechapel - the famous Arbeter Fraint Jewish anarchist paper and group around Rudolf Rocker... In modern time this anarchist presence has persisted, in the 1980s with the anarchist Autonomy Centre and Little A Press in Wapping, and today, with Freedom Bookshop, still going strong in Whitechapel...

Suffragettes

The East End saw a radical expression of the pre-WWI suffragettes; the movement here was strongly working class. From 1906 working women in Canning Town formed a suffragette branch; their demands caused conflict with the movement's middle class leaders. In 1912 Sylvia Pankhurst and others formed the East London Federation of Suffragettes, based in Old Ford Road and very active in Poplar and Bow, which

developed into a strong and radical group, active not only in the struggle for the Vote but branching out into mutual aid against poverty, forming a People's Army to oppose police repression, opposing the First World War, and developing into a East End based Communist party post WWI.

Strikes

The East End has been the venue for thousands of strikes and industrial struggles: from the coal-heavers of 1768, through pioneering matchgirls in Bow 1888, winning concessions & inspiring unorganised workers; gasworkers and dockers in 1889; striking East End tailors in 1889 and 1906, Mortons Jam and Pickle Factory workers in 1914 (Mudchute) to the Wapping News International dispute that was fought out for a year on the streets of Wapping, to the famously stropdy Dagenham Car Workers, hit by strikes in 1968, 1971, 1978, 1988 and more... In the

1926 General Strike, the East End was solid as a rock.

Immigration, Racism and Fascism...

The history of the East End is a story of waves of immigration: French Protestant Huguenots (many of who became Spitalfields Silkweavers), Irish, Jews in Whitechapel, Bengalis... Each has faced suspicion, hostility, and violent attacks, often from a settled working class afraid of competition for jobs and resources, stirred up by rightwing agitators. From Irish builders accused of working below the rate in the 1730s, to Jews fleeing persecution in Eastern Europe, settling in Whitechapel, arousing fears that persisted from the 1880s to the 1930s. The British Union of Fascists attempt to march down Cable St in October 1936 and their defeat by massed locals was part of a long struggle in the 1930s by East End Jews, communists and others... In more recent times Asian communities have grown up in many areas, facing racial attacks, campaigns against them from rightwing groups like the National Front and the BNP, but organising and fighting back, as in Brick Lane from the 70s to the 90s, ... Many communities have also had to face institutional racism and bigotry from the police: in Newham in the 1980s successive groups of Asian youths had to organise themselves when facing trumped up charges and police violence. The struggle against organised racism continues today, with the BNP winning council seats in Barking and Loughton. Always a heady mix of communities and backgrounds, East London remains divided in many areas.

Housing and Squatting

Eastenders have for decades fought to improve their often run-down housing. Campaigns, rent strikes in 1889, in post-WWI Bethnal Green, in Stepney in 1938, Coventry Cross in the late 1960s... To the beginnings of the modern squatting movement, in Ilford in 1969, from which

squatting spreads all over East London; thousands of people housing themselves through necessity or for radical political ends. Whole empty streets were occupied in Limehouse and Stepney in the 1970s.

Development

As industries like the Docks closed down through the 1970s/80s, they were replaced first with decline and then with redevelopments, often driven by profit, ignoring the interests of local people. In Docklands this process brought yuppies and office complexes into conflict with communities fighting to preserve themselves and to push for more from the process. Campaigns forced concessions from developers in the Isle of Dogs and Limehouse, but gentrification has claimed much of the East End for the middle class.

The struggle against roadbuilding through East London (going back to the use of the 1840s building of Commercial St to clear Spitalfields slums) continues. Through the 1990s locals and anti-roads groups fought hard against the M11 extension in Leytonstone & Wanstead, squatting empty homes & using direct action and mass campaigning.

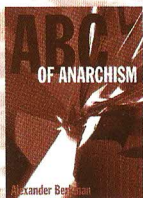
The Future?

This history may inspire or depress us to think of how things are today. But the carving up of the Lea valley to house the Olympics, already trashing housing, allotments, & green spaces; the pressure of redevelopment rippling out from this; as well as the effects of racism, religious domination of some communities, increasing casualisation and insecurity at work, bring new challenges and potential to our struggle. The East End tradition of resistance continues.

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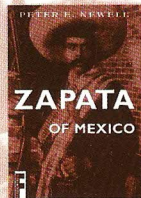


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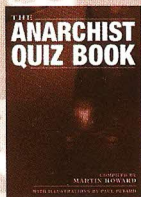
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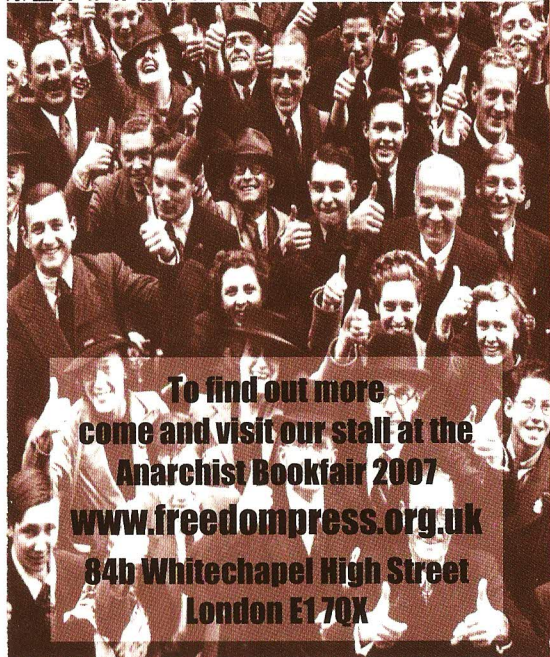
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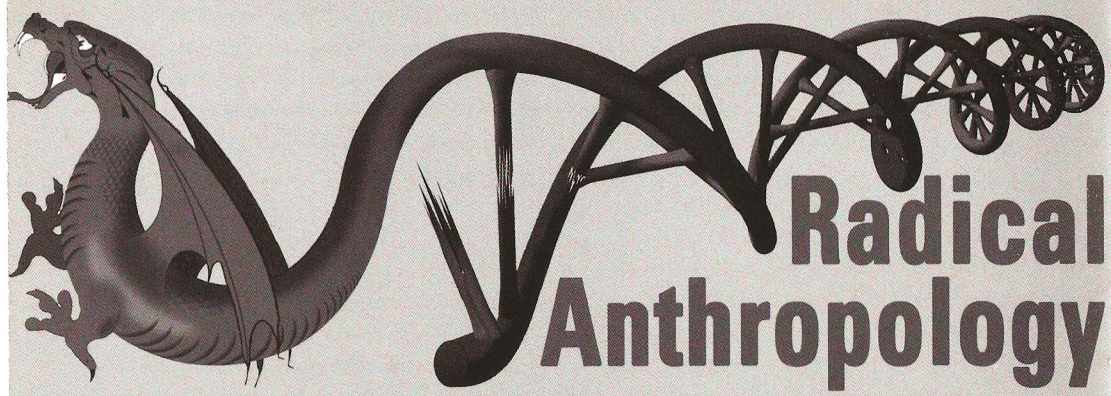
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Meeting: were the first humans anarchists?

Evolutionary anthropologist Chris Knight on what modern science can tell us about how we have lived – and how we could live. See elsewhere in this programme for meeting details.

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Featuring anarchist anthropologist David Graeber on revolution today, and Camilla Power on the direct action that made us human. Pick up your copy from the Radical Anthropology stall today.



MEETINGS

ROOM 306

12 noon - 1pm

What is the relationship between Art and Anarchism?

Barry O'Dea

London Anarchist Forum

This talk and debate explores: the breaking free of art from the control of religion at first (evidence from Mesopotamia and Egypt onwards); the control of art by the ruling class; the shift of control to the art gallery cliques who dictate the current "fashionable" styles. Talk and open discussion.

1pm - 2pm

Radical Archives

Preserving our cultural history

The Feminist Library has been locked out by Southwark Council, and is still fighting to get back in. Together with other radical archives and libraries, we have started a network to campaign about our current situations, and look forward to establishing a building where we can explore our collective past

2pm - 3pm

Workers' Councils - Fortresses of Freedom?

Workers Council Socialism

We believe that councils - comprising elected and recallable delegates - are defenders of freedom. Assemblies, by definition, cannot be permanent, only the monitors of, say, the workplace or neighbourhood. Industrially, mass meeting assemblies control shop steward delegate committees. Workers Councils - and their socialism

- are the primary defenders of freedom. Come along and debate the issue.

3pm - 4pm

Overcoming Alienation:

From commodity fetishism to freely associated labour - Hobgoblin

This meeting is aimed at theoreticians and activists, workers and intellectuals. We will be posing the question: what sort of work should people do?

4pm - 5pm

Why Anarchists should organise locally

Haringey Solidarity Group

We don't think organising in local communities is the ONLY way forward. But it needs to be an essential element if we are to transform society from its present form to a more anarchist one. A brief intro by Haringey Solidarity Group and others, followed by discussion and contributions about the ways groups have successfully organised, and why local organising is important.

5pm - 6pm

Building A Revolutionary Union for Education Workers.

Education Workers Network

The meeting is aimed at all who work in education (ancillary staff, technicians, teachers, lecturers, etc). We will discuss strategies of resistance in the workplace and the creation of a fighting alternative to the reformist TUC unions

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ROOM 305			Anarchist FAQ	Nationalism and Fascism	Radical Routes	The NHS is 60 - a subversive history	Anarchist World Revolution	Organising as Healthworkers	
ROOM 304			Were the first humans anarchists?		Anarchist Quiz	Resisting the Olympics	Casualisation: What is it and how to fight it.	Setting up an anarchist newsletter	
ROOM 324			Anarchist Trauma Support	Community Activism - Is reformism inevitable?	Men and Feminism	Organising for Anarchy <i>Oaxaca</i>	The Other Campaign - Mexico and beyond	An intro to Direct Action Casework	
ROOM 325			Red, Black and Black	Occupied London and the summit against everything	Bash the Rich	Militant Research & Radical Theory	Mayday Magazine	Anarchism and the State of Terror	
SKEEL LECTURE THEATRE			Fight against Starbucks	Stuart Christie Armed Resistance to Francoism		How the Working Class went Global	My Dearest Enemy, My Dangerous Friend - Dorothy Rowe		
LECTURE ROOM I			Camden Parasites		Anarchists and community struggle in Ireland.	No Borders	Doing it Ourselves -Trapese Collective		
LECTURE ROOM 2 - FILMS		The Battle for Broadway Market	Underground Londoners	Our oil and other tales	Raise the Rates	Occupying Nothingness - Madrid social centre	Las Libertarias		
DRAMA ROOM	PERFORMANCE SPACE - Tony Allen, Whatsername, Becky Fury, Johnny Fluffy Punk + guests & friends.								
BOILER ROOM	CRECHE								
ROOM 216	OLDER CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES								
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ROOM 305

12pm - 1pm

An Anarchist FAQ

Ian McKay

AK Press is about to publish the first volume of 'An Anarchist FAQ'. An online sensation and constant source of conflict on Wikipedia, this is your chance to hear its author explain why it was started, how it has changed and what you can expect from it.

1pm - 2pm

The Myth of the Nation - Nationalism and Fascism

London Anarchist Federation

Based on a forthcoming pamphlet from London AF, this meeting looks at the myth of nationalism and the artificial concept of the Nation, going on to look at conditions in East London that have led to the growth of the BNP there.

2pm - 3pm

Housing Co-ops, worker co-ops, social centres and Radical Routes - a guide

Radical Routes Housing Co-ops
Housing without landlords, work without bosses, socialising without, er... money going to big breweries. Radical Routes is a mutual aid network of co-operatives whose members are actively engaged in social change. This workshop can cover: how to set up a housing co-op, worker co-op or social centre, living on the land, what's the purpose of Radical Routes, what Radical Routes can do for you and/or why we could do with another half million pounds (well, who couldn't?). Radical Routes - putting autonomy, mutual aid and non-hierarchy into practice.

3pm - 4pm

The NHS is 60 - a subversive history

Radical History Network of N. E. London

Celebrating the 60th birthday we are planning a

booklet on the alternative/subversive history. We will cover: 1948 establishment and the path not taken [non central state]; workers, unions and strikes; opposition around closures; occupations of the 1980s; hospital disease; anti cuts and privatisation struggles today. Come and add suggestions.

4pm - 5pm

Anarchist World Revolution

Anarchy is Order (Belgium)

It is (always) time for the anarchist movement to 'get real or get lost' to the world. We must try to meet the challenges for the future of the world. Anarchism must offer a coherent alternative again on different levels: social / political / cultural; individual; ecological / material / geographical; and economical (production - distribution and trading - consumption). We will introduce you to a method of analysis and decision-making. Starting from drawing up a mission statement and basic values we try to analyse the world and ourselves as individuals and as a collective movement. This could just be a way to learn about yourself and each other or lead to practical conclusions for the future. That will be up to you. This workshop is open to everyone who wants to be part of a positive and constructive anarchist movement.

5pm - 6pm

Organising as Healthworkers

IWW (UK)

Aimed at: Healthworkers wanting to network and contribute to the start of a workable strategy. At the meeting we will discuss strategy + tactical ideas for activists. organising in the health sector. To include/cover: Past and current struggles; Boosting healthworkers' morale; Benefits of industrial unionism? Please bring examples of newsletters/staff bulletins from your workplace.

ROOM 304

12noon - 2pm

Were the first humans anarchists?

Radical Anthropology Group

When humans first evolved, life was not, contrary to popular belief, "nasty, brutish and short". In fact, modern science is confirming the view of many early anarchists and communist thinkers. When humans first evolved, we lived as anarchist-communists. We aim to communicate findings from modern science and anthropology relevant to an anarchist audience and to convince people of the relevance and importance of anthropology to political activism. This is for political activists interested in what science can teach us about what it means to be human.

2pm - 3pm

Anarchist Quiz - back by populist demand!

Martin Howard - Freedom

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3pm - 4pm

Resisting the Olympics - Tenant Resistance to Global Property

Speculation Techniques in London's East End Gascoyne Estate Tenants' Association

The 2012 Olympics is turning rundown London council estates into lucrative targets for property development. Disguised as 'housing associations' developers are attempting the mass theft of public land; tenants whose homes are under attack explain how they have exposed a sham regeneration scheme - "Estates Plus" - as a front for the developers' plans to destroy and priva-

tise their homes, play areas and green spaces.

4pm - 5pm

Casualisation: What is it and How to Fight it

South London Solidarity Federation

We spend one third of our waking hours at work. Our bosses are planning new ways of making it tougher: through casualisation, including attacks on our conditions and pay. Learn about this process and ways other workers have fought against it.

5pm - 6pm

Setting Up & Maintaining a Local Anarchist Newsletter

The Gagged Collective (South Wales)

Realise no-one reads your blog? Only politicians look at indymedia? Free newsletters are a great way to make your own media, by-pass the internet and reach people. It's an ideal (& surprisingly easy!) way for local anarchist groups to produce regular propaganda.

Building a revolutionary union for all education workers.

We are an anarcho-syndicalist group organised by the Solidarity Federation. We produce propaganda at both local and national level aimed at education workers. Our aim is to build an anarcho-syndicalist presence within the workplace and help organise resistance to the massive changes and savage cuts currently taking place within education.

Education Workers' Network - Solidarity Federation

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ROOM 324

12 noon - 1pm

Activist Trauma Support

The workshop will be an introduction to our work (literature, info, individual support, safe spaces at large mobilisations) and a discussion on the political significance of tackling activist trauma and burnout with information and mutual support

1pm - 2pm

Community activism: co-operation without compromise?

Haringey Solidarity Group & Workers Solidarity Movement

In HSG and WSM we like to practice our politics locally. But how can we and other local activists stay true to our politics without descending in to an anarchist ghetto? How do we integrate ourselves in to community level activism and avoid watering down our politics in compromise after compromise, whether in broad-based campaigns, talking to our neighbours and even the council or police?

2pm - 3pm

Men and feminism Workshop

Social Ecology London.

Anarchists claim to be against all forms of social hierarchy, but how often do we really think beyond economic and political hierarchies? Of 100 workshops at the climate camp only two were related to women or gender and one of them was cancelled. What should our response to patriarchy be as anarchists/left libertarians? What about those of us brought up to become men? What can men do about male privilege and domination in their own lives? What can they do as part of a broader movement to challenge these things? Come along to think about these questions with people of all genders who are interested in discussing and taking action to



end male dominance forever!

3pm - 4pm

Why Anarchists should join an organisation - Organising for Anarchy

Anarchist Federation

Why it's necessary to go beyond local groups and create organisations that can effectively spread anarchist ideas and propaganda, and develop a movement that can have an effect on struggles.

4pm - 5pm

The Other Campaign - Mexico and Beyond.

In July 2005 the Zapatistas released the 6th Declaration of the Lacandon rainforest. The declaration calls for the Mexican left and all those struggling 'from below' to unite and formulate a national programme of struggle against capitalism - the Other Campaign - and to network and unite internationally. This workshop will be a talk and discussion on the Other Campaign in Mexico and beyond, hosted by the UK network of Zapatista solidarity groups". The workshop aims to provide information on the Other Campaign and open discussion between radical groups in the UK. We aim to encourage and facilitate meaningful solidarity with international struggles.

5pm - 6pm

An Introduction to Direct Action Casework

London Coalition Against Poverty (LCAP)

Are you sick of institutions and corporations denying us access to benefits, housing or decent working conditions? London Coalition Against Poverty uses Direct Action Casework - traditional advice work combined with direct action to target those who deny us what we're entitled to. Come along if you are interested in hearing more and getting involved.

ROOM 325

12 noon - 1pm

Red, Black and Green - An Introduction to Social Ecology

Social Ecology London

Sick of being told that the way to deal with climate change is change your lightbulbs and trust in treaties and free market solutions? Social Ecology offers a radical libertarian ecological perspective, rooting environmental issues in the social context that created them. This session gives an overview of the basic ideas of social ecology, how it differs from other radical green currents, and the reconstructive vision it proposes.

1pm - 2pm

Occupied London and "The Summit against everything"

Voices of Resistance from Occupied London

A presentation of London's newest anarchist journal, Voices of Resistance from Occupied London, now in its second issue. Members of the collective will also talk about the plans for "the Summit Against Everything": A pan-european gathering of anarchists and anti-authoritarians, to take place in summer 2008 in London.

2pm - 3pm

Bash the Rich

Ian Bone

Meeting to discuss the action in Notting Hill on 3rd November; the need to fight gentrification and actions against the political elite in London, Oxford and beyond. The aim of the meetings - "old etonian heads on spikes!"

3pm - 4pm

Militant Research and Radical Theory

London Anarchist Forum

What would a genuinely non-hierarchical and participatory approach to knowledge production



and political theorization look like? Militant research, as a series of practices and understandings, rejects the division of people into active and passive roles. Come join Stephen Shukaitis, David Graeber, and members of the London Anarchist Forum for a discussion of the politics of radical education and theorizing within movements.

4pm - 5pm

MAYDAY -

Launch and Talk by new autonomous class struggle magazine

MAYDAY magazine was formed out of the need to develop political and practical ideas around the movements we are involved in. From anti-fascism, social centres, migrant and no border struggles to the legacies and histories of class struggle in the UK. The intention is to bring together all our experiences and bring radical anti-capitalist and anarchist ideas to a wider audience.

5pm - 6pm

Anarchism and the State of Terror

London Anarchist Forum

An open facilitated discussion focused on the phoney 'War Against Terror' and its use both in overseas imperialism / economic colonialism, as well as by the domestic security state and neo-conservative social agendas. What is the nature of the problem? Can it be addressed in a rational middle ground beyond crank conspiracy theories / State disinformation and naive denial / complacency? What can be done?

LECTURE THEATRE I

12noon - 1pm

Camden Parasites

Daniel Lux

A talk on the new edition of Camden Parasites by Daniel Lux, the legendary true story of the London underclass meeting the Hampstead bourgeoisie in a maze of sex, drugs, criminality and mental illness. Alternately very funny and very nasty, Camden Parasites is a unique account of class antagonisms. Talk given by Danny's brother.

2pm - 3pm

Anarchists and community struggle in the west of Ireland.

Rossport Solidarity Camp

Rossport Solidarity Camp was set up in June 2005 with the aim of supporting a community struggle against Shell plans for an inland refinery and high-pressure gas pipeline in the west of Ireland. As the camp enters its third year we'll look at why it was initially formed, what it's done and the opportunities and challenges faced by anarchists working with community campaigns such as Shell to Sea. We'll also provide a campaign update and information on how people can get involved. The aim of the meeting is to generate discussion on opportunities and challenges faced by anarchists working with community campaigns such as Shell to Sea; provide a campaign update and information on how people can support the campaign. The meeting is aimed at people who would like to find out more about the Solidarity Camp project; people working with community campaigns who would like to share experiences; people who would like an update on the campaign and more information on how they can get involved.

3pm - 4pm

No Borders

After the success of the first UK No Border Camp near Gatwick, the No Borders Network is expanding, and developing strategies against the system and companies that maintain the border regime; as well as acting in solidarity with migrants in struggle. The current network is now composed of groups from over 8 cities in the UK with more in the process of forming. Our recent activities include: detainee support work, free english classes, anti-deportation campaigns, supporting self-organised struggles of migrants both inside and outside of detention, supporting undocumented migrant labour struggles, squatting houses for accommodation with destitute asylum seekers, targeting corporations that profit from the detention and deportation industry, and campaigning against new detention centres. Come to this workshop to discuss our current campaigns and find out how to get involved.

4pm - 5pm

Doing it ourselves - Workshops for changing the world

Trapeze Collective

The World Trapeze Popular Education Collective recently published *Do It Yourself: A Handbook For Changing The World*. Examining nine different areas from sustainable living, autonomous spaces, health, popular education, food cultural activism, direct action and doing it without leaders the book combines theoretical analysis with practical information on things people can do to make changes in their lives in the here and now. This workshop examines the reasons and motivations for producing the book and open a discussion on ways that autonomous movements can expand, amplify and make more accessible the themes covered in the book.

See handbookforchange.org

SKEEL LECTURE THEATRE

12 noon - 1pm

Fight Back Against Starbucks

No Sweat & IWW

Joint meeting with No Sweat and IWW on the campaign to fight against Starbucks anti-union activity with excerpt from the film 'Coffee Sirens - baristas fight back against Starbucks!' about the campaign in the US. Meeting aimed at activists, unionists and baristas, and anyone up for joining the struggle

1pm - 2.30pm

Armed Resistance to Francoism

Stuart Christie

Stuart will talk about and show footage from his most recent short film "armed resistance to Francoism from the end of the Civil War in 1939 until his death in 1975". It covers the rural and urban guerrilla periods as well as Defensa Interior; Directorio Revolucionario Iberico de Liberacion (Dril), First of May Group, MIL, and Angry Brigade...

3pm - 4pm

How the Working Class Went Global

Paul Mason

Paul Mason, author of *Live Working* or *Die Fighting - How the Working Class Went Global* draws the parallels between the creation of a new global workforce and the classic moments in labour history when hope broke through the boundaries of the possible, from the Paris Commune to the Warsaw Ghetto.

4pm - 5.30pm

My Dearest Enemy, My Dangerous Friend

Dorothy Rowe

Psychologist Dorothy Rowe is one of the few in her field who draw explicit links between politics and psychology. She has written extensively on depression, the psychiatric system, authority, society, government and the family, and how these institutions affect us as children and adults. She returns to the Bookfair this year to discuss her new book on siblings, relationships, brotherhood and sisterhood.

CABARET

DRAMA ROOM

1pm - 6pm

On the Hour! Every Hour! From 1pm to 6pm Stand-up Comedy, Performance Poetry, Spoken Word and Acoustic Music - Tony Allen, Whatsername, Becky Fury, Johnny Fluffy Punk plus guests and friends. Published and Recorded product on sale from the artists. Also comics and cards from Any Old Icon, Gathered Images and Knockabout Comics.

KIDS ACTIVITIES

BOILER ROOM

10.30am - 6.30pm
Creche

The extremely popular and successful Anarchist Bookfair creche was created following MayDay 2000 when a group of us felt that we could set up and professionally run our own creche, rather than relying on an organisation that charged us a lot but paid the workers low wages. We also wanted a creche where children have freedom to explore, discover, express, create and have fun in a safe environment.

The creche welcomes children from 2 years to 8 years. Children under 2 are very welcome as long as their parent or carer attends with them. Extra adults at the creche during the day are a great help - please speak to the creche workers if you are able to volunteer for an hour or two. The creche will be in the "boiler room" which is outside, round the back of the Great Hall. The creche will be clearly signposted.

ROOM 216

10.30am - 5.30pm
Older Kids Space

This year we thought we'd also try to cater for older children who come to the Bookfair. We will have a dedicated room for kids between 7 and 12 years old. There will be T Shirt painting, board and card games, DVDs, crafts and other activities.

Once again, extra adults or older kids are very welcome to come along and help out - please speak to the workers in the older kid's space if you can volunteer for an hour or two. The older kids space will be in room 216 on the 2nd floor of the Engineering block and will be clearly signposted.



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The NAN is a vehicle for anarchists in the North to confer. We hold (more or less quarterly) non-decision-making conferences at which comrades can discuss the fields in which they are working and the problems they encounter so-doing and so gain ideas from each other. Discussion is meant to be about practical possibilities and difficulties. There is no desire to produce a theoretically uniform organization.

Founded 10 years ago in Manchester the NAN then brought together activists in Groundswell and the anti JSA campaigns, and since the Social Forum, striking firemen and electricians, and other workers in local Trades' Councils and many others. Though founded in Manchester the NAN has always worked with libertarians outside that city, currently chiefly Burnley and Shropshire.



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FILMS

LECTURE ROOM 2

11am -12 noon

The Battle For Broadway Market. 2006

Emily James, 58 mins.

The Battle for Broadway Market is a comprehensive record of resistance, occupation and campaign. Essential viewing for those who want to see what people can achieve when confronted by gentrification and corrupt local authorities.

12noon -12.30pm

Underground Londoners - cleaning the London Underground

Dagmar Diesner and Klara Jaya Brekke, 29 mins

A documentary about the living conditions of the cleaners working for the Underground and living 'underground'. It aims to understand the relation between their work/life conditions and their structural placement as both working for the London Underground, managed under the Public Private Partnership deal, and living underground as precarious or illegal migrants. The film is divided in three parts. The first, gives a picture of the living conditions of a worker having to work two jobs and the effect that has on their health, aspirations and family life. The second explains the Public Private Partnership deal of the London Underground, mapping out some of the many companies involved and showing how the cleaners, being hired by sub-contractors, don't have any direct relation to their employers. The final part of the film shows the struggle for better conditions for the

cleaners in the 'Justice for Cleaners' campaign by the Transport and General workers Union. Further information and to order copies of the film: artemisilondon@gmail.com or http://v2v.cc/v2v/Underground_Londoners or visit the No Borders stall.

12.50pm - 2pm

"Our Oil and Other Tales"

Elisabetta Andreoli, Gabriele Muzio, Sara Muzio, Max Pugh

The Venezuelan Government had liked previous Gattaciová Collective productions (for example, 'Another way is possible ...in Venezuela') so much that they offered financial support for their next project. But the documentary they then made examined the issues of oil production in the country: from the impact on the environment and indigenous populations to the way the industry is run. The bureaucrats of the Ministry of Culture realised they didn't like such a close look at their involvement with multinational and northamerican corporations, so they tried to suppress the movie. Only with the help of local activists a few copies escaped censorship. Now you can watch the documentary that Hugo Chavez tried to keep secret..."

2pm - 2.30pm

Raise the Rates

Ontario Coalition Against Poverty

Following the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty's (OCAP) campaign to raise social assistance rates in Ontario in 2005-2006, this documentary features first-hand accounts of 5 women involved in the campaign as well as

footage from special diet clinics, demonstrations, and occupations. From powerful voices of people directly affected by the welfare system comes a demand to raise the rates, and a determination to fight back.

OCAP are the inspiration for campaigns such as London Coalition Against Poverty. Definitely worth seeing before going to the LCAP workshop at 5pm.

2.45pm - 4pm

Occupying Nothingness

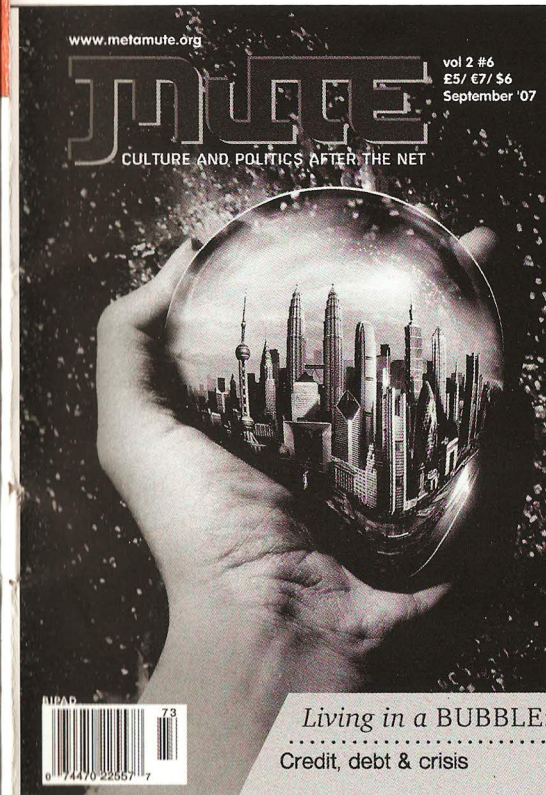
Amazing documentary about the Laboratorio squatted centre in Madrid. A place of real community, this film shows the warmth, imagination and rebellion of the occupiers and local people. Inspiring is not the word!

4pm - 6pm

LasLibertarias

Vicente Aranda 2004

A story of women in the Spanish civil war - fighting fascism and patriarchy. Controversial- as any commercial film would be - but moving, thought provoking and inspiring.



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