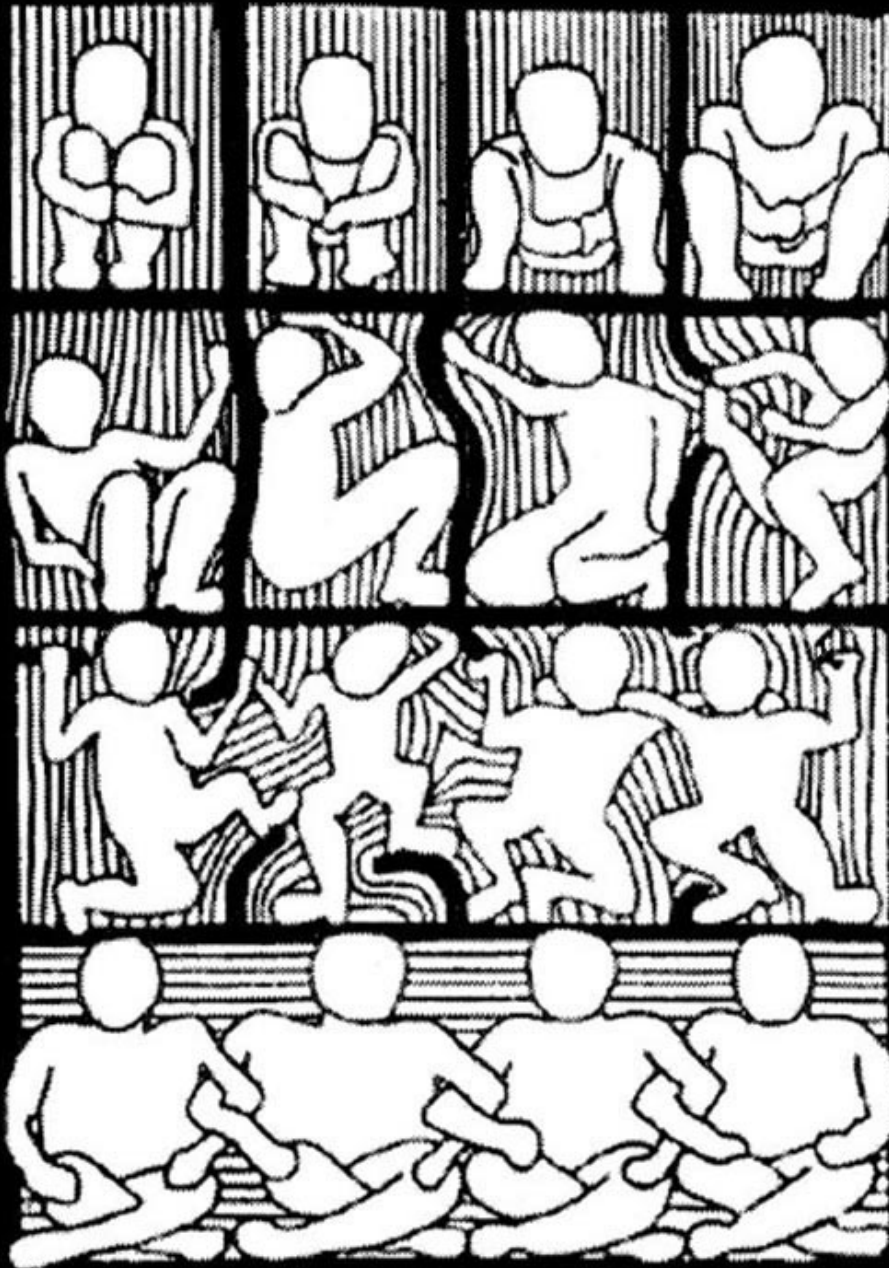


PERTH SOCIAL FORUM



**“Against war,
injustice,
oppression
and
exploitation of
humanity and
nature.**

**For peace,
social justice,
empowerment
and the
environment.”**

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Fremantle Town Hall & Surrounding Venues

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What is the World Social Forum??

The Perth Social Forum follows the inspiring World Social Forums which have taken place over the last four years.

“The World Social Forum is an open meeting place for reflective thinking, democratic debate of ideas, formulation of proposals, free exchange of experiences and interlinking for effective action, by groups and movements of civil society that are opposed to neo-liberalism and to the domination of the world by capital and any form of imperialism, and are committed to building a planetary society directed towards fruitful relationships among Humankind and between it and the Earth.”

(From the World Social Forum Charter of Principles, approved and adopted in Sao Paulo, on April 9, 2001, by the organisation that made up the World Social Forum Organising Committee, approved with modifications by the World Social Forum International Council on June 10, 2001.
www.forumsocialmundial.org.br)

⊗ The World Social Forum was created to provide an open platform to discuss strategies of resistance to the process of neo-liberal globalisation formulated at the annual World Economic Forum by the IMF, the World Bank, the WTO and carried on by the large multinational corporations with the complicity of national governments (Art. 4).

⊗ The World Social Forum seeks to provide a space for discussing alternatives and for strengthening alliances between individuals, social movements, union and non-government organisations engaged in concrete actions.

⊗ The World Social Forum is an ongoing process of cooperation amongst individuals and groups from the local level to the national level and seeking active participation in the international context (Art. 14).

⊗ The World Social Forum condemns every war, all forms of domination and the use of violence as a means of social control by the state (Art. 10).

⊗ The World Social Forum is a movement of non-violent social resistance, made by the active participation of people, practicing democracy from below and building a new world in solidarity (Art. 13-14).

What the PERTH SOCIAL FORUM

could be ...

⊗ a space created for and by the participants, to promote discussion in a spirit of openness, collaboration and constructive debate.

⊗ a space for music, art, activism, debate, connection, and revitalisation.

⊗ a platform for groups and individuals to make proposals for action and to make concrete inter-linkages between campaigns.

⊗ an open space promoting solidarity and cooperation among the diversity of social change networks in Perth, Australia and internationally.



... is what we make it!

Get involved



The Perth Social Forum will be held in the Fremantle Town Hall and surrounding venues from **Friday 18th to Sunday 20th March 2005**. Start organising your own input into one of the most exciting alternative events to ever hit Perth!

☉ **Organise a workshop for the Perth Social Forum.** Get your proposals in soon or contact us to discuss your ideas.

☉ **Organise a workshop stream.** If one session alone is not enough, you can organise a series of workshops. Consider working with other groups on particular issues or themes.

☉ **Contact us to discuss your ideas for content.** No matter how big or small, your ideas help the Organising Collective to plan what themes, debates, actions, and creative events should be structured in.

☉ **Endorse the Perth Social Forum** - raise a motion at your next meeting. Members of the collective are available to address your group's meeting.

☉ **Support our fundraising efforts, or make a direct donation to the Perth Social Forum.** Something this exciting costs a lot of money to organise!

☉ **Get involved in the Organising Collective.**

Meetings happen every Wednesday, 6.30pm at Groovy Space, 195 Pier Street. **Meetings include food!**

Working groups are forming around: Outreach; Fundraising; Logistics; Art/Music/Culture; Promotions/Publicity.

Phone: 0423 356 415 for more info.

The Organising Collective for the Perth Social Forum is a voluntary body; It adopts no positions beyond facilitating the social forum.

We are in favour of a society committed to peaceful co-existence and individual liberty. We believe that positive change encouraging movement towards an alternative future is possible.

The Perth Social Forum organising collective exists merely in order to facilitate the Perth Social Forum's Events.

We are not a movement, a campaign, or an organisation with power structures, but a shifting community of people who work together voluntarily in a spirit of mutual support and tolerance.

We seek to provide an alternative and supportive space in which people can network, plan activities, share ideas, build communities and be sustained by having fun!

"People before Profit!"

Find out more about social forums:

- ☉ www.perthsocialforum.org
- ☉ www.sydney-socialforum.org
- ☉ www.brisbanesocialforum.org
- ☉ www.nadir.org/nadir/initiativ/agp/free/wsf/
- ☉ www.wsfindia.org

Monthly Open Space Forums

People connecting to share information, inspiration, and food... and change the world, starting with Perth!

These monthly forums will use Open Space Technology, a highly inclusive and participatory group process - any issues or ideas you want to discuss can be discussed. Each night will include an update on the Perth Social Forum, time for announcements of upcoming events, food, and music!

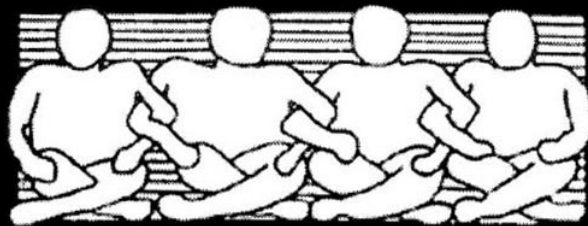
☉ **Wednesday 12th January**

Food and gathering from 6pm;
forum commences at 6.30pm.

☉ **Wednesday 9th February**

The Outback Centre/Earthwise,
315 Bagot Road, Subiaco.

Want to know more? Phone: 0423 356 415, or visit www.openspaceworld.org for info about Open Space facilitation and process.



Perth Social Forum Art Workshop

This fun and collaborative ongoing art workshop will create a papier-mâché representation of the concept 'people connecting to change the world'.

The artwork will be completed at the Perth Social Forum in March where people will be invited to add poems, text, painting and design.

Workshops:

Saturday afternoons 1pm-3pm
Atwell Arts Centre, 586 Canning Hwy
(corner of Northlake Rd), Alfred Cove.

**If you would like to create art to
change the world...**

Email : trudy_g_03@hotmail.com, or
leave a message for Trudy: 0423 356 415

Everyone is welcome to be involved - you don't have to be an artist.