

Bristol Anarchist Bookfair

Hamilton House,
80 Stokes Croft,
Bristol
BS1 3QY



11/9/10
10.30am - 6pm
Free entry
Accessible to all

Welcome to all. We have 48 stalls on 2 floors from groups, campaigns, distros, publishers & authors. There are 28 meetings/workshops across 4 rooms, including the Bristol Indymedia room and the Radical History Zone. There is a cheap vegan cafe, and a kids space. You'll find something for everyone at the bookfair. Welcome to anarchy!

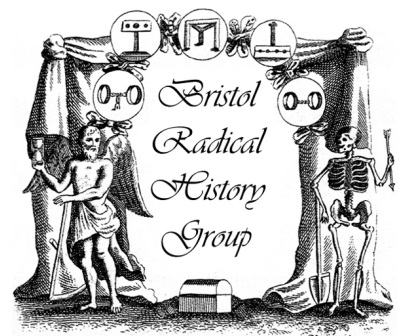
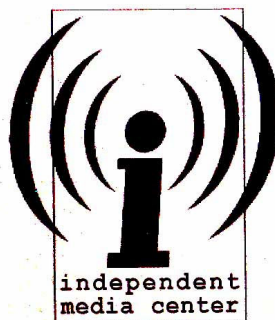
Bookfair Layout:

Lower floor - Stalls, Room 1, Bristol Indymedia room, Cafe, Kids Space
Upper floor - Stalls, Room 2, Radical History Zone

Stalls

An A to Z list of stalls spread over the lower and upper floors:

Active Distro; AK Press; Bath Activist Network; Bicycology; Bloom & Curl Bookshop; Breviary Stuff Publications; Bristol ABC prisoner support; Bristol Anarchist Federation; Bristol Animal Rights Collective; Bristol Antifa; Bristol Anti-Militarists; Bristol Housing Action Movement; Bristol Indymedia; Bristol IWW; Bristol No Borders; Bristol Palestine Solidarity Campaign; Bristol Radical History Group; Bristol & Bath Rising Tide; Bristol & South West Hunt Sabs; Calais Migrant Solidarity; Class War Federation (London); Cowley Club bookshop (Brighton); East Bristol Debtors Alliance; Free Info; Hereford Solidarity League; Jari Moate (author); Just Press; Just Seeds (New York); Justice for Jock; Kebele InfoShop; Labour Behind the Label; Last Hours mag; Living Easton; Long John Silver Trust & Fiducia; Mute mag; Northern Voices (Northern anarchist network); Past Tense Press (London); Project for a Participatory Society-UK; Reel News; Richard Hart (author); Schneus (Brighton); Solidarity Federation (South West); Stair Books; Tangent Books; The Factory; The Smiling Chair Anarchist Bookshop (Bristol).



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Workshops/Meetings @ The Bristol Anarchist Bookfair

ROOM 1 (Lower floor)



11 - 12noon: Education And Social Control
by Universe Circus - Bristol School of Critical Thinking
Is education used as a tool for social control? We look at how education & knowledge shapes society, compare the UK to European countries experiencing the recession, and analyse the current Tory-led privatisation of the school system. We ask, does Bristol need a Free School?

12 - 1: Animal ethics and current campaigns
by Bristol Animal Rights Collective
What are the relationships between speciesism, racism and sexism, and how can we challenge them? What do we mean by the 'instrumentalisation' of animals? What are BARC doing to promote animal liberation in the South West? How does the Close Noah Ark Zoo Farm campaign connect to these issues?

1 - 2: Storm Clouds Gather: Public services under attack
by Solidarity Federation South West
Summary of government attacks on public services followed by reflections on a recent local labour dispute and a discussion on resisting cuts. SWSF has invited workers involved in a recent local dispute to kick-off a discussion on tactics used by the bosses and strategies to organise and resist.

2 - 3: The Bristol Riot and its Other - St. Paul's and Southmead in April 1980
by Roger (BRHG)
The 'uprising' in the St. Paul's area of Bristol in April 1980 heralded a decade of unrest in English cities. Immediately following the event, violent disturbances broke out in Southmead. This talk analyses what happened and why the latter events were ignored or denigrated to the status of 'copycat riots'.

3 - 4: Men Confronting Patriarchy
by Men Confronting Patriarchy group
A discussion-based workshop asking: What is patriarchy? Why do we want to confront it? How do we confront it? All genders very welcome.

4 - 5: Bashing Back
A Queer Fringe Meeting
A workshop introducing queer ideas on gender and sexuality and the politics that come with it, followed by a discussion on how this leads to anarchist conclusions and how anarchist politics leads to queer resistance.

5 - 6: Direct Action Anti-Poverty Work: From Case Work to Mass Mobilization
by Ontario Coalition Against Poverty , introduced by EBDA
OCAP has fought for justice and dignity for poor people for 20 years. Using direct action they have won individual cases including social assistance benefits, housing repairs, and withheld wages. Through mass mobilization, they have won housing and millions of dollars for poor people in Ontario.

ROOM 2 (Upper floor)



11 - 12noon: GM crops and biofuels - how patents on life mutated
by Genetic Engineering Network
Brief intro to the current science and politics of genetics, examining what is currently being tested in the UK, and some of the corporate spin being used to excuse it. Activists booted GM out of the UK in the late nineties, how can we make sure it doesn't creep back?

12 - 1: Space for Movement? Reflections from Bolivia on climate justice, social movements and the state.
by The Building Bridges Collective
We recently co-wrote a booklet of this name based on interviews we did in Bolivia at the World People's Climate Summit. Back home we want to discuss what can be learned from the Bolivian example. How do anarchists relate (or not) to the messier politics of building social movements?

1 - 2: Consciousness changing games as a tool to combat unwanted programming
by The Laboratory of Futurefull Acts
A major problem with capitalism is it gets inside your head: through advertising for example, you find yourself thinking, feeling and behaving in ways that make you cringe! This is a chance to explore a simple theatre games based method to put yourself in a disinhibited state, where you can actively re-programme. Come 10 min early if you are unsure if this is for you, and would like to know more.

2 - 3: What is Anarchism?
by Anarchist Federation (London)
The AF introduces you to the revolutionary anarchism that emerged within the international workers movement of the 19th century, and discusses how anarchism is a practical body of ideas that actively seeks to create a society organised horizontally and based on equality and liberty

3 - 4: Which way for antifascism?
by Bristol Resistance
A discussion on effective antifascism today, in the context of the recession, the attacks from capital and state on the working class, the emergence of the EDL and the failure of liberal antifascism.

4 - 5: Union and community organising against the cuts
by Bristol IWW and Bath Activist Network
Bristol IWW will discuss how the cuts are affecting Bristol and what we can do to act in solidarity with each other and help build up a radical union. BAN will introduce the recently formed Anti Cuts Alliance which aims to build community resistance against attacks on jobs, services and benefits.

5 - 6: Free movement and the social movement
by Bristol No Borders
How does a no borders perspective form part of, or compliment, an anarchist perspective and how do No Borders actions and activists contribute to the larger battles for our freedom and against state control?

Radical History Zone (upper floor)

11 - 12.00noon: 'Every Cook Can Govern': From Athens to the Electoral Lottery
by Dan Bennett (BRHG)

Cheerleaders for parliamentary democracy often hark back to semi-legendary 'golden ages' as a foundation of the modern electoral process. Do these myths have any basis in reality & what relevance do they have today? Bennett uncovers the hidden history of Athenian popular democracy and proposes a modern alternative.

12 -1: Doing Radical History
by Lord Twankum and Bristol Radical History Group

The recent resurgence in 'doing radical history' includes researching, writing and speaking to provocative recreations, media stunts and interventions in civic debates. South London Radical History group were pioneers in this process, and with our own Bristol 'mob' will survey the ideas and experiences of the 'new wave'.

1 - 2: Directional Discourse and Counter-History
by John Desmond

Desmond's concept of directional discourse might interest radical historians for two reasons. It incorporates the two concepts of ascending discourse and counter-history. And it produced the challenge: 'Is undertaking counter-history preferable to undertaking radical history?', which he will only have time to float.

2 - 3: Do It Yourself Publishing
by Richard Jones (Tangent Books), Randall Brantley (Bristol Radical Pamphleteer), Alex (Past Tense Press), Paul Mangan (Breviary Stuff Publications)

Panel of experienced independent publishers discusses the ins and outs of producing history texts from short-run reprinting, running a small publishing outfit to the revival of the 'radical history pamphlet'. So if you want to knock stuff out come and find out how to 'do it yourself'.

3 - 4: Pamphlet launch: 'Anarchism in Bristol and the West Country to 1950' by Steve Hunt (BRHG)

Hunt looks at home-grown anarchism, with its roots in a tradition of West Country radicalism. Many colourful and inspiring characters believing in 'The Cause' were here. So let's put on our black cloaks and wide-brimmed flowerpot hats and wander down to the coffeehouses of 1880s Bristol to see who was around.

4 - 5: 'Drowning on Dry Land': Swansea's Jack Kerouac
by Ray Jones (author of 'Drowning on Dry Land')

From working-class Wales through drugs, gambling and prison to punk, Paris fashion houses and San Francisco's underground. Jones, editor of the notorious 'Roughler' magazine, recounts his surreal life. If chatting up Marianne Faithfull and rat arsing it with Keith Moon & Joe Strummer takes your fancy, then Ray's yer man.

5 - 6: 'The Atmosphere of Heaven': Dr. Beddoes and revolutionary Bristol
by Mike Jay (author of 'The Atmosphere of Heaven: The Unnatural Experiments of Dr Beddoes and his Sons of Genius')

Beddoes (1760-1808), fervent humanitarian & chemist, was inspired by the heady ideals of the French Revolution and the wonders of Nitrous Oxide gas. In Bristol he gathered a dazzling circle of like-minded artists & scientists, who created a grand vision of providing free healthcare to the poor of the south-west.

Bristol Indymedia Room (lower floor)

11 - 12noon (Bookfair workshop): Myths of Capitalism
by Phil P of the bookfair collective
From Malthus and Smith to David Cameron, capitalism has always had a 'difficult' relationship with reality. This meeting will debunk some of the most popular claptrap and humbug from the pervasive to the perverse.

12.30 - 1: How to...

How to tell 5000 people about your campaign, event or news in just 2 minutes. Bristol Indymedia is used by 5000 people per day who come to get news, views and happenings. We'll show you how to use the site to maximise impact - no technical knowledge required.

1 - 1.15: Want to Volunteer for Bristol Indymedia?
Find out how to get involved and meet some of the Indymedia volunteers.

1.15 - 2: Censorship, Free Speech and Indymedia
With the Wikileaks release of classified information on Afghanistan, issues of censorship and free speech are front page news again. We look at these issues globally and locally in relation to Bristol Indymedia. This is your chance to help shape how the site works and debate the issues.

2 - 3: Schmovies presents: Raiders of the Lost Archive
Come and see the latest offering of activist and campaign film from the Schnews collective.

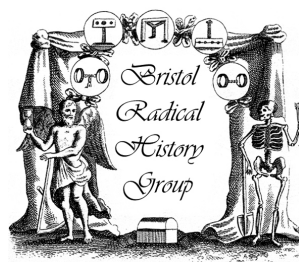
3 - 3.15: How to...tell 5000 people about your campaign, event or news in just 2 minutes (repeated).

3.15 - 4: What is successful activism?
Why do corporates, capitalists and governments tend to get the upper hand against us? Is it because they carefully study the principles of success as taught by Carnegie, Covey and others. Where do these ideas come from? Are they useful? Should we use them?

4 - 4.15: Want to Volunteer for Bristol Indymedia? (repeated).

4.15 - 5: Venezuela and the BBC
The BBC has a duty to provide accurate information that citizens can use as the basis for participation in democracy. If this is the case, then why has its reporting of Chavez and Venezuela been so biased. Lee Salter from UWE will chair a discussion based on their research into this.

5 - 6: Detroit - 'True Alternative'
In Detroit capitalism has left the area, leaving behind derelict factories, land and buildings. In its place alternative new seeds of development are growing with a huge upsurge in community gardens. Reel News have just visited Detroit and will be reporting back about this movement.



BOOKFAIR CAFE (on lower floor with stalls)

Is run by Kebele Social Centre's Cafe Collective volunteers. The food is vegan, cheap, and delicious. There are meals, snacks, hot & cold drinks, and yummy cakes. Proceeds from the cafe help fund the bookfair. Please note there is no bar inside the bookfair.

KIDS & PARENTS SPACE (on lower floor)

This year we have a small area for kids & parents to relax. Space is limited. If you need a childminder ideally contact us in advance, or see notice on the day.

THE BOOKFAIR COLLECTIVE

The Bookfair is organised by a small collective of anarchists, helped on the day by many others. Our aim is to make anarchist ideas, practices and debates accessible to as many people as possible. We meet regularly through the year, and organise public events. Get in touch if you'd like to be involved! Thanks to: stallholders & meeting organisers; Kebele social centre; Bristol Indymedia; The Cube; BRHG; Classics; The Bastard Squad Collective; and of course you for coming along.

RESPECT EACH OTHER AND THE VENUE

Thanks to Hamilton House for hire of the venue, here in the centre of Bristol. Please respect the venue by not smoking inside, clearing up your own rubbish, and not entering those areas that are not part of the bookfair.

We want the bookfair to be accessible to all, whatever their age, gender, sexuality, ethnicity or ability. All floors are wheelchair accessible. We ask people to respect each other's opinions and allow the free flow of ideas, even when you disagree. We will not accept any racist, sexist or other abusive or oppressive behaviour – you will be asked to leave. Animals are not allowed in the building, except guide dogs. Lastly there will be no photos or recording at the event without prior agreement with the bookfair collective and meeting organisers.

OTHER BOOKFAIR EVENTS

Sat 4 Sept at The Croft - The Bastard Squad present their Bristol Anarchist Bookfair 2010 FUNdraiser volume II

featuring...ZOUNDS / VIOLENT ARREST / VIRUS plus stalls & info

The Croft, 117-119 Stokes Croft, Bristol BS1 3RW

Doors at 8pm, last band on about 11pm, ends 2am. Cost £6 on the door.

<http://bastardsquadcollective.wordpress.com>

Mon 6 Sept at The Cube - PRISON?

Bristol Indymedia and Bristol ABC, in association with Bristol Anarchist Bookfair present PRISON?

A one man performance written and performed by Charlie Ryder. This is a true story which is creatively told using a variety of theatrical devices including puppetry, masks, physical theatre and dance. At the end of the show Charlie will host a Q and A session and debate - your opportunity to discuss issues raised by the show. Plus stalls & info.

The Cube cinema, Dove St South, Bristol BS2 8JD

Doors 7.30pm for 8pm show. Cost £3/4 but nobody turned away for lack of funds

<http://microplex.cubecinema.com/cubewebsite/>

<http://bristolabc.wordpress.com>

<http://www.bristol.indymedia.org/article/692962>



Sat 11 Sept at Classics Freeshop - Kebele Sound & friends present the Bookfair after-party FUNdraiser

featuring...COP ON FIRE (rolling ska wizards, Belgium) / D'ONDERHOND (dark & dangerous gypsy dance, Belgium) / THE DAGGER BROTHERS (live 80's dance but not as you know it - electro Bristol) / plus DJs playing ska, reggae, hip hop and drum n bass.

Classics Freeshop, 35 Stokes Croft, Bristol BS1 3PH

Doors 8pm, cost £4/5 donation on the door

<http://kebelesound.wordpress.com>

Sat 25 Sept - Bookfair Feedback Meeting

The bookfair collective invites you to come and give your feedback on this years bookfair, be you a stallholder, meeting organiser or punter. Constructive criticism very welcome, as are pats on the back. Find out too what the collective actually does all year!

We'll be hanging out for a late brunch from about 1pm at Kebele's Saturday cafe. The meeting will formally start at 2pm.

Kebele social centre, 14 Robertson Rd, Bristol BS5 6JY



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