

WHY ANARCHISM?

WHAT MIGHT AN ANARCHIST SOCIETY LOOK LIKE?

- The world's resources would be held in common and shared with all the diverse life on Earth;
- People would manage their own lives, work and communities, and everyone would have a say in decision making through decentralised forms of organisation;
- Relationships in all areas of life would be based on mutual respect, regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, disability, age, culture etc;
- Work wouldn't be boring and repetitive, but instead would be a means of voluntary self-expression and fulfilment; unpopular or difficult jobs would be shared;
- Education would be integrated into daily life to produce free individuals who think for ourselves;
- Goods and services would be produced ecologically for human needs, and provided by way of mutual exchange.



For more anarchy, go to:

- > Jura Books, 440 Parramatta Rd, Petersham
- > Black Rose Books, 22 Enmore Rd, Newtown
- > Mutiny - a Sydney anarchist zine: www.jura.org.au/mutiny
- > www.libcom.org - libertarian communist online resource [UK]
- > www.zmag.org - huge website of alternative news and opinion [US]
- > www.anarchistfaq.org - comprehensive intro to anarchism

**“Freedom without socialism is privilege.
Socialism without freedom is tyranny.”**

>> Freedom and Equality

Fundamentally, anarchism is the struggle for freedom. Freedom from the rulers and corporations who dominate our lives and are destroying our earth. Freedom for workers, women, and all oppressed people in all parts of the world. We believe that this sort of freedom can only be achieved together with equality and a fair distribution of resources.

>> Individual and Collective

Anarchists believe in the inherent dignity and humanity of the individual. But this dignity and humanity can only be fully realised in a co-operative, egalitarian society. This is why we are in favour of working together collectively and being organised. Anarchism is *not* individualism or chaos.

>> Revolution

Anarchists suggest that this truly free and equal society will only be achieved through revolution – meaning a complete transformation of society. This transformation cannot be ‘given’ to the people by politicians or bureaucrats. It must be built from below.

>> Direct Action

Anarchism opposes the violence which is an integral part of capitalism and the State (this violence comes in many forms: war, work, patriarchy etc). We are also opposed to the (less widespread) use of violence by militants against civilian populations. We believe that means shape ends – in other words, the way we struggle will shape the outcome of that struggle. This is why we also do not support the seizure of State power by authoritarian political parties. However, anarchists do believe in direct action – action taken by everyday people to cause immediate problems for the rulers of our lives. This might include striking, sabotaging forestry equipment, or damaging property. Anarchists support the right of people to fight back against the system.