

Freeshop

We live in an age of hyper-consumption and waste – a time when people buy on a whim and trash things with every shift in fashion. Landfill sites are overflowing with perfectly useful bits and pieces, supermarkets fill bins to bursting with perfectly edible food and incinerators burn 24 hours a day, filling our air with cancerous dioxins, in a desperate attempt to destroy all the things we so desperately 'needed' only last 'season'. And that's not to mention the tonnes of earth we dig up, the wars we start and the lives we ruin in sweatshops around the world to make the

crap in the first place!

This consumer nightmare has got to stop! Freeshops are community-led initiatives aimed at promoting the ideas of recycling, sustainability, and co-operation, where items are simply given away to whoever wants them. Our freeshop is situated at the front doors so do not forget to look what is there and take whatever suits you or what can be useful for you. You can bring whatever you don't need or wear anymore but please try to be critical and do not bring things which nobody would use.



Infocentrum Salé - address: Orebitská 14, Praha 3 Žižkov
Open from Monday to Thursday from 4pm to 10pm or according to the program, public transport: bus 133, 175, 509 "U Památníku" stop or tram 5, 9, 26, 55, 58 "Husinecká" stop
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INFOCENTRUM SALÉ

Our statement

In January 2012 we opened a new info-center in Zizkov, Prague. We felt the need for a new space to support the local anarchist movement, to give it fresh wind in the sails. We wanted to create a space that could be used for various projects, and also a space where we could share and spread our ideas. We named it after the Salé pirate colony in Morocco, which was an economically, politically, and intellectually independent territory for decades. The pirate fleet and the power pertaining to it was built up by the Renegades - people who left Christian Europe to rob merchant fleets of pre-capitalist times. For them Salé was a much-needed base for subversive activities, as it is now for us, built from our own principles and values and not those which are imposed on us by the state.

We live in a tense and unstable time where there are no guarantees, where people are losing faith in a system based on imaginary monetary values. Capitalism, which until recently has been considered to be stable and unshakable, is slowly beginning to crumble. We, as anarchists are always fighting against the system, and now that it is in crisis, what should be our role? It is important for us to stand united with the oppressed, who no longer want to be just puppets in the hands of the powerful. It is also important for us to awaken a sense of solidarity, collective responsibility, and the desire to protect our own interests and become masters of our own lives. We believe in decentralization and direct action.

Through Salé we want to deepen relationships throughout the local anarchist scene, and be able to start calling it a movement again. Furthermore, the space is a means for us to organize ourselves in affinity groups and creating informal mutual relations.

In Sale, which is our haven as it was to the pirates, we don't tolerate any forms of oppression. We want to create a safe environment without discrimination against race, gender or sexual orientation. Our aim is to go into depth with our critique of the state and patriarchy, and create a space where no one is ashamed to behave in a way that is for them natural. Just as we condemn the domination of human over human, we also condemn the domination of the human race over other animals. Any food that is available in Salé is therefore vegan.

Together, we are working to create facilities for various workshops, presentations, screenings and meetings. We meet regularly to share meals and discuss. Gradually we are creating a radical library and archive of publications, and we spread materials published by other related collectives.

Info-center Salé is managed by an anarchist collective, but anarchism is not a dogma for us. We ourselves are not enclosed in any subculture. The door is open for you, even if you don't consider yourself as anarchist.

Program

The program is organized by different collectives across anti-authoritarian movement. Once in two weeks (sometimes even more often) there is a projection, lecture or discussion arranged by group called NE RASISMU! (NO RACISM!), which engages in issue of prejudices in society, xenophobia, migration, etc. Another activity is for example wednesday cooking called "If I can't eat, I don't want to be in your revolution", which connects nice dinners and gender and feminist topics. Every

second sunday, there is vegan bakery/patisserie taking place in Salé and once a month the program is dedicated to Anarchist Black Cross. Furthermore, there are sign languages courses, czech for foreigners, computer workshops and bike workshops. In addition, there are various one-off events, lectures, discussions and workshops organized. A part of a program is always a vegan dinner. The actual schedule is published in Salé newsletter every month or can be found on the website <http://sale.s.cz>.

Bar

On the bar which we made ourself out of glass bottles you can get a beer, non-alcoholic drinks and vegan food. We usually get beer from small local breweries and we are starting to cook our own beer. We are not selling hard alcohol as we don't want to be a typical bar where people come to get drunk. We also have a soli-zapata coffee or various herbal teas from our friends from the DVP community. Sometimes we serve our home-made kombucha. We are meeting every day by the collective vegan dinners which are often made from recycled food. We keep the prices affordable for everyone, all the profit from the bar is used for running the infoshop and for other anarchist activities. The bar works thanx to the voluntary cooperation of different collectives and individuals, noone is getting paid for the work here.



Distro

In our distribution you can find most of the materials produced by the czech anarchist movement. In the moment we have current and older issues of magazines Existence (Anarchist Federation), Akce! (Antifascist Action), A-Kontra, Klíčení (AF), Komuna (Anarcho-communist alternative), Přímá cesta (Anarcho-feminist group) and also various anarcho-punk zines - Chyba, Bloody Mary, Trhavina, Revenge of the Nerds, Underground Harmony and others. You can find here pamphlets made by other collectives (Elephant

Editions, KPK, Realita.tv, Mezi řádky, Priama akcia...), comics by the Anarchist Federation or the books from the publisher Manibus Propriis. We are also selling benefit CD's, DVD's, patches, pins and t-shirts.

The distribution is slowly getting bigger, for the future we are planning a closer cooperation with AK-Press collective and other foreign distributions. If you publish something you want to share with the visitors of Salé, pass by or contact us on our e-mail.

Library

Our library can be found in a comfortable disco-chillout room and it has two main purposes and it is equipped according to fulfill them. First of all we want to introduce new books from abroad which are not so easy to find anywhere else (AKPress, Pluto press, Verso, South End Press...) The library already has tens of books form abroad and we are planning to extend buying books periodically which will help to spread the radical thoughts.

The orders will be announced in advance and there will be the opportunity to order everything from the whole offer of a particular publisher. The second part of the library is represented by zines, czech anarchist magazines which are being publishing in last twenty years (Akce, A-kontra, Konfrontace atc.) and the zines and magazines from whole world. We are trying to titles which are hard to get. We are trying to build a

library which we miss here in the CR and which will help to make a continuity of our movement and of its history as well. (If you are in a possession of some books/zines, or you know somebody who is, which are kind of rare, please contact us and we will copy them.) Zines representes D.I.Y. principle which shows individuals and groups not only to consume but to create and learn. The last part of the library contains a collorfull mixture of novels, literature of facts or the special literature from encyklopedias to dictionaries.

