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What motivated you to be involved in OM?

What barriers did you experience to becoming or staying involved?

Motivations

- Document event / film / writing.
- Accessibility 'no clicks' - easy to find way in
- Being part of a vibrant activist community
- Intrigued, equanimity.
- Understand others a community response to an overwhelming sense of need for change & connect around this.

Barriers

- Consensus decision making
- Different decision making structures
- Disunity (limited)
- People not understanding process of assemblies - what
- Geographical
- Age

Motivations

- * social justice of all kinds
- * Occupy Wall Street
- * the idea of a public space for all to express their views (political, artistic etc.)
- * the belief in some causes; the belief in the need for change
- * not understanding what OM was initially and then knowing what OM actually is
- * direct democracy & horizontalism
- * the Arab Spring
- * growing inequality of wealth / corporate take-over
- * sharing (and raising awareness for) import and viewpoints
- * OM is a global movement with global issues; the relevance of the aim (the fact that it is a unique movement in many cities around the world)

Barriers

- * control / issues / interactions with people
- * people's personal issues get in the way of actually doing something
- * 'we don't want to be a political institution but of course we have to deal with political issues'
- * Group / Team: dynamics of people involved not always healthy or productive
- * the council oppression and OM's (our) reaction to it
- * the lack of organisation
- * the lack of creativity (the lack of motivation)
- * consensus
- * social media (not being on face book)
- * stigma for the mainstream media
- * lack of collective knowledge of anarchist ideas
- * inexperience of social movements

Motivations

Feeling that the current system was unfixable ~ wanting to be the change
 Concern w/ a civilisation based around greed ~ looking for new ways of living a life.

Being connected w/ other people. Being a part of a community.

Feeling I was watching life through a tv screen & feeling disengaged - wanting to be engaged.

Watching Occupy Wallstreet & feeling this was the time to change the system

Unhappiness w/ my life as it was w/in the 'system'

Curiosity

Care ~ experienced activists making specific contributions
 - facilitation Wanting to support people
 ~ legal.

Excitement, Optimism

Barriers

work constraints

time
 winter

Public difficulties - can't be seen publicly supporting OM because maybe jeopardise career

Organisation ~ lack of coordination

Defect of personal respect & listening

Wanting a shared vision & better communication

Occupy was a test / call to action

99% not ready - lack of shared

Burnout, exhaustion, lack of communication structure

Desire not to corrupt political process.

Physicality of the occupation - physical barriers.

Inexperience

that we're not used to talking to each other ~ cultural block to talking about politics.

No processes to deal w/ conflict

Motivations

- Community
- Spoke to social conscious
- Challenge workplace + societal structures
- Curiosity + excitement
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Barriers

- Lack of participation
- Too many idiots / phony activists
- Unfriendly + stressful
- Other commitments
- Disillusioned over lack of purpose
- Decision making without adequate information
↳ led to a turning point at TA.
- Conflicting agendas within / between groups
- Ego took over.
- Idealism lead to organisers (us full)
being shot down as "leaders"

Motivations

- NEW GENERATION STANDING UP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
- OCCUPY PEOPLE VIOLATED BY THE STATE. ~ ANGER.
- FORMAL CONTACT VIA EMAIL / SOCIAL MEDIA
- RETURN TO ACTIVISM DUE TO SEEING THE OPPORTUNITY BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR TAKING ACTION SINCE MID 80'S
- INSPIRED BY EARLIER SEATTLE ANTI GLOBALIZATION ACTION.
- AT LAST A FEELING THAT ~~A~~ ^{ALICE} ~~MOVEMENT~~ ^{IS SOME MOVEMENT AGAIN} ~~IS SOME MOVEMENT AGAIN~~ ^{TOWARDS} ~~TO CHANGE~~ ^{AND} ~~CHALLENGING~~ ^{THE} ~~CORPORATE~~ ^{OF} ~~SETUP~~ ^{THE} ~~OF~~ ^{WORLD}
- ALERTED TO OCCUPY SPACE BY MAINSTREAM MEDIA.
- A CULMINATION OF ... DIRECTED TOWARDS: ... DISCUSSION OF: - CONNECTED - ... GLOBALIZATION / ENVIRONMENT / SOCIAL JUSTICE / CIVIL LIBERTIES. - INSPIRED BY THE TOTALITY.
- OCCUPY WALL STREET VIDEO. INITIALLY ALERTED YOU.
- THE PROCESS - A DEMONSTRATION OR A BETTER WAY TO ORGANISE. LIFE / WORK / DIRECT DEMOCRACY.

Barriers

- GA PROCESS WAS A BARRIER TO ME. (POST EVICTED) FOUND IT COMBIBERSONE.
- A LONG TIME TO WIN TRUST AND CONFIDENCE OF PEOPLE.
- ATTITUDE OF SUSPICIOUS TOWARDS OTHERS.
- PROCESS COULD BE RIGID IN ITS APPLICATION.
- LACK OF TIME.
- SMOKING AND ATTITUDE TOWARDS NON SMOKERS.
- SOME PERSONAL BARRIERS. THAT STOPPED PARTICIPATING.
- STATE OPPRESSION. - POLICE / COUNCIL
- PERSONAL BARRIERS OF CONFLICT - TIME AND EXPECTATIONS OF OTHERS.

Motivations

many reasons, I wouldn't know where to start, abolitionist approach

I identified with the idea of reclaiming public spaces, I do not believe in paying for shelter. OM was the most inspirational Occupation in Aus.

Complete dissatisfaction with the civilisation as it is.

The eviction motivated me to join OM, seeing people trying to express their opinions and being stopped.

the amalgamation of self-empowerment and ^{the} community. _{necessity of}

I do not believe in paying for shelter, there is no 'common ground', the eviction motivated me to participate.

Barriers

• very shy, hard to become open & trusting w/ other people

• busy w/ other things

• very intense

• many different points of view, some agenda pushing

• safety on-site, still not resolved.

• Flitism; same issues reflected from society

• becomes an unsafe space if people think it is.

• microcosm of society, same power trip. Huge socio-economic discrepancies.

• Social media - FB conversation

Motivations

- shock of eviction
- feelings of oppression
- pressures of cost of living
- curiosity
- friends were also involved / family
- participation in direct democracy
- potential for broad-based support
- inspired by indignato movement
- support role for movement
- interest in citizen's council
- wanting to overthrow capitalism & smash the state!
- meet people / get laid
- wanting to save the world
- wanting to ~~be~~ have some response when the grad kids ask: "what were you doing when things went to shit in the early 2000s..."

- didn't want to be apathetic
- seemed possible to effect change

Barriers

- access to social media
- unknown barriers because those who are most excluded are probably not here
- lack of social connection
- time constraints
- lack of fixed timetable
- exhausting time commitment
- safety issues (internal + external)
- work commitments ✓
- time commitment
- social pressure to dedicate your life to Occupy
- assumption that if you weren't there you weren't doing anything valuable.
- lack of activities in the space
- "occupy aristocracy"
- low productivity or rite
- political differences = or
- disillusionment

- language
- personal conflict