Cardiff Anarchist Bookfair this Saturday

South Wales Anarchists 2015-02-18 16:10

There will be three rooms of talks, workshop meetings (see below), and a main hall of stalls, plus creche, bar, cafe and more. In the evening there will be a benefit gig and social.

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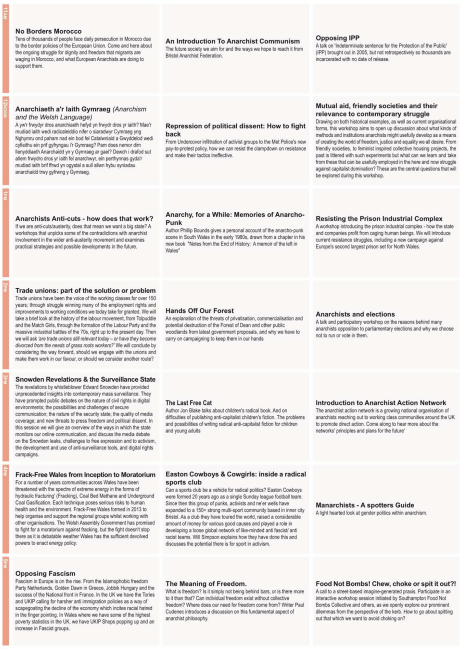

No Borders Morocco
Tens of thousands of people face daily persecution in Morocco due to the border policies of the European Union. Come and here about the ongoing struggle for dignity and freedom that migrants are waging in Morocco, and what European Anarchists are doing to support them.

An Introduction To Anarchist Communism
The future society we aim for and the ways we hope to reach it from Bristol Anarchist Federation.

Opposing IPP
A talk on 'indeterminate sentence for the Protection of the Public' (IPP) brought out in 2005, but not retrospectively so thousands are incarcerated with no date of release.

Anarchiaeth a'r Iaith Gymraeg *(Anarchism and the Welsh Language)*
A yw'r freqlor dros anarchiaeth hefyd yn freqlor dros yr iaith? Mae'r mudiad iaith wedi radicaleiddio rhfe o oarafwyr Cymreig yng Nghymru ond paham nad ein bod fel Catalunyad a Gwyddelod wedi cyfiaithu ein prif gyfryngau i'r Gymraeg? Pam dasa narmor den llenyddiaeth Anarchiaidd yn y Gymraeg ar gael? Dwedir i drafod sut aiken freycho dros yr iaith fel anarchiwr, ein perthynnas gyda'r mudiad iaith brif llwyd yn ragedol a sut aiken hyllu ayrdeidau anarchiaid trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg.

Repression of political dissent: How to fight back
Frank Undercover infiltration of activist groups to the Met Police's new play-to-protest policy, how we can resist the clampdown on resistance and make their tactics ineffective.

Mutual aid, friendly societies and their relevance to contemporary struggle
Drawing on both historical examples, as well as current organisational forms, this workshop aims to open up discussion about what kinds of methods and institutions anarchists might usefully develop as a means of creating the world of freedom, justice and equality we all desire. From friendly societies, to feminist inspired collective housing projects, the past is littered with such experiments but what can we learn and take from these that can be usefully employed in the here and now struggle against capitalist domination? These are the central questions that will be explored during this workshop.

Anarchists Anti-cuts - how does that work?
If we are anti-austeritarity, does that mean we want a big state? A workshops that unpicks some of the contradictions with anarchist involvement in the wider anti-austerity movement and examines practical strategies and possible developments in the future.

Anarchy, for a While: Memories of Anarcho-Punk
Author Phillip Bounds gives a personal account of the anarcho-punk scene in South Wales in the early 1980s, drawn from a chapter in his book "Notes from the End of History: A memoir of the left in Wales".

Resisting the Prison Industrial Complex
A workshop introducing the prison industrial complex - how the state and companies profit from caging human beings. We will introduce current resistance struggles, including a new campaign against Europe's second largest prison set for North Wales.

Trade unions: part of the solution or problem
Trade unions have been the voice of the workingclasses for over 150 years, through struggle, sacrifice and solidarity, achieving many of the rights and freedoms we today take for granted. We will take a brief look at the history of the labour movement, from Tolpuddle and the Match Girls, through the formation of the Labour Party and the massive industrial battles of the 70s, right up to the present day. Then we will ask: are trade unions still relevant today – or have they become divorced from the needs of grass roots workers? We will conclude by considering the way forward, should we engage with the unions and make them work in our favour, or should we consider another route?

Hands Off Our Forest
An explanation of the threats of privatisation, commercialisation and potential destruction of the Forest of Dean and other public woodlands from latest government proposals, and why we have to carry on campaigning to keep them in our hands

Anarchists and elections
A talk and participatory workshop on the reasons behind many anarchists opposition to parliamentary elections and why we choose not to run or vote in them.

Snowden Revelations & the Surveillance State
The revelations by whistleblower Edward Snowden have provided unprecedented insights into contemporary mass surveillance. They have prompted public debates on the nature of civil rights in digital environments; the possibilities and challenges of secure communication; the nature of the security state; the quality of media coverage; and now threats to press freedom and political dissent. In this session we will give an overview of the ways in which the state monitors our online communication, and discuss the media debate on the Snowden leaks, challenges to free expression and to activism, the development and use of anti-surveillance tools, and digital rights campaigns.

The Last Free Cat
Author Jon Blake talks about children's radical book. And on difficulties of publishing anti-capitalist children's fiction. The problems and possibilities of writing radical anti-capitalist fiction for children and young adults

Introduction to Anarchist Action Network
The anarchist action network is a growing national organisation of anarchists reaching out to working class communities around the UK to promote direct action. Come along to hear more about the networks' principles and plans for the future!

Frack-Free Wales from Inception to Moratorium
For a number of years communities across Wales have been threatened with the spectre of extreme energy in the forms of hydraulic fracturing' (Fracking), Coal Bed Methane and Underground Coal Gasification. Each technique poses serious risks to human health and the environment. Frack-Free Wales formed in 2013 to help organise and support the regional groups whilst working with other organisations. The Welsh Assembly Government has promised to fight for a moratorium against fracking, but the fight doesn't stop there as it is debatable weather Wales has the sufficient devolved powers to enact energy policy.

Easton Cowboys & Cowgirls: inside a radical sports club
Can a sports club be a vehicle for radical politics? Easton Cowboys were formed 20 years ago as a single Sunday league football team. Since then this group of punks, activists and never-sells have expanded to a 150+ strong multi-sport community based in inner city Bristol. As a club they have toured the world, raised a considerable amount of money for various good causes and played a role in developing a loose global network of like-minded and 'fascist' anti racist teams. Will Simpson explains how they have done this and discusses the potential there is for sport in activism.

Manarchists - A spotters Guide
A light hearted look at gender politics within anarchism.

Opposing Fascism
Fascism in Europe is on the rise. From the Islamophobic freedom Party Netherlands, Golden Dawn in Greece, Jobbik Hungary and the success of the National front in France. In the UK we have the Tories and UKIP calling for harsher anti immigration policies as a way of scapegoating the decline of the economy which incites racial hatred in the finger pointing. In Wales where we have some of the highest poverty statistics in the UK, we have UKIP Shops popping up and an increase in Fascist groups.

The Meaning of Freedom.
What is freedom? Is it simply not being behind bars, or is there more to it than that? Can individual freedom exist without collective freedom? Where does our need for freedom come from? Writer Paul Cudenec introduces a discussion on this fundamental aspect of anarchist philosophy.

Food Not Bombs! Chew, choke or spit it out?!
A call to a street-based imagine-generated potluck. Participate in an interactive workshop session initiated by Southampton Food Not Bombs Collective and others, as we openly explore our prominent dilemmas from the perspective of the kerb. How to go about spitting out that which we want to avoid choking on?

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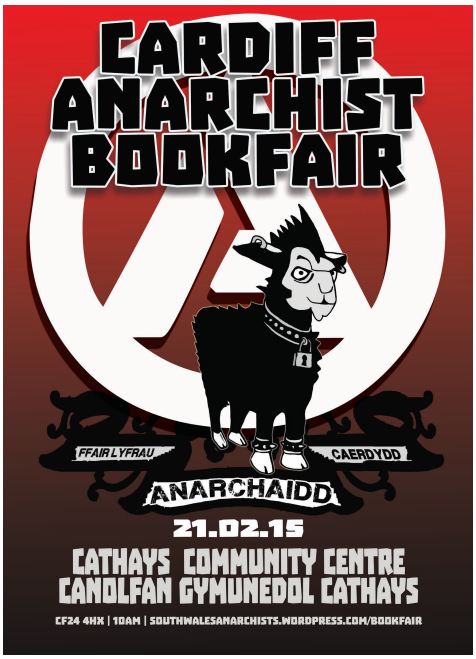

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