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IWW Introduction and Prefigurative Politics recordings from #SheffBookfair

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Attached are two recordings from the Sheffield Anarchist Bookfair which was held on 16th May 2015 in the Workstation, the first is a short introduction to the Sheffield Branch of the IWW (Industrial Workers of the World) <https://iwwgmbssheffield.wordpress.com/> and the second is a presentation and discussion on Prefigurative Politics and Anarchism.

Following is the text used to advertise these workshops:

Introduction to the IWW

This meeting will consist of an introductory presentation and discussion about the aims, principles and history of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), a revolutionary union which seeks to overthrow the employing class and abolish the wage system.

Prefigurative Politics and Anarchism

This presentation invites discussion to unpack the idea of “prefigurative politics”, suggesting a distinction between the “regular” anarchist case for direct action and opposition to vanguardism, and what can be called the “logic of prefiguration” where a post-revolutionary future should somehow reflect back on present movement practices. It is argued that this logic is ultimately a secularised theology with distinctly Christian and Marxist roots and is problematic for a number of reasons; to shed this component, anarchists should give up the term “prefigurative politics” and strengthen their “regular” case for non-hierarchical organisation with updated revolutionary analysis.

<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2015/05/520568.shtml>