

“Freedom without socialism is privilege and injustice.

Socialism without freedom is slavery and brutality.”

– Mikhail Bakunin, 1867

Freedom and Equality

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

What might an anarchist society be like?

- In an anarchist society, the world's resources would be held in common and shared with all the diverse life on Earth.
- People would manage their own lives, communities and workplaces, 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, age, sexual orientation, disability, culture etc.
- Work would be changed to be meaningful and creative. Unpopular or difficult jobs would be shared.
- Education would be integrated into daily life to produce free people who can think for themselves.
- Goods and services would be produced ecologically for human needs, and provided by way of mutual exchange.

Revolution

Anarchists assert that a truly free and equal society can 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 and enacted from below.

Individual & Collective

Anarchists believe in the inherent dignity and humanity of the individual. But this dignity 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.



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Direct Action

Anarchists oppose the violence which is an integral part of capitalism and the State (this violence comes in many forms: war, work, patriarchy etc). We also oppose the use of violence by militants against civilian populations (which is much less widespread). 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 strategy of taking State power, whether by parliamentary stooges, religious zealots or by authoritarian Leninists.

However, anarchists do believe in direct action – action taken by everyday people to cause immediate problems for bosses & politicians. This might include striking, sabotage of mining equipment, or damaging property. Anarchists support the right of people to fight back against the system.



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BOOKSHOP

Jura has thousands of books that you won't find anywhere else – anarchist, enviro, feminist, anti-war and more. Also t-shirts, posters and DVDs. We're not-for-profit and 100% volunteer-run.

LIBRARY

Collected over the last 30 years, the Jura library is a great resource of books & journals, with a broadly anarchist focus. All are welcome to use the library; there is a small membership fee if you wish to borrow. We also maintain a poster archive.

ORGANISING SPACE

Jura participates in many campaigns. We aim to be a base and resource for activists and groups, and we also try to pre-figure the world we want to create. We operate on the principles of organised anarchism & participatory democracy. We welcome like-minded people to work with us and use our space.

EVENTS

Jura hosts gigs, films, spoken word nights and political talks. Many of these are solidarity fundraisers. You're welcome to come along or get in touch about organising your own event.

HISTORY

Jura has been open since 1977. The name commemorates a successful European anarchist workers organisation.

CHECK US OUT

We love it when people visit us. Browse the books, or come to one of our talks or events. Better still, get involved! We need people to do shifts in the shop, come to working bees, organise events and more. Do as much or as little as you are able. Financial support (small and large) is also welcome; if you contribute \$10 per month you get a 20% discount on books.

STAY IN TOUCH ONLINE

Our website has articles, photos, audio and more. Sign up to our free monthly email newsletter for info on upcoming events and new articles online. We're also on Twitter and Facebook.

CURRENT OPENING HOURS

We're all volunteers; please call to double-check opening hours:

Thursday & Friday: 2-7pm
Saturday & Sunday: 12-5pm

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