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OOP NORTH - Manchester's squatting resurgence continues unabated, exploding from the Cornerhouse's monthslong festival of occupied art and culture last year into a budding community of buildings organised for purposes of **HEALING, ACTIVISM, ARTS** and **KETAMINE**. Highlights include taking the **WONDER (HOW THEY GOT) INN** once it closed as a venue and the rugged majesty of the **HULME HIPPODROME**. Pop up for a cuppa once London gets too gentry.



LAAANDAAAN - people haven't been too slack what with the **Sofa Solidarity Centre** in W1 being opened up through the onslaught of the **Beast from the East** and providing food, clothes and shelter to over 60 people each night. And in Montague Square, a bunch of plucky students have occupied part of the **British Museum** and are running **Radical Residency** programmes for the week running up to court. **CHEEKY**.

DAHN SARF - WINTER CAN BE A PIG'S ARSEHOLE in squatland at the best of time, but let's give a mad shout of support to the **BOURNEMOUTH SANCTUARY** where a group of more than two dozen self-organised homeless peoples been keeping the spirit of **OCCUPY** alive by taking disused land and filling it with tents and makeshift facilities much to the disgust and panic of the Powers That Be. Despite a violent eviction at the beginning of the new year, they continue to hold a space for supporting people sleeping rough and trying to get into temporary accommodation.

Let's have a games night, New social space open around Charlton Area, looking for people for **Circus Group** and theatre. Also if anyone else wants do workshops or events that they a need space for you can contact them! Contact: 07397841654.

MORE OOP NORTH - Speaking of the 'Drome, over in **LIVERPOOL** the scrappy scousers are still holding on to another building formally owned by the sleazy christo-maggots of **Gilbert Deya Ministries**. From all reports, the North seems like a squatting gold-mine, with vast numbers of empty derelict properties just waiting for the right kinda scamps to put them into good use and take direct action against the current housing catastrophe. **NICE ONE ARE KID**

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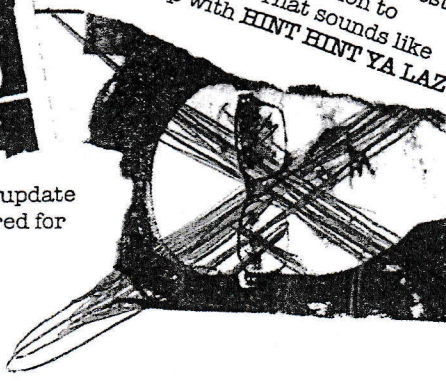
Got news on squatting in your area? Drop us a line and an update to squatterslap@riseup.net ... send us stuff in and get entered for our raffle to win **AN ACTUAL CROWBAR!**

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Copies of the **SQUATTERS HANDBOOK** are also going out to different places across the country, distributed by interested folks who see that squatting can be a direct solution to homelessness. Distributing stuff for free? That sounds like something **SLAP** could do with help with **HINT HINT YA LAZ SCRUBS ...**

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Florence, Italy: Solidarity with Ghespe! On the 1st of January 2017, a home-made explosive is discovered outside a fascist bookshop belonging to Casapound in Florence. Whilst trying to dispose of the bomb, a police officer detonates it and misplaces one of his hands and an eye :(Meanwhile, this is used as a pretext for escalating a wave persecution against anarchists and anti-authoritarians - including the eviction of the long-standing Panico squat, raids of homes, house arrests, and a range of criminal charges. On the 3rd August 2017: Ghespe is kidnapped by the Italian State. Since then he has been left to rot in a prison in Florence awaiting trial for "organised crime", "manufacturing and using an explosive device" and "attempted homicide". A long, expensive and isolating ordeal - with no trial date, legal aid, or release on bail in sight. To combat this situation, in defiance of the repression, weekly noise demos have been held outside the prison, and comrades have been organising to spread news of the situation and raise legal funds across national borders. The State has and always will, through all its repressive means, tried to extinguish the burning desire for freedom and revolt that inhabits so many us. Faced with its violence and the incarceration of our comrade, we call on you to show your rage and solidarity. Anyway, pigs don't needs hands

Dublin, Ireland: Dublin Central Housing Action (a group of housing activists and squatters) went into occupation in January alongside the residents of an apartment in central dublin to protest notorious landlord Paul Howard and his fucking dodgy and intimidating practices, a proper slumlord who illegally increases rent while not maintaining his properties and threatening tenants. Holding out against a first illegal eviction attempt, they were unfortunately turfed out by hired thugs in a violent second illegal eviction while court process was taking place. The case garnered lots of attention, and as a result more forces in Dublin are joining in the struggle. More power to the collaboration of squatters and renters fighting against bastard landlords everywhere.

Amsterdam, Netherlands: ADM, a 20+ year squat in Amsterdam was granted a reprieve against eviction earlier this month. In a dispute between the developers and the municipality of Amsterdam, ADM were, as a third-party, granted protection from eviction while they appeal the original decision which would force the municipality to allow Chidda to carry out its plans to evict everything in the area so they can carry out their stupid fucking development. The appeal process will start in summer this year, so keep an eye out for more news.

Italy: The elections in March saw nationalistic, xenophobic and fascists such as the Five Star Movement and the coalition with the magic trio of assholes Salvini (the League), Meloni (Italian Brothers) and the mummified but still alive Berlusconi (Go Italy!) come out with the bulk of the votes. During a devious and insidious campaign by these cunts, the whole country became even more engulfed by a climate of racial hatred and violence. In the beginning of February, a fucked-up white supremacist and former candidate for the League named Luca Traini severely injured 6 migrants in a two hour long drive by shooting spree in the city of Macerata. Before being arrested he managed to run out of the car wearing an Italian flag tied around his neck and doing the fascist salute. Emboldened by this attack, on the 23rd of February fascists broke into CSA Magazzino 47 social centre in Brescia and used gasoline to set fire to the bookshop. Fortunately, no one was injured during the attack or by the fire. Although considerable damage was done to the bookshop and other equipment, the fire was extinguished by the quick intervention of the only comrade present that night. This is by no means an isolated incident of fascist violence in the city; multiple occupied houses have been targeted by fascist over recent weeks. In general there's been over 142 reported attacks and countless unreported attacks by fascists groups since 2014. Across Italy, a state of permanent anti-fascist mobilisation has been called to defend and push back against the fascist threat. SIAMO TUTTI ANTIFASCISTI !



MOUTING

Gent, Belgium: On 15 february 2018, a few hundred people were demonstrating in Gent against the squatting ban. They ended up cracking a building for people in need of housing and to create a new social centre called Kraaiennest all under the banner ; "What is not allowed is still possible". The demonstration was called to continue the many protests against the new squat laws introduced in November 2017 which criminalises all forms of squatting with up to 1 year in prison and/or considerable fines and allows the pigs to evict without going through the courts. The law is designed at one level to stifle any attempt to undermine private property and create forms of anti-authoritarian living and organising. At another level it's one of the ways that the politicians, the media and the capitalist class are targeting and building up yet more hatred of the poor, the migrants, the Roma, and all those who are excluded and marginalised from society. The demonstration was also called out of rage against the racists who attacked a Roma family squatting a house in Gent and against the fascists who harassed homeless people and sex workers during a far-right demonstration in November. Squatters in Belgium have issued an international call-out for solidarity against the squatting ban and held a weekend of action at the end of February.

Thessaloniki, Greece: On January 21st, a mix of right-wing parties and Orthodox, hooligan and fascists organisations marched through the streets gathering around 100 000 people. This nationalistic demonstration was used as pretext to launch an array of attacks on the individuals and infrastructure of those who historically fight the coalition between the fascists, patriots, conservatives and supporters of the Church. The first attack was against the occupied school Sxolio of the anti-authoritarian movement (AK) which was successfully repelled. The fascists then proceeded to attack the squatted house of the libertarian communist group Libertatia. Although comrades defended themselves against the first assault, a few hours later a group of 60-70 fascists returned and set fire to the building. The house, squatted since 2007, was completely burnt to the ground with the belongings of many migrants and it's large library. In response to this cowardly attack, an antifascist demonstration was called the next day which descended into riotous clashes with the police which had actively supported and facilitated the attacks on Sxolio and Libertatia. To add insult to injury, 5 antifascists were arrested during the demonstrations and potentially face 5-10 years in prisons for "arson". All of this whilst the fascist arsonists are probably having a laugh with the pigs somewhere. Despite the fascist violence and State repression, the comrade in Thessaloniki call for the intensification of resistance to fascism and capitalism - in Greece as well as throughout Europe. Furthermore, people want to rebuild Libertatia and there's a call out for financial support. Freedom for the Thessaloniki Five! Death to fascism!

Germany: In early December German police launched raids across squats and other centres in search of people involved in activity during the G20 protests in Hamburg earlier in the year. The dickheads in the German police ironically (*hipsters! -Ed*) called their special force the "Black Block" and obtained court orders to look for people involved in the riots. In reality however it was an information-gathering exercise with a longer-term goal of further state repression, as no arrests were made despite raiding 23 locations, most of which were known left or anarchist organising spaces.

GROUPS WORTH NOTICING

THE ROYAL SHIT - a war declaration against the ruling class and any source of oppression! Royal Shit is a platform for activists to contest verticalizations of power such as monarchy and patriarchy. It is created by anarchists of different ethnicities and genders. Collectively we are organising poster installations and Subvertising- actions, graffiti to put into discussion and destroy the idea of royalty, which necessarily implicate subjection and inequality.

ROYAL SHIT

blog: <http://contestroyalty.blogspot.co.uk/>



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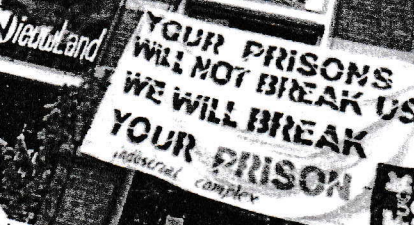
NOTICE

DISSIDENT ISLAND RADIO - radical DIY / DIT internet radio collective broadcasting on the first and third friday of every month since 2007 from the London social centre scene covering a huge range of topics from a radical political perspective.

www.dissidentisland.org

SWARM - SWARM is a collective founded and led by sex workers who believe in self-determination, solidarity and co-operation. We campaign for the rights and safety of everyone who sells sexual services. Together we organise skill-shares and support meet-ups just for sex workers, as well as public events. We are UK based and part of the global sex worker led movement advocating the full decriminalisation of sex work.

<https://www.swarmcollective.org/>



RESIST & RENEW - We are a collective of friends; activists; artists; and radical educators developing and running participatory workshops, courses and spaces for discussion. We see this as the first step in working towards building an autonomous community and radical learning space. The values of intersectionality, ecology, feminism, anarchism, anti-racism and direct democracy are central to this project.

<https://resist-renew.com/>

STREETS KITCHEN - UK & Ireland grassroots group & website offering information that benefits our streets: Food Runs, Benefit Advice, Services, Housing advice, News....

streetskitchen@gmail.com

ever scrawled on a wall. Ask for info: fagnob@riseup.net

NEW IN THE PROJECT

definitely NOT

SQUATTING AIN'T DEAD IT JUST SMELLS FUNNY

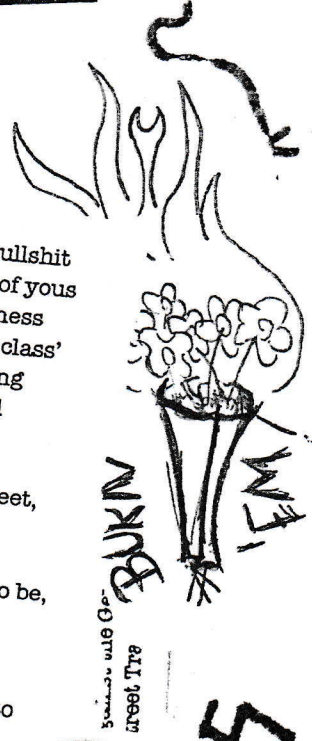
WINDSOR WEDDING CRASHERS

Some of you scummy lot might have heard of this PSPO (Public Space Protection Order) bullshit that our Tory overseers tried to ooze out onto our streets around Westminster. For those of yous who might have missed it; it boils down to an attempt to sweep growing rates of homelessness across the UK under the rug for the benefit of the UK's **smug vestigial parasite** of a ruling class' attempt to inject some new life into their ailing gene pool. It featured such bangers as "fining people £100 for daring to be visibly destitute" and "threatening those people with criminal convictions and a £1000 fine for failing to pay the initial fine!"

The Order specifically **aims to criminalise** our mates for leaving their belongings on the street, asking people for money and even going to the fucking toilet. Amazingly, Our Glorious Benefactors were forced to back down from their obvious attempts at **class war** through a surprisingly compassionate backlash from the public. Toothless as the British public tends to be, it seems there's still some dregs of empathy floating about in us.

The people actually affected by this aint been idle either. A lot of them have pledged to pitch **their tents outside of Windsor Castle** on the 18th of May in protest of the council's attempts to cleanse them. We totally don't recommend that us lot should go join them in solidarity.

ideas, dreams, thoughts and work... will be listings of events and workshops... contributions welcome, except racism... sex... and...
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TERF

Julia rants about the dangers of "transgenderism" from the lofty height of her respectability and hosts events that liken trans folk to "big pharma's" despite the relative cheapness of estrogen... which as we all... She likens all... e's a known SWERF (like... king

DR. JULIA LONG

Guardian Writer, Academic, Smug Twat

FREE THE SHE WOLF

On the matter of our mate who's recently been forced into an interaction with the courts because of this **TERF bullshit**: the "She Wolf" strutted into the court wearing a fucking gorgeous black dress surrounded by summin like 40 people all there in solidarity with her, waving banners, sticking stickers and generally being a jolly old mob of mates. Resident shit-stain Venice Allen (the prick who got herself ejected from the Labour Christmas party of all places for being a TERFy wanker) decided to grace us with her presence, sporting her trusty camera (and a mate who was even wearing a body cam!). Her posturing fell pretty flat seeing that she was only able to muster 4 lapdogs to join her!

The She Wolf is back in court on the 12-13th of April facing the absurdly trumped up charge of "Assault by Battery". We think it'd be grand if even more of our lot made the effort to get their arses down to Hendon Magistrates Court and show our She Wolf some support!

There's a good chance the TERFs will be there in force and it's good to remember that these folks aren't above doxxing and stalking anyone they think might be even slightly supportive of the transwomen amongst us. Lets keep her safe, eh?

If yer interested in that whole social media BS the hashtag going about is: #FreeTheSheWolf



Across: 3. trans femmes; 5. stickers; 6. male violence; 7. trans dykes; 8. dump him; 9. HS
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SQUATTERSCOPE

ARCHIVE: RADICAL SQUAT HISTORY

Eileen House - an empty office block at Elephant & Castle which was the subject of one of London's most controversial planning applications - was occupied by squatters in February 2013. Then Mayor of London Boris Johnson was due to adjudicate on developers Oakmayne's plans to redevelop the site of the 1960s office block on Newington Causeway with a 41-storey tower. The squatters who took over the building, a coalition of collectives calling themselves the Self-Organised London group (SOL), included people involved in the recent local squats at the Colorama buildings in Lancaster Street and the former Holy Trinity Centre next to Archbishop's Park. After 6 amazing weeks of self-organisation, hosting events and supporting communities, Self-organised London was evicted by High Court Bailiffs and Cops in early April. At 4am in the morning, they stormed Eileen House, kicking in the front door of the social centre and causing mayhem.

Struggles against development and gentrification of course continue in the Elephant & Castle/Walworth areas, the Heygate Estate, the Aylesbury, and the massive redevelopment plan for the Elephant area. Once a working class area of densely occupied social housing, Southwark Council is merrily handing the area to developers with the aim of imposing a different 'social mix'. Code for replacing working class people with a better sort. This a dynamic at work all over the city...

Resistance continues.



EVENTS

Every Saturday
Squat party near you. Ring the party line.
10pm till the speed runs out...

2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Practical Squatters Evening
7pm, 56a Infoshop, SE17

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Practical Squatters Evening
7pm, Decentre, E1 7QX

Every Wed., Thurs. and Frid
56a Infoshop BIKESPACE. Wed. 3-7pm,
Thurs. 4:30-7:30pm, Frid.3-7pm

Every 14th of the Month
Greenfeld silent march

14th March
Food not Bombs
7pm The Field

14th March
Solidarity with the Stansted Defendants
8.30am till 10.30am
Chelmsford Crown Court

15th March
End of Policing talk by NETPOL.
7-9pm, WC1R 4RL

15th March
Restart, Call The Cops, Scum
Sister Kills Gig
South East London
Info line: 07448630545

17th March
Antifascist Bloc @ Stand Up to Racism March
10-4pm, SE1 9PG

17th March
The Anarchist Feminist Party
from 5pm SE1 3PL

24th March
Shutdown Yarl's Wood
detention centre
1-5pm, MK44 1RF

31st March
Benefit Fund raiser for Court cost of Squatter.
Info line: 07448630545

8th April
Liverpool Anarchist Book Fair
10.30am 4pm L1 5EW

11th April
Stop The Arms Fair
Defendant Solidarity
Court Support
9am N4 3JU

25th March
Antifascist Infonight
The Fields 6-9pm

12th and 13th April
Solidarity for the She Wolf
9am Hendon Magistrate Court

2nd till 6th May
Temporary Autonomous Area
Call Infoline: 07407000606

Taurus
This week is about clearing blockages for you you lucky bastard. Get the plunger out and tell someone how you feel.

Aries
It's time to be a bit antisocial, reflect on your solar year and think about your goals. Maybe stay out of communal spaces but don't piss anyone off by dropping off the radar and forgetting your squatterly duties.

Aquarius
You're on your way to being skint again because you're donating too much. Remember it's only a recommended donation.

Virgo
There's so much squat drama right now you need to ask for clear communication. Meanwhile your Bio Crew are back on their bullshit but you manage to set them straight.

Sagittarius
Bindrella has been kind and the skips are overflowing. Indulge in their bounty and enjoy a moment of reflection and perspective.

Scorpio
God your fucking relentless. One of your romantic relationships is getting serious and you have another hot date this week. Leave some for the rest of us Scorpio.

Capricorn
You've made progress in a different communication style this week whether it's a foreign language, body language, police liasion or legal jargon. You're doing amazing-sweetie.

Leo
Put pursuit of romance on the back burner. You need to Sort Your Shit. Out-train first, my darling. Take slowly no rush.

Cancer
Get you bag packed babes you're going on a romantic squaliday. Pack a couple of your usual political area of interest.

Libra
You're suffering from burnout. Your mental health is always the priority. Do want you need to do to get back on your feet.

Gemini
Boundaries! You doing too much. Assert yourself and start saying no you can't have a roll up yes I do need someone else to go skipping at some point this week.

Pisces
You're full of creative energy for your new project but you need to make sure you're not lurching off the practical stuff on your mates.

