



Barricade Bulletin

For Class Struggle Anarchism

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BARRICADE BULLETIN

Welcome to issue No.10 of Barricade Bulletin, news bulletin which now has a totally different layout and content.

Barricade Bulletin is a free bi-monthly news bulletin issued to help generate anarchist information, interest and knowledge of class struggle anarchism to an increasingly wider audience.

Barricade Bulletin takes its name from the radical community news sheet printed and distributed during the period of Free Derry.

If you would like to get involved with anarchists locally, take part in anarchist activity, discussions and conversations, prisoner support or contribute to Barricade Bulletin, then drop us a line to our email listed below:

Derry Anarchists
derryanarchists@gmail.com
facebook.com/derry.anarchists
derryanarchists.blogspot.com

If there's no anarchist groups active close to where you live or work then think about creating one and let us know so we can advertise it or help out.

Anarchist Black Cross
abcireland.wordpress.com

Women on Web
womenonweb.org

Alliance for Choice
<https://www.facebook.com/a4cderry>

Industrial Workers of the World
ireland@iww.org.uk
onebigunion.ie

Incarcerated Workers Organising
Committee Ireland
www.onebigunion.ie/iwocireland

Derry Antifascists
facebook.com/DerryAntiFascists

Justice for the Craigavon Two
<https://jftc2.com>

STRIKE ACTION NEWS

Eason Workers

Workers across the North's Eason chain received devastating news from senior bosses to notify them that stores in both Derry and Belfast would close making hundreds redundant.

Bosses notified staff via a mass video call to break the news, one worker informed the Industrial Workers of the World in Derry to say: "We are devastated. Many have been with Eason for decades and to receive news in the way it was relaid to everyone, by video call, was totally devastating. I know of couples from the same household or mothers and daughters in the same household so that news will be a massive effect on homes at this time."

Citing the impact of the current lockdown and the impending economic impact of BREXIT, the bookshop chain store will close a number of locations across the North.

Debenhams Workers

Solidarity action at Debenhams store in Foyleside Shopping Centre in Derry following on from the occupation of stores in Cork, Tralee and Dublin by former workers. A spokesperson for the IWW in Derry said "This week, Debenhams workers have shown other workers facing the same situation that there are ways in which we can fight back."

Source: www.onebigunion.ie

STRIKE SUPPORT!

If you're ever wondering where anarchists should be in times of workplace struggles then look no more. Anarchists must be on the picket lines to ensure solidarity with workers in struggle. Assisting news and efforts by workers are highlighted on social media to mobilise local, national and even international support if needs be. Supply music, noise, food and drink on the picket lines to boost morale so they know that they are supported. Make a solidarity poster or with some guidance from picket line contacts, you can help raise funds in support of workers, especially if you know if they are in for a long battle with the bosses.

THERE MAY BE TIMES WHEN WE ARE
POWERLESS TO PREVENT INJUSTICE,
BUT THERE MUST NEVER BE A TIME
WHEN WE FAIL TO PROTEST.

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Building an Autonomous Social Centre in Derry

A new grassroots project is currently under construction in Derry and Barricade Bulletin has spoken to some of those involved to get an insight into what's behind the idea.

The project itself has been described as a social centre which is non-aligned and entirely free from any political party direction or entrapment.

"It's true that a lot of those now involved with the idea are from a number of different countries who are now living and working locally. Countries which already have a long tradition of social and cultural spaces. Centres that are totally independent, self funded and self managed, which would be a first for Derry. There are several examples of similar projects that have taken place in bigger cities like Belfast, Cork and Dublin over the years. All have had some degree of success.

"Since 2017, the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) in Derry (North of Ireland) have been engaging in many campaigns locally: against health budget cuts, in anti-racist solidarity, in solidarity with decriminalisation of abortion, recognising peoples' rights to bodily autonomy as worker's rights, in solidarity with the BDS campaign, in solidarity with Rojava, as well as having organised talks around prisoner's rights and against prison labour.

"Over the last year there has been a steady number of activists joining the union. We now would like to reach out to even more people by opening a social and cultural space in our city.

"This will be a community-based space in the heart of the community where people will be able to get first-hand information about the union, find advice on work or welfare related matters and access literature from the IWW resource materials on the different fronts of struggle within the union, linking to other anti-capitalist struggles



worldwide for workers' rights and class emancipation.

"It's true that Derry continues to be a post-conflict society in which there are still social divisions at class level, and we believe that by opening a social and cultural space, we as a union, can offer an opportunity for people locally to engage in non-sectarian activism and have a common space to build from."

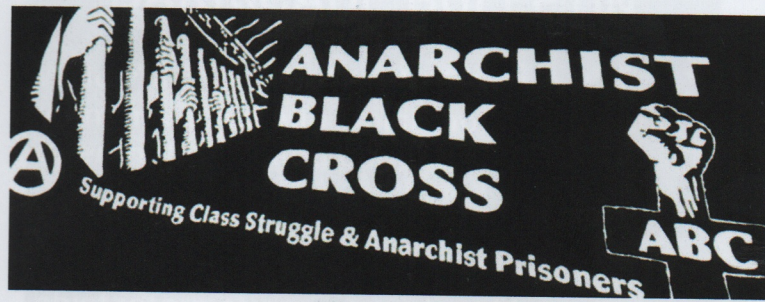
if you would like to get involved with this project then please get in touch with us at the email address below. If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to get further information, please contact us at:

derry@iww.org.uk

If you think you could help make a donation, large or small, please follow the link here:

<https://gf.me/u/ykprqu>

Source: IWW Derry



Supporting Anarchist & Class Struggle Prisoners

Derry Anarchist Black Cross was set up with the aim of supporting anarchist and class struggle prisoners and has become active in recent times again. The Anarchist Black Cross first came about in the period of Tsarist Russia to help organise aid for political prisoners.

In the late 1960s the organisation resurfaced in Britain, where it first worked to aid prisoners of the Spanish resistance fighting the dictator Franco's police.

Now it has expanded and groups are found in many countries around the world including here in Ireland. We support anarchist and other class struggle prisoners, fund-raise on behalf of prisoners in need of funds for legal cases or otherwise, and organise demonstrations of solidarity with imprisoned anarchists and other prisoners.

Anarchists Imprisoned in Fight Back!

Belarusian Anarchist imprisoned in Minsk

Maria Rabkova anarchist from Minsk, member and activist at the Center for Human Rights "Spring".

She was detained on September 17, 2020 on the allegation of financing and training of persons to participate in the riots (Article 293 (293) 3 kk). She is considered a political prisoner.

Maria is imprisoned at the following address, Please and send letters or post cards with words of solidarity:

Rabkova Maria Alexandrovna
SIZO-1, ul. Volodarski, 2, Minsk, 220030

In the coming weeks, we intend to play host to a regular Prisoner Letter Writing event on the last Sunday of the month. It will be an opportunity for people to come and write letters to prisoners in a quiet, peaceful environment.

The event will provide access to art materials and stationery as well as advice and direction. We will also have information on writing to prisoners as well as copies of our International Prisoners List. Members from Derry ABC will also be there to answer any questions you might have.

Our group was formed with the aim of supporting prisoners locally and internationally. Those involved felt it was important to continue the work of ABC as an extension of our political beliefs, and as a practical example of the principles of mutual aid and solidarity.

We also anticipate there will be an increasing amount of political repression, and therefore prisoners – there have always been people imprisoned for opposition to the system that governs us all.

If you would like to get involved then drop us a line for further info to:

derryanarchists@gmail.com
abcireland.wordpress.com

Azerbaijan: anarchist detained for making anti-militarist statements:

Azerbaijani anarchist and anti-militarist #Giyas Ibrahimov was detained by security services for alleged anti-war statements yesterday. In the now-deleted live video he posted on his social media account, Ibrahimov broadcasted security forces entering his flat in Azerbaijan's capital Baku and refusing to tell him why he was being detained.

Back in 2018 Giyas Ibrahim, a prominent anarchist activist came to international attention as he was (double) imprisoned in an Azerbaijani prison on a lesser charge as he tried to read a book while in bed.

Anarchist receives 20 years for death of fascist

Chilean Anarchist, Rodrigo Lanza has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for the "murder" of a known fascist for "ideological motives", a Zaragoza Court has heard.

The jury issued its verdict on Thursday, September 17, two days after the trial, against Rodrigo Lanza for the death of Víctor Laínez, in the events that occurred at dawn on December 8, 2017 at the Tocadiscos bar in Zaragoza.

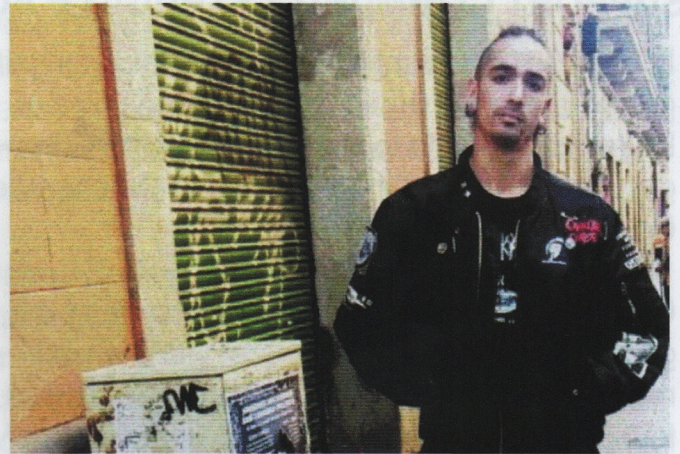
After spending 5 years in prison in Catalonia, Rodrigo relocated to Zaragoza, in part to escape from police harassment in Barcelona. Then, in December 2017, while out in a bar in the centre of Zaragoza, he was in a fight with a fascist which resulted in the death of the latter.

Rodrigo and his witnesses claimed that the fascist, Víctor Laínez, called him "sudaca de mierda" (a slur against Latin Americans) and attempted to attack him with a knife. In fear for his life, Rodrigo struck the fascist, who fell to the ground and died in hospital a few days later. The press has called this the "crime of the suspenders", claiming that the only reason Laínez was attacked was because he was allegedly wearing braces with the colours of the Spanish flag (the suspenders were never found).

Solidarity Action With GWTUC

The Global Month of Solidarity is over, but the fight for full wages and severance continues for the garment workers at Dragon Sweater in Dhaka. In March 6,000 textile workers at the Dragon Sweater factory (Dhaka, Bangladesh) were fired. Bosses used the CoViD-19 pandemic as a pretext and denied workers their full wages as well as compensation and bonus payments.

The International Confederation of Labour (ICL) together with the Garment Workers' Trade Union Center (GWTUC) and the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Ireland initiated the call for a Global Month of Solidarity.



After receiving a sentence of 20 years, Rodrigo's defense lawyers are set to appeal to the TSJA, due to "many violations of fundamental rights during the hearing." In case the appeal is not upheld, the Supreme Court, the Constitutional Court and, ultimately, the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg will be appealed.

Unfortunately, he has been tried in a court of public opinion, thanks to the Spanish media favouring the dead fascist and the current political climate, where right-wing politicians and commentators have positioned themselves as victims of the anti-Spanish Left and have declared squatters like Rodrigo to be a threat worse than COVID-19.

You can send Rodrigo letters of support at the following address:

Rodrigo Lanza Huidobro
Centro Penitenciario De Zuera Autovía A-23,
Km 32850800, Zaragoza, Spanish State.



Picket at Lidl Store, Buncrana Road, Derry

RESISTING THE GOLD RUSH:

SUPPORT COMMUNITY STRUGGLE AGAINST TOXIC GOLD MINING IN IRELAND

In early 2017, a number of grassroots community groups started to organise against the plans of Dalradian Gold Ltd to start exploiting the Curraghinalt gold deposit in the hamlet of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone.

Greencastle sits on top one of the world's biggest unexcavated gold deposits, worth an estimated 3 billion pounds. Dalradian Gold Ltd was founded in 1971, but its activities in the north of Ireland were delayed during the "Troubles".

They are the Irish subsidiary of Dalradian Resources Inc., a Canadian mining company that was bought in 2018 by Orion Resource Partners, a US based investment fund. It's already twisted enough.

Groups such as Save Our Sperrins, Greencastle People's Office (GPO), Cooperate Against Mining in Omagh (CAMIO), Communities Against Mining and Love Tyrone have been linking up with each other and tirelessly campaigning since then. As part of ongoing support and solidarity efforts locally, we spoke to one of the groups, the Greencastle People's Office (GPO), who don't even describe themselves as activists or a group at all, but as ordinary families, local residents or a community defending their life and their health in the face of pollution and despoliation.

After Dalradian submitted its 10,000 page application for the mine, the folks at the GPO took the time to read it page by page, and gather the evidence against the disastrous consequences of the project, helped organise talks and public meetings throughout County Tyrone and the North West.

More recently, as with the case of other environmental or anti-mining campaigns internationally, be it in Asia, Africa or South America, the threat of intimidation and police harassment has dramatically increased, resulting in verbal to physical threats, arrest and even detention. All in an effort to subdue or silence objections to the proposed toxic gold mine by Dalradian.



However, as part of their campaign of direct action against the multinational company they resorted to locking themselves to drilling equipment and even occupying the roofs of Dalradian's site in Greencastle in opposition to their proposed toxic plans. As we arrived at their headquarters, which is a couple of caravans placed on the site of the proposed mine, we were warmly welcomed with a cup of tea and biscuits.

How did the local residents react to the GPO?

We have a lot of support. The good thing about the GPO is that everybody owns it. There is no such thing as a hierarchy, there is no chair, there is no secretary. We always have an open door. You just come in and put that kettle on. They can't break down a structure that is not there. Nobody owns this campaign.

Who owns the caravans?

We don't know. It just appeared here one day!

So, who takes the decisions?

Whoever comes up with an idea, that's the idea that is going to be worked on. We run the idea and if someone feels bad about it, it will not be done. We don't even vote. At the end of the day,

if you can sit and explain your idea to everyone, and there are no negatives, it's done. We work on a few basic principles: exercise your right to



peaceful protest, know the law and your rights, and don't just go for the company. You go through all the ramifications, always thinking outside the box.

What about Dalradian?

Dalradian was set up in 1971, but there has been an interest in mining in Ireland long before that. And it's not just gold, there are a number of other minerals. It makes you even wonder about the relations between the "Troubles" and the interests of these giant corporations. This is capitalism on steroids.

Do you feel abandoned by the political establishment?

Totally. But this actually has worked to the benefit of us, because rather than putting our heads down, it made us lift our heads. Politicians have been involved from the beginning, but on the other side. And the big parties are all in this together. Politicians are no benefit to anybody. People have to start to realise that. They have their own agendas and they will lie through their teeth to get whatever they need from communities or people or anybody else. Direct action is the only way forward.

What about our community groups?

We've actually seen that happen to one of the groups that were originally really involved. They went to the politicians and they believed everything they were told. They believed that the political parties were going to save the day. So the group stopped organising protests, they stopped talking and went really quiet.

Dalradian has invested a lot of money in promoting their image in paid ads that look like articles in the local press. In contrast, there has been an almost total media blackout of your side of the story. Has Dalradian done anything to discredit your campaign?

They have done everything. They have said we are just a bunch of hippies, they have said we are people that don't have any jobs, they even said we are "dissident" republicans responsible for the murder of Lyra McKee. On social media they have trolls who are attacking us every single day.

We have two files with evidence of online threats, false accusations against us, threatening anonymous phone calls and even some of the people involved with the GPO have experienced physical violence from Dalradian sympathisers. All of these have been reported to the PSNI and everything has been completely ignored.

Where do you get the energy to keep fighting this giant corporation?

We have no choice. These are our lives and our children's lives. If this caravan hadn't been here from the beginning, you can be sure that the mine would have been on here by now. The Fermanagh and Omagh District Council came twice to fix eviction notices, to move the caravan off the grounds.

At one point a second caravan popped up, so they sent out a couple of officials to give us the notices in person. We refused to take them, so they decided to fix them on the caravans. They had "Caravan 1" and "Caravan 2".

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Talking Anarchy!

A Derry Anarchist takes a personal look at how they became interested in anarchism.

Take a look around... elites rule all aspects of global living. It is unfair. People toil and labour to be rewarded with bread from underfunded food banks.

Racism, homophobia, sexism and ableism are everywhere we turn. We have been sold the illusion that we are free. We have been sold it and we have bought it. We have bought it to survive. This lie tells us that if we work hard and play by the rules and consume and vote we can have a real say in our society.

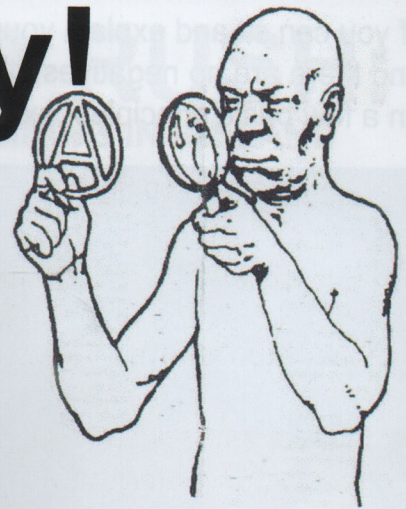
Take a look around at the wealth which trickles from our labour to a very small amount of people who control the media, the politicians and our lives. Take a look at the braying in houses of parliament all over the world that passes for governing.

There are no jobs but there is work to be done. There are no real improvements to my life or your life. Sure, we can buy the latest smart phone, and I have. Capitalism gives us the illusion of choice but in reality we have little choice about how we live, work and form relationships with others.

Take a look at arms sales to dictators, take a look at the occupying forces all over the world. The exploitation of workers, their children, our children. Take a look at all the unjust hierarchies from the work place to religion. Take a look at the harm they have done and continue to do. Take a look!

I was not looking; well I was not looking close enough. I have always tried to act in a way that helped people. I believe in fairness and in equality. I was fascinated by the stories of rebels and freedom fighters. I still am.

But these people seemed so different to me.



But as I look closely I am confronted by the fact that I was looking through the eyes of a liberal, or a 'bit of a lefty'. I always had this idea... what if we all did our bit and after we had all done our bit we could access goods and services as we needed?

It seemed so simple. I discussed this with people who told me it would never work.

People need money as an incentive, and I could not communicate that if there was no money there is only the incentive of all of us looking out for each other and trying to make life better. I realised that the ideas I had were a form of communism.

But of course, Communism is bad or so I was told by the media and teachers, and I started to let my ideas go. I still went to some protests, and I signed some petitions. I voted. My voting was tribal at times but never fixed. I voted to help people or to keep politicians out who would further harm people. I boycotted or tied to, but it did not feel enough.

So I started to look. I read and I tuned into advocates of anarchism. I was wary at first, after all I am a product of my environment and my socialisation.

However the more I looked the more I realised that Anarchism provides a way of the fulfilment of human potential, and I started to realise that what I strived for could best be delivered by communities and individuals who work together in solidarity and mutual aid, and against hierarchy and domination of others.

That Anarchism is creative, inclusive and ultimately a way of life that allowed freedom equality and peace.

Anarchism allows us to think about how we communicate, educate, organise and thrive. It includes gestures both small and grand. Anarchism is a way of analysing the current local and global situation with a view to taking action.

As anarchists we stand in solidarity with those opposing economic, psychological and physical tyranny.

As anarchists we work to subvert the capitalist economy through mutual aid, we organise horizontally in our workplace and in our communities to subvert the power of "democratically elected" politicians. We listen and speak with care and skill to subvert to power of the money media.

RESISTING THE GOLD RUSH: COMMUNITY STRUGGLE AGAINST TOXIC GOLD MINING IN IRELAND

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We pointed behind them at a third caravan that had appeared overnight off in the trees and asked them, what about Caravan 3? They looked at each other in disbelief and left. That was the last time we saw them. We have no intention of going anywhere and we're adamant that there will be no mine in Greencastle.

How Can You Help?

You can contact the different groups listed here via their social media pages, keep up to date with what is happening and to express your support.

You can send letters or Post card of objection directly to Dalradian Gold Ltd to the following addresses and demand an immediate end to Toxic Gold Mining and to increased harassment of the people of Greencastle.

Organise talks, pickets and protests to highlight the fight against Toxic Gold Mining.

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Tell us what's happening in your area?
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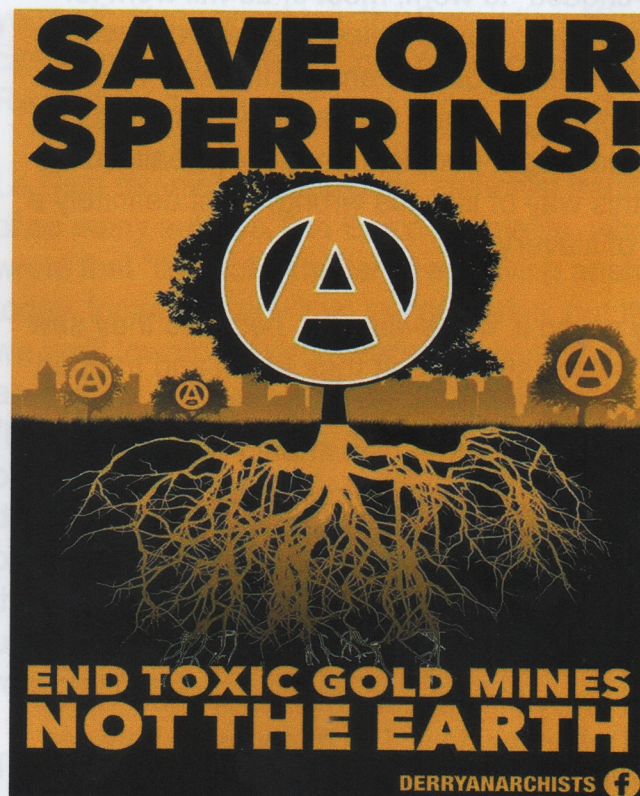
As anarchists we learn, we teach, we create and we care. We live as Anarchists everyday, in our speech, in our art and in our work.

"Anarchism stands for the liberation of the human mind from the dominion of religion; the liberation of the human body from the dominion of property; liberation from the shackles of restraint of government. It stands for social order based on the free grouping of individuals."

Emma Goldman

Ar aghaidh I gcónaí (Always forward)

PJ Ó Sé



Write to the following addresses:

Dalradian Gold Limited.
67 Main St, Gortin, Omagh BT79 8NH

Dalradian Resources Inc.
Queen's Quay Terminal,
207 Queen's Quay West, Suite 416,
Toronto, Ontario,
Canada, M5J 1A7

What's wrong with Working?

Why do we have to work?

In school we are told that we need to work so that we can contribute to society. When we grow up and finally get a job that usually takes you away 40 hours a week from your family and loved ones but still doesn't allow for you to pay the rent, you kind of wonder which society is it that you are contributing to.

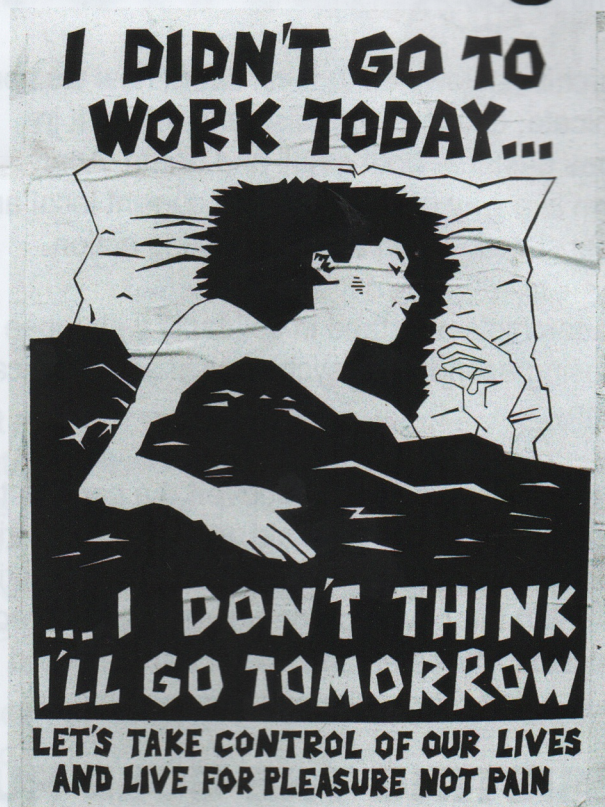
Besides that, most people feel there is something else not quite right about work, something that makes us feel rather uncomfortable, and particularly shit on a Monday morning. We don't get to choose, we have to go to work.

We don't really have a choice. We have a false choice of getting a job or starving to death. If you "choose" to work, most of us will work for an employer. This is called wage-labour, which means selling yourself and your life for money. Unsurprisingly, when capitalism was introduced 200 years ago, people immediately realised that this way of life was wrong, most definitely a kind of slavery.

They called it 'wage-slavery', because they saw themselves stripped off their lands and trapped in a life that forced them to sell their labour in exchange for wages. The impact on people's personal life, leisure, mental health and self-esteem has scarred our societies to this day.

On top of that, democracy does not exist in the workplace. Our employer gets to decide pretty much everything about what we do, how we do it and when we do it. The relationship between you and your boss is one of domination and subordination. No matter what job we do, how much we get paid or who is our employer, the nature of the employment contract is that the worker must, in the end, obey the employer.

This loss of self-determination is intimately felt by everyone of us, and yet it is accepted by most people as the normal functioning of a healthy society. It is certainly not. And it doesn't have to be this way.



The wage system is corrupt, irreformable and it only benefits the few. However, we can contribute to destroy it by acting consciously against it on our everyday lives. Every small action counts and can be genuinely revolutionary.

If you find yourself "multitasking" - also known as doing the job of two or three people-, refuse to be exploited. Slow down your work. Hit them where it hurts. If they want the work done, force them to employ more people. Take extra breaks whenever you can.

Chances are your breaks are ridiculously short. Ignore the boss as much as possible. Do not conform with the hierarchical structure of decision making. Oppose it by getting your colleagues to form a union at work and demand your basic human right to be treated as a free person, not a slave.

Work is forced labour and wage slavery. We have been told from our primary school days that this is the only way to organise our societies, but this is a lie that only benefits the people who don't actually do any work, the bosses. Teach yourself to disobey.



BOOK REVIEWS

THE DISPOSSESSED by Ursula K. LeGuin

The Dispossessed follows the life of Shevek, a physicist from the anarchist society established on the moon Anarres 200 years ago, when his ancestors revolted and left their planet Urras. Le Guin herself began to identify with anarchism in the late 60s and early 70s, originally through her readings on Lao Tzu, pacifism and nonviolent resistance and eventually through the writings of Piotr Kropotkin, Paul Goodman and Murray Bookchin.

The Dispossessed -published in 1974- describes a classless society, capable of running itself without a State or government, a society that has culturally achieved true gender equality and eliminated capitalism, running itself on principles of mutual aid and solidarity. And yet, it is far from being a utopia. As a true master of SF, Le Guin makes a point to imagine a realistic anarchist society. What would it be like for individuals living in anarchy? What challenges would such a society have to face? Did history come to an end in Anarres after the social revolution? LeGuin is really inviting us to reconsider the true meaning of revolution.

Both Shevek's revolutionary physics and the structure of the novel itself, as well as the final message in The Dispossessed are based on the idea of open-endedness. The revolution is a never-ending trial and error process where the individual and its own critical analysis play the key role. To Shevek's frustration, he grows up witnessing how dissent is increasingly being put down by means of social pressure, jealousy or public opinion.

These old forms of authority ultimately force him -under a rain of stones- to leave Anarres and

seek refuge in the neighbouring planet. As Shevek puts it: "The social conscience completely dominates the individual conscience, instead of striking a balance with it. We don't cooperate -we obey.

We fear being outcast, being called lazy... We fear our own neighbor's opinion more than we respect our own freedom of choice".

The Dispossessed challenges the idea that any social revolution can be imposed from above, be it through parliamentary politics or be it through violence. As any society will always find a need to keep changing, adapting, progressing and re-inventing itself, each individual must take responsibility and constantly enact the revolution in the way they think, act and behave. Without individual consciousness, there cannot be social change. In the words of Shevek: "You cannot take what you have not given. And you must give yourself. You cannot buy the Revolution. You cannot make the Revolution. You can only be the Revolution. It is in your spirit or it is nowhere".

Le Guin remains faithful to the anarchist tradition of so many authors, like Errico Malatesta, who wrote that "it is not a matter of achieving anarchy today, tomorrow, or within ten centuries, but that we walk towards anarchy today, tomorrow and always"; or Gustav Landauer, when he wrote that "the State is a condition, a certain relationship between human beings, a mode of behaviour; we destroy it by contracting other relationships, by behaving differently toward one another... We are the State and we shall continue to be the State until we have created the institutions that form a real community".

The Dispossessed is a reminder that true social change can only be achieved when we, as individuals, distrust and actively oppose any form of authority that restricts the individual's freedom of choice.

Far from depicting an idealistic utopia, The Dispossessed forces us to question, go back on our steps, turn around, walk on a bit further... Shevek comes to the same conclusion when he says: "True journey is return".

STUART CHRISTIE

The loss of a Comrade

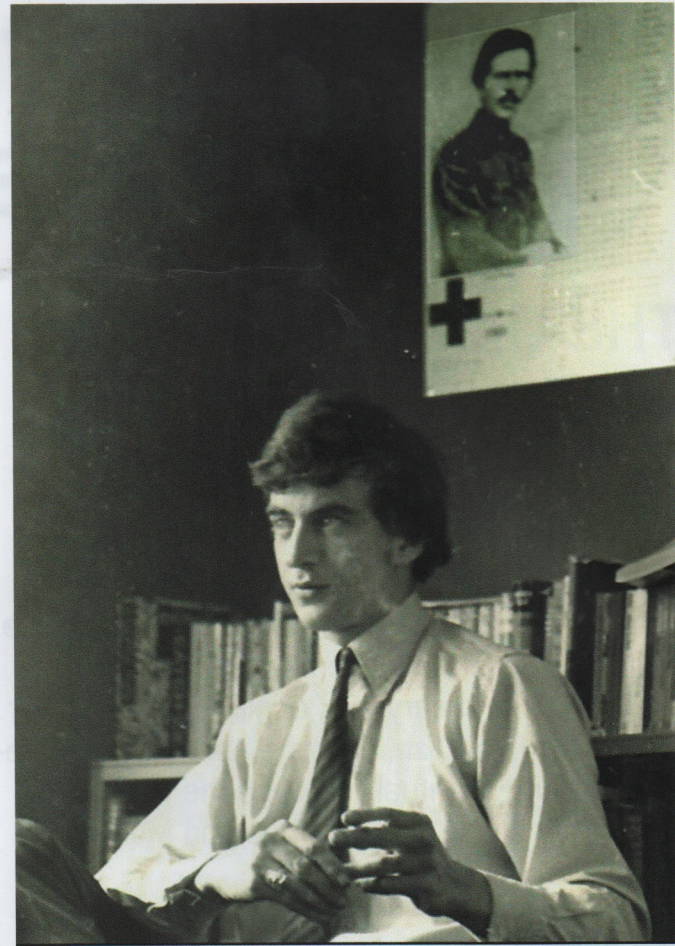
Derry anarchists are shocked and saddened to learn of the death of our comrade Stuart Christie.

For ourselves, like many others who knew him, believe that Stuarts contribution to anarchism has been one of the most influential anarchists over the past number of decades.

His dedication and support for anarchists and class struggle prisoners through the reconstruction of the Anarchist Black Cross, was directed and assisted through the publication Black Flag with his life long friend and comrade Albert Meltzer. Both of them inspired a new wave of class struggle anarchists and were dedicated internationalists to the cause of anarchism.

In recent times we had discussed with Stuart the possibilities of him attending the Derry Radical Bookfair. However with illness, family events and life generally it was put off to discuss another day. Sadly, this will now never happen.

Stuart came to prominence with his arrest and incarceration for attempting to end Franco's fascist reign or terror in the Spanish State, and in more recent times through his dedicated work creating one of the largest open library of anarchist films available anywhere.



Stuart with ABC Poster in Background

Without doubt his humour just as his overall presence within the anarchist movement for over 50 years will be ever lasting for many.

You can check out Stuarts extensive online archive which we're sure will be of great benefit to future anarchists for years to come:

<https://christiebooks.co.uk/>

Sad Passing of David Graeber

We're deeply saddened by the death of American anarchist and anthropologist, David Graeber. David was an activist, a scholar and campaigner for a more fair, democratic society. Through his work he helped bring aspects of anarchist into the 'mainstream', particularly during the Occupy Movement. He was seen as one of this generation's best thinkers with a host of articles and books which will undoubtedly continue to assist anarchist thinking. He will be sorely missed.

"Anarchism is a commitment to the idea that it would be possible to have a society based on principles of self organisation, voluntary association and mutual aid. It's not the belief that we're necessarily going to have it or it's certain that we could have it. You can't know it's possible, but by the same token that you can't know that it is possible, you can't know that it's not possible. So, if you feel that it's better to commit yourself to the idea that it might be possible, then you're an anarchist."



What is Anarchism?

Anarchism is a revolutionary anti-state socialism. In practical terms, anarchists aim for the destruction of the ruling class and of all relationships based on domination and submission.

This means taking over the industries and communities and changing them to meet the needs of all, as well as the ecological needs of the environment.

Without this takeover we can struggle within capitalism but never replace it.

Anarchism will be created by millions of people, not a dictatorial elite (***we are not Marxist-Leninists***), and all will have their part to play in shaping it.

Power will lie with the organisations thrown up by and for the revolution, not with the political parties who will try and dominate and destroy them.

The new society will not be born through abstract ideas, but will come out of the realities of struggle and the need for working class people to unite.

Such struggle doesn't just involve resistance to ruling class power (*strikes, mass protests and other forms of direct action*), but also construction - the building of new, locally based federal organisations (*examples of which from the original Soviets and Collectives of the Russian and Spanish Revolutions, to the community resistance and collective organisation during Free Derry to that of the Miner's Support Groups of 1984/85 strike*), plus the forging of solidarity and the willingness to go further.

There is no truce in the class war. The answer to the ruling class power is continual and widening struggle - for social revolution and anarchism.

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