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ANGRY?

While the Tories have called a snap election the hardest hitting attack on the most vulnerable in our society has just been carried out without a word from "our" politicians or media. Millions have been taken from poor families, women and children in the latest round of "welfare reform". This will literally kill poor people!

Across the wee north real wages and household living standards are lower than they were a decade ago. Over 100,000 of our children are living in poverty. Poor working-class kids are doing less well than the children of the wealthy in our schools. The region has the fourth lowest wages in the UK for fulltime employees.

The most recent statistics show that over a third of the population aged between 16 and 64 are not in work. Hundreds are being made redundant every month. Long-term unemployment is still drastically higher than most of the UK, at 43.3% compared to an average of 25.7%. Youth unemployment is over 14%. The council areas with the highest unemployment are Derry City and Strabane, Causeway Coast and Glens, and Belfast.

A minimum wage, zero hours economy has led to an increase in the amount of working poor. Many employers are getting away with not even paying minimum wage - This April minimum wage was increased by pennies to £7.50/hr if you are 25 or over, £7.05 21-24 year olds, £4.60 18-20, £4.05 for under 18s and £3.50 apprentice rate.

In February a total of 17 businesses failed to pay even minimum wage - ripping off 219 workers of over £60,200. WH Recruitment in Portadown, Co Armagh, failed to pay wages worth more than £26,000 to 143 workers.

Attacks on benefits, especially housing benefit, a lower minimum wage, has led to increased poverty amongst 16 - 29 year olds and those in private rented accommodation. The same attacks on benefits and the lack of social housing have led directly to the deaths of homeless people on our streets.

Meanwhile the Executive are making empty promises, such as eradicating child poverty by 2020, while implementing policies that are worsening our lives and the lives of our children. Coincidentally 2020 is the year bedroom tax is due to kick in here. It wasn't stopped, only delayed.

Is it any wonder that suicide rates have almost doubled in a decade? Suicide is endemic in poor and working-class areas. None of us have been left untouched by it.

While the differential in protestant and catholic unemployment, often cited as a primary factor in the "troubles", has disappeared inequality is still very much with us. Sectarian discrimination is no longer its driving force, working-class people are, as ever, suffering because of capitalism. As a region the wee north is part of a market-oriented, tory administration implementing so-called austerity measures in the context of rising global inequality.

We are told there is not enough money to go around and yet there is always money for war, for politicians, for bosses. MLAs can't form a government but they can give themselves a pay-rise. Westminster is a millionaires club and the Queen is set to get a £2.8m pay-rise to bring her subsidy from tax-payers to £45.6m. There is money all around us.

In Belfast alone there are roughly 36 multi-millionaires per 100,000 people. That's is third only to Aberdeen and London for the amount of rich fuckers walking about amongst us (or being chauffeured or whatever it is these people do).

This is far from just a local issue. On a global scale things are much starker. Thousands of migrants, fleeing wars started by the west or looking for a better future are dying, being detained, put in concentration camps. Thousands more die in the wars they are fleeing. Untold numbers are killed in slavery to capitalism across the globe. The environment, our planet, is on the brink of destruction. Again due to capitalism, greed and imperialism.

If this does not make you angry you aren't paying attention! (And we have only scratched the surface).

Isn't it time for a bit of wealth redistribution? After-all workers across the globe create every ounce of wealth that is stolen by a tiny "elite". We need to stop letting them away with mass murder and planetary destruction! We have to get angry, get organised, and take back the fucking world from these faceless bastards. The time for revolution is upon us. We need to change the world before it is too late.

YOU F*CKING SHOULD BE

Abortion Activists Targetted, Child Tax Credit Capped and "Rape Clause" Introduced

The PSNI chose International Working Women's Day to carry out raids on the houses and premises of a number of abortion rights activists in the north. This marks an escalation in action against pro-choice activists whom the PSNI claim are linked to the supply of safe but illegal early medical abortion pills.

Laptops, mobile phones and bank statements are among the items police held warrants to remove and it has been confirmed that several people have had these items taken during raids.

This is disgusting criminalisation of those taking, and suspected of procuring, pills that are on the World Health Organisation's essential medicines list and that are available on the NHS to those in England, Scotland and Wales. It is appalling that their friends and allies are targeted for helping them get hold of these pills.

A number of prosecutions have already taken place of people using abortion pills.

Unlike the rest of the UK, abortion is a criminal offence in Northern Ireland, with a penalty of up to life in prison. It is estimated that more than a thousand are forced travel to Britain each year for terminations. Despite being UK taxpayers they are not entitled to free abortions on the NHS, instead they must pay for private procedures. Abortion access is clearly a class issue, those who are poor and working-class face difficulty travelling - the availability of these abortion pills went some small way to easing their already difficult situation. The courts and PSNI heighten a campaign of terrorising anyone trying to end unwanted pregnancies our politicians continue to deny reproductive health care and access to abortion.

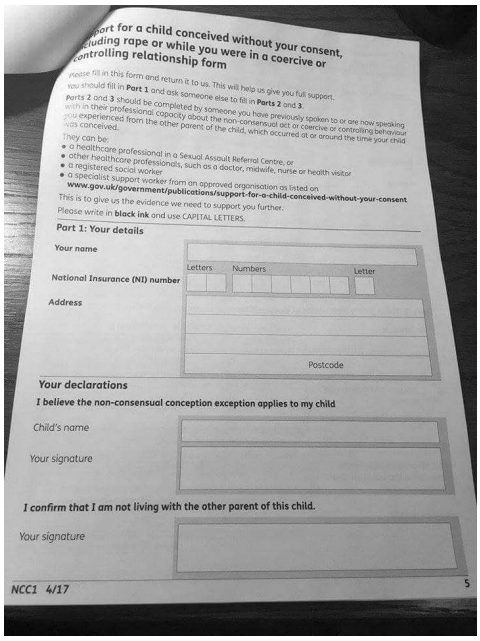
It is in this context that the reduction of child tax credits, on 6th April, is doubly horrific.

Claims for child tax credit have been restricted to two children in a further attack on the most vulnerable in society. In a diabolical measure this excludes anyone who can "prove" their third child was the result of rape!

The oldest Rape Crisis centre on the island, in Glasgow, has stated that it will not help officials implement the "rape clause" by acting as a "third party assessor" to deliver the benefits change.

"Rape Crisis' role is not to gather evidence for benefits claims. Our role is to provide specialist support to survivors of sexual violence, abuse and/or exploitation."

They added "Rape Crisis Scotland will not be performing this function, and contends that forcing rape survivors to disclose sexual violence in order to access social security payments is inhumane."



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Please fill in this form and return it to us. This will help us give you full support.

You should fill in **Part 1** and ask someone else to fill in **Parts 2** and **3**.

Parts 2 and **3** should be completed by someone you have previously spoken to or are now speaking with in their professional capacity about the non-consensual act or coercive or controlling behaviour you experienced from the other parent of the child, which occurred at or around the time your child was conceived.

They can be:

- a healthcare professional in a Sexual Assault Referral Centre, or
- other healthcare professionals, such as a doctor, midwife, nurse or health visitor
- a registered social worker
- a specialist support worker from an approved organisation as listed on **www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-a-child-conceived-without-your-consent**

This is to give us the evidence we need to support you further.

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I believe the non-consensual conception exception applies to my child

Child's name

Your signature

I confirm that I am not living with the other parent of this child.

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Barbaric - asking to prove you have been raped in order to get benefits for any more than two children. In Northern Ireland if you disclose your rape here but have not reported it to the PSNI you open to prosecution for failing to disclose a crime!

Two Child Policy Imposed On The Poor

The rape clause that demands proof that any child after the second is the result of rape is a horrendous smokescreen for the implementation of a two child policy by the Conservative government in Westminster.

Not only are child tax credits being lost for any more than two children (and remember tax credits are a subsidy to employers who pay shit wages). New claimants will also lose benefits, including housing benefit for more than two children. This will push at least another 200,000 families into poverty across the UK. The child tax credit family element and first child element are also being scrapped.

Other cuts will lead to increased homelessness among young people, as automatic entitlement to housing benefit is removed for 18 to 21 year olds. For new claims those too sick to work but assessed as able to do "work-related activity" will have their Employment Support Allowance reduced to the same level as JSA.

Not content with this they have also cut bereavement benefits for bereaved parents!

What can we do about this? The only answer is organise or die.

STRIKE 4 CHOICE

On 8th March lightening struck all over Ireland. The strike demanded the right to abortion, north and south, with the specific demand in the Republic that the Irish government repeal the 8th Amendment of the constitution.

Abortion is illegal north and south, outside extremely limited circumstances. In the republic this prohibition is reinforced by the Eighth Amendment to the constitution. Strike for Choice organisers are therefore fighting to have this amendment, which gives equal value to the life of any potential mother and a fetus, smashed. Progress on securing safe, free abortion access without repeal of the 8th Amendment is going to be much, much harder.

Inspired by the Polish Women's strike last October pro-choice activists set about organising to strike for choice. Strikes have of course been effective in workers struggles but Strike 4 Choice were also looked to the success of social strikes like the 1975 Women's strike in Iceland.

The strike was not traditional in the sense of a work-based strike and suggested four types of action could be taken: not going to work, not doing domestic work, attending a protest, wearing black.

Protests took place all over Ireland. A lively demonstration took place in Derry, hundreds joined strikers at Belfast city hall, while thousands marched in Dublin. Other protests took place across the island including in Cork, Mayo, Kilkenny, Meath, Wexford, Waterford and Limerick.



ANOTHER ELECTION? ANOTHER REVOLUTION!

So the Tories have called a snap election because Theresa May is confident that they will win even on the heels of the recent attacks on claimants. Of course, no matter who wins a general election, no-one in Northern Ireland can impact on the outcome given that neither Labour nor Tory stand in the wee 6.

Our local parties will use the general election as another sectarian headcount in the hopes of bolstering or for unionism regaining their own positions. While Sinn Féin will push for another local election in the hopes of becoming the biggest party the DUP is likely to gain votes from unionists with little time for the party but shocked at how close Sinn Fein is to becoming the biggest party. Progressive candidates will be further squeezed by any new election and PBP's Gerry Carroll looks set to follow Eamon McCann and lose his seat as tribal voting patterns are strengthened.

Not that any of this really matters, beyond the local entrenching of sectarian politics and deepening division, when people here are facing the worst cuts of a generation. In terms of cuts and the economy local parties are irrelevant. In fact they signed away the right to oppose Westminster "welfare reform" in exchange for the ability to sell us all the easier to money-grabbing companies with a corporation tax set at 12.5% coming into effect in April 2018.

The fact of the matter is capitalism is at war with the working class and the poor. This will be the case even in the unlikely event of a victory for Corbyn's Labour. While attacks upon us may see a welcome deceleration in such circumstances they will not end. Less still will they be significantly reversed. The worst of it will be the dampening of any imminent struggle as we are called upon the give "Corbyn" a chance alongside a renewed faith in the religion of representative democracy and electoralism as a road to salvation.

We have lost track of the number of elections we in the wee north have been treated to over the last few decades. None of them have improved the lot of the working class and the poor. Abortion is still denied. We are being increasingly ran into poverty, homelessness and death.

We haven't however tried a revolution in quite some time. Perhaps now it is time to start putting our faith in ourselves and our own ability to transform the world?



Talking About a Revolution

On Saturday 4th March Just Books - Belfast Solidarity Centre hosted a successful awareness night and fundraiser for Rojava and frontline women's journalism.

Farah from Saoirse Jin (see https://www.facebook.com/SaoirseJin/) gave some background to and an update on the situation in revolutionary Kurdistan.

This was followed by a social that successfully raised £200 to support the work of the all woman media agency reporting news from women from the front line - Şûjin.

Şûjin is digging their "packing needles into the masculine, sexist, militarist patriarchal media... in order to shake up and break down its masculine structure and language and to promote women's consciousness and feminist discourse".



SolFed Victories

On Monday 10th April Solidarity Federation, working with an employee of Alpha Care, won her dispute over mileage payments, unpaid wages and holiday pay.

Liverpool SolFed supported the worker's demands and distributed, along with other workers, a leaflet giving information about the dispute and encouraging them to organise for better working conditions.

Alpha Care agreed to pay the full amount demanded. However, the company did not acknowledge any debt and accused the worker and SolFed of "…not having followed the right procedures and acting in bad will". Liverpool SolFed reported "According to them they only paid in order to not to see our faces anymore. Whatever the reason, at least the worker got the owed wages."

In February Brighton SolFed were also involved in a successful dispute in the hospitality industry. In an industry dominated by zero-hours contracts many workers are unaware of their entitlement to holiday pay, even when on a zero-hours contract. This was the case for one former waitress at a cafe in the North Laine.

Collective action and the threat of industrial action won the dispute and resulted in payment of holiday pay in workers contracts and the payment of £600 owed to the waitress.



Solidarity Centre Update

Since our last issue of we have hosted a wide range of events, including organising meetings, discussions, socials, fundraisers, our regular cineforum and poetry nights.

Library is now free to individual members (though donations from those who can afford it are encouraged) and our safe spaces continues to evolve.

We have had issues with regular opening times over the winter but with more people involved we are working to resolve this.

Our silkscreen printing workshop is up and running and we are working on our own range of t-shirts. We can also print our designs on your t-shirt, hoodie, bag etc for a nominal price. We also have our badges coming soon.

Unfortunately we were robbed in April. We will not be letting this deter us though and we launched a packed 3 month program of events at the end of April.

In the face of ever worsening capitalist exploitation and oppression we need to build meaningful solidarity and resistance. In the next while we will be concentrating on building as a union with a particular focus on claimants and the unemployed.

Get involved!

Edgefund Funding For Just Books - Belfast Solidarity Centre

Thinking about it, the space for the last Edge Fund funding day, all bare brick walls and weathered wooden floors, *did* look a bit like the 'lair' in Dragon's Den – but where were the grovelling entrepreneurs, sweatily selling themselves to the highest bidder? Where were the business moguls, enthroned in wads of cash, toying with their pitiful prey, prodding them to jump through hoops? The good news is that Edgefund is nothing like Dragon's Den. In fact, it's probably Duncan Bannatyne's worst nightmare – money being given away to people who need it, no strings attached, *and* most of these groups are trying to dismantle capitalist society and its many oppressions. Well, you know where you can go if you don't like it Duncan, but I'm in.

The Edge Fund funding day, on Saturday 1st October 2016 in Manchester, was the second one I'd been to. I was there on behalf of Belfast Solidarity Centre again. The £1500 we were granted in January helped us to set up our space in Belfast city centre, which now houses a drop-in centre, bookshop, library, café, and print workshop, and we were hoping to get some more funding in this round to complete renovations and help us along with some of our education and workers' rights initiatives. Still bleary-eyed from a dark autumn morning wake-up, I touched down at Manchester airport and hurried through the airport with my backpack full of banners and leaflets, to catch the next train into the city centre. We might have gone a bit overboard on the banners… but y'know, I think the bright images and slogans helped us stand out a bit among the information stalls. I actually got a bit lost, having stomped too far along the Ashton Canal and ending up at City's ground (always unnerving for an ex-United supporter). I knew the space was in a re-purposed old mill building, but there are a fair few in the Holt area, and I'd wandered my way through most of the rest of them by the time I made it to Bridge 5 Mill.





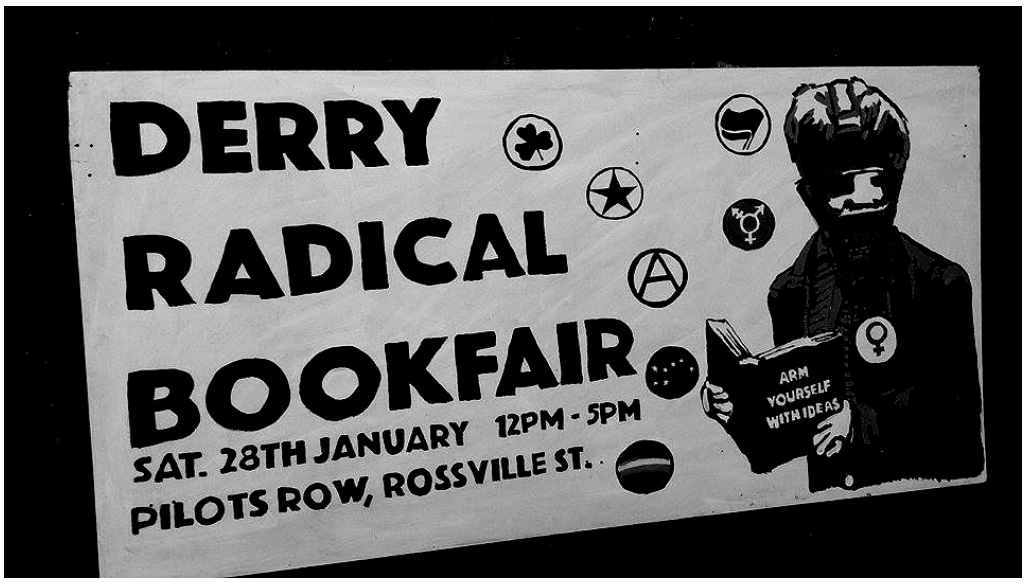
I pushed open the door at the top of the stairs to be greeted with the large semi-circle of chairs which typifies any direct democratic meet-up, and a mix of faces, young and old, many different creeds and colours, representing venerable projects from all over Britain and Ireland. I sat down beside a person who turned out to be from my old haunt in Leicester, and we had a good chat over some tea and biscuits before the day kicked off properly. Well, actually, that makes it sound as if the chats aren't the 'proper' bit of an Edge Fund funding day, but they're probably the most important aspect. Later in the day I got talking to someone who grew up in the same little sticksville town as me! It is indeed a small world, and days like this remind you that there are more good people in it than we often remember.

The assembled representatives started by each giving an overview of what their group does and what they would do with the extra funding, with a *strict* (and strictly enforced) two minute time limit. There was more time to find out about the groups and talk to people during the information stall sessions, though their description as 'market stalls' got my anti-capitalist heckles up a bit. All the groups were already guaranteed £1500, but would receive another £1500 if they were one of the top ten groups in Edge Fund's patented chickpea-based voting system. The discussion co-ordinator also asked each group if there was anything they hoped to gain from the day. The first eight or so groups, myself included, all said they hoped to meet people, or to network, or to hear inspiring stories – but then, about halfway round the circle, someone said they hoped to get the money, which seemed to start a bit of a trend because everyone else in the circle then said the same! I guess some cultures are less shy about talking about money, or maybe it was an effect of the Dragon's Den décor, but this open display of competitiveness made me feel a bit uncomfortable. Maybe that's strange, because *of course* the money was an important factor – we had all applied for *money*, and we would all be spending *money* to do good things. Edge Fund straddles this uncomfortable interface between activism and money. Some aspects of a 'normal' funding model are there (groups effectively 'make a pitch,' some groups get money, some don't, there are eligibility criteria), but Edge Fund turns it all on its head. The criteria actively encourage groups who wouldn't otherwise get funding because they are too radical or 'financially unsustainable.' There's no grovelling. No jumping through hoops. No accounting for the money spent with impact reports and receipts. The money comes from fellow activists, and the funding day is an inclusive exercise in direct democratic resource allocation. Duncan Bannatyne would really, *really* hate it.

The money pressures and mind-sets of capitalist society invade all of our lives, even among anti-capitalist activist groups. Edge Fund minimise the compromises and enable people to do good things. It's not perfect, but it's not bad, and I for one am delighted to have been involved with them. Belfast Solidarity Centre were lucky enough to receive £3000 in the last funding round, which will help us in so many ways – and personally, I was, again, totally inspired by the whole process.

Cheers Edge Fund!

Derry: First Radical Bookfair



Derry's first ever Radical Bookfair was held over the Bloody Sunday week of events on Saturday 28th January 2017 in Pilots Row Community Centre. Organisers report that several hundred people passed through the doors of the Rossville Street venue to explore what the days events had to offer, as well as to rummage through the different book stalls to catch a bargain or two.

Belfast Solidarity Federation/Organise! members attended and hosted the Just Books stall at the event.

A spokesperson for the Radical Bookfair Collective stated:

The day itself was a brilliant success judging by the numbers it attracted as the Pilots Row Centre had a steady flow of the interested and the curious alike who explored what the all the various stalls had to offer. There really was a fantastic mixed of books and independent publications for every type of interest from books relating to political theories such as titles on socialism to republicanism, feminism to anarchism, queer or gender politics right through to a wide range of both local and national social and political history.

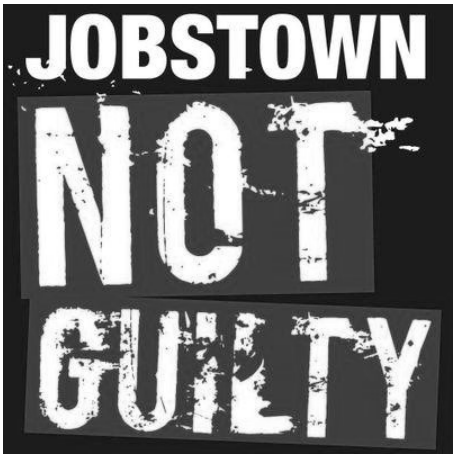
Chatting to the different stall holders during the days events, everyone had enjoyed the experience, as well as the networking and of course the trade itself. It has been estimated that throughout the day's events several hundred book lovers had past through the building to take in the variety of stalls as well as to engage with the different talks that was created around recent book titles. Again this was a great benefit to all the different independent book sellers and publishers on the day both locally and nationally, not to mention all the participants who came from far away as Scotland and England.

It was really great to see a number of local authors in attendance, taking time to engage with the those attending, signing their books such as labour historian Emmet O'Connor and Dave Duggan as it really shows that what we have created here today is something worth continuing.

The people here today from Derry, Donegal and Tyrone really love their books as well as their politics and supporting independent booksellers, that is something we feel has to be encouraged. For those who came up to us throughout the day and requested that the event be a prominent fixture on the city's calendar, we would have to say, watch this space.



Jobstown Not Guilty



On 22nd of April hundreds gathered to support the Jobstown Not Guilty rally in Dublin ahead of the start of legal proceedings on the 24th.

Seven people stand accused of 'false imprisonment' of then deputy prime minister Joan Burton during an anti-water charges sit-down protest and slow march in Jobstown, Dublin, in 2014. A 17 year old has already been found guilty in children's court and a further eleven protesters are facing related charges. Insanely a guilty verdict has a maximum sentence of life imprisonment!

Attempts at stacking the jury by excluding anyone from Tallaght, anyone who knows anyone from there, any supporter of the anti-water charges movement (not matter how vague that support) failed. The southern political class are clearly out to use this trial as an attempt to crush dissent.

Resist the criminalisation of protest, resist the criminalisation of protesting, Jobstown Not Guilty!



Organise!

Who we are

Organise are building a new, revolutionary union. We are small, but growing, and we have a very different approach to the bureaucratic trade unions affiliated to the Irish Congress of Trades Unions and the Trades Union Congress.

The way we organise reflects the free society we want to create: one based on voluntary association, democratic participation and self-management. Our members are workers, students, unemployed and others working to build a libertarian working class movement actively opposed to exploitation and all forms of oppression.

Our aim is to promote solidarity in our workplaces and communities, encouraging people to organise independently of, and opposed to government, bosses and bureaucrats to fight for our own interests. We see libertarian communism as emerging from working class struggles in the here and now. Our activity is therefore aimed at promoting and developing such struggles, which both benefit our lives today and advance the movement we want to create.

Foodbank Demand Rises

With Universal Credit Roll-out

With Universal Credit set to be implemented across the north from September 2017 in Britain it has already saw demand on food banks double!

Claimants have been left unable to afford food because they have to wait six weeks or more their first claim payment. Benefit delays have led to increased debt, worsening mental health, rent arrears and eviction.

Payment delays have been deliberately designed into the Universal Credit system.

Bus Eireann Strike Scuttled by Unions

On the 13th April the "leadership" of the National Bus and Rail Union (NBRU) and Services Industrial Professional Technical Union (SIPTU) caved into state "arbitration" and ended the strike of 2,600 bus workers against cuts.

Instead of continuing industrial action the unions will now ballot members on an agreement that means up to 18 billion Euros in cuts to wages and services. Transport workers, like so many of us, have had pay and conditions attacked over the years and it is clear that workers have to take on a union leadership intent on maintaining its cosy relationship with the bosses and the state.

The agreement being balloted on includes 220 job losses, the end for many bus routes across the republic, wage cuts, the abolition of the shift work bonus, the end of overtime, and a compulsory daily unpaid break of two hours 45 minutes.

While workers organised and spread strike action throughout March "their" officials have been undermining their action at every opportunity. Secondary picketing was shut down by NBRU full-timers while the Irish Congress of Trade Unions condemned the bus workers actions.

If workers are to be able to fight cuts they need to break with the unions that are policing and hampering them at we every turn. There can be no accommodation with capitalism, those who seek one had best step out of our way.

Belfast: Eyes on Chechnya



Approximately 200 people gathered outside Belfast City Hall on Friday 14th of April, to protest the formation of concentration camps to detain men suspected of being gay or bisexual in Chechnya. Organised by Northern Irish sexual health and LGBT+ rights charity, The Rainbow Project, the protest was also attended by members of Amnesty International and Unison. The rally was addressed by John O'Doherty from The Rainbow Project and Patrick Corrigan from Amnesty International. It joins protests around the world calling on Russian President Vladimir Putin to end the persecution.

The news of detention camps for gay and bi men is shocking, but not unbelievable, as far-right and anti-queer leaders and figures across the world are increasingly emboldened. In Chechnya, a semi-autonomous republic of Russia, gay men are frequently subjected to homophobic attacks as well as honour killings. Despite homosexuality being nominally decriminalised in Russia in 1993, Chechnya adopted Sharia Law in 1996, which made sodomy punishable by death after 3 offences.

Chechen authorities have so-far denied the reports, with a spokesperson for Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov saying "you cannot arrest or repress people who just don't exist in the republic."

This is a blatant attack on a marginalised people, which the rest of the world should not stand for. Men suspected of being gay are being subjected to torture to reveal others, and their phones and belongings are being seized to attempt to identify more men. If you know anybody in Chechnya who may be at risk, do not contact them, as there is a real possibility of putting them in harm's way. Make noise at your government and at Russian ambassadors, and consider donating to the Russian LGBT Network

Listings:



Saturday 29th April - May Day Parade and Anarchist Fun Day

Join us on and after the annual May Day parade in Belfast. Join Organise! on the red and black contingent and celebrate the first birthday of Just Books Berry Street premises afterwards. We will have food , tea, coffee, music, craic, chat and face-painting for the kids. We will be launching our 3 month program for May, June and July.

Monday 1st May - Organise! Building Unemployed and Claimant Resistance 7.00pm



In the wake of the most devastating attack on the poor and vulnerable in our society join us to discuss building resistance to so-called "welfare reform". Claimants and the unemployed need to organise and fight back against policies that are killing us. We need to do this ourselves. The politicians don't give a fuck. Come along and start the fight back.

Monday 15th May - Know Your Rights - What Is Exploitation? 7.00pm

Kicking off our series on seminars on rights we start by looking at what exploitation is and how it is fundamental to capitalism. We will also look at how we can organise and resist exploitation and introduce the, albeit minimal, legal rights we have one over the years.

Monday 22nd May - Unlearning Prejudice and Discrimination 7.00pm

Another first. We will be starting this series of workshops on prejudice and discrimination and how we tackle it with explorations of what they are. This event is very much focused on participation - bring your thoughts, ideas, experiences and questions. We will also be setting out the content for the coming year.

Wednesday 24th May - Reading Circle 6.30pm

Monday 29th of May - A World Without: ACAB, a world without cops 7.30pm



The first in the series of workshops exploring what the world could be like without all those things us anarchists are well known for being opposed to. With a bit of discussion on alternatives! We kick off with what the world could look like free from cops.

Monday 5th June - Working Class History: May Days Barcelona 6.30pm

Starting the series on working class history we explore the events during the Spanish revolution that continue to generate controversy and conflict. During the May Days anarchist workers, responding to Communist Party attacks, set up barricades in defence of the gains of the revolution. How events played out is believed by many to mark just not the end of the revolution but of the possibility of defeating fascism itself.

Monday 12th June Know Your Rights - The Contract 7.30pm

Our second session will introduce the legal obligation for employers to provide you with a contract and look at both why this is useful and the limitations of the law. We will look at how contracts can be changed, negotiated and challenged. Knowledge is Power - Arm Yourself!

Tuesday 13th June - Poetry Night 6.30pm

Monday 19th June - Prejudice and Discrimination: Racism 7.00pm

In this workshop we will focus specifically on racial prejudice and discrimination. This event is very much focused on participation - bring your thoughts, ideas, experiences and questions. Guest speaker tbc.

Wednesday 21st June - Reading Circle 6.30pm

Monday 26th June - A World Without: The world stopped spinning, a world without money. 7.00pm

Anarchists and other revolutionaries do not "believe" in money. What are our objections to measuring out value in currency? What would a world without money possibly look like? Barbarism and barter? Would the world truly stop spinning?

Cine Forum



Parched (2015) Thursday 11th

Indian drama written and directed by Leena Yadav and produced by Ajay Devgan. Parched is the story of four women residents of a desert village of Rajastan, India. The village is plagued by patriarchy, child-marriage, dowry, marital rape and physical and mental abuse (cw for these).

Dockers (1999) Thursday 18th

Considered an experiment in democratic television this drama was written largely by7 sacked dock workers themselves. Produced for channel 4 about the struggles of a small group of Liverpool dockers who were sacked and subsequently spent two years picketing during the Liverpool Dockers' Strike of 1995 to 1998. Solidarity for the dockers at the time was global, including the Belfast support group in which Organise were involved.

Generation M (2008)

In this important documentary Thomas Keith tracks the destructive dynamics of misogyny across a broad and disturbing range of media phenomena: including the hyper-sexualisation of commercial products aimed at girls, the explosion of violence in video games aimed at boys, the near-hysterical sexists rants of hip-hop artists and talk radio shock jocks, and the harsh, patronising caricatures of femininity and feminism that reverberate throughout mainstream American popular culture.

