On New Years Eve activists across the country held a 'National New Year's Eve vigil' around Ireland in a gesture of solidarity with the people of Palestine in their ongoing quest for freedom and justice.

Community and non-aligned activists, trade unions, political groups, antifascists, anarchists and members of the IWW took part in this national day of action in an effort to highlight recent developments in Palestine and to encourage further solidarity actions to be taken as we enter yet another year of terror and occupation.

In Dublin activists gathered on Ha’penny Bridge, in Galway a solidarity action was held at Eyre Square, in Sligo activists gathered on Hyde Bridge, while in Limerick activists gathered on Thomas Street and Derry activists too gathered on the city’s Peace Bridge holding banners and Palestinian flags to highlight the continued oppression of the people of Palestine by Israeli State forces.

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BARRICADE BULLETIN

Welcome to issue No. 5 of Barricade Bulletin, news sheet of the Derry Anarchists.

It is our intention to issue this free news sheet every two months locally to help generate anarchist info and knowledge of class struggle anarchism to a wider audience.

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

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Bloody Sunday
MARCH FOR JUSTICE!

Anarchists in Derry will once again be taking part in the annual Bloody Sunday March for Justice 2018 which takes place on Sunday 28th January in Derry.

This year’s theme marks the 50th anniversary of RUC’s brutal response to the NICRA (Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association) on Duke Street in Derry march back in 1968 which is widely regarded as what launched us into decades of violent conflict. In recognition of this historic event the theme of this year’s Bloody Sunday Commemorative events has been titled “We Shall Overcome”.

As anarchists we call for all those who are interested in the struggle for social justice to participate in the events planned throughout the week leading up to the actual Bloody Sunday ‘March for Justice’. To stand in solidarity with the courage and dignity of all of those Bloody Sunday families who march for justice, who defy state terror and exercise the right to protest around the world.
The second annual Radical Book Fair at Pilots Row Community Centre has been organised for January in the city’s Bogside area.

A spokesman for the book fair said that following the success of the first fair this year, had prompted them to make the event an annual affair. “Following on from this year’s event held during the Bloody Sunday week of events we have had continuous support and encouragement to make the Radical Bookfair an annual event as part of the political calendar of Derry,” he said. “Our first Radical Bookfair played host to many participants from all over Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales played part of the Bloody Sunday week of events leading up to the annual Bloody Sunday March, which itself hosted a series of discussions and debates, film and theatre that centred around a wide range of local, national and international contemporary social justice issues.

“As ever we would like to extend our hand to participants again to the Radical Bookfair with different visions, ideas, practices and radical traditions. Again we hope that our second annual book fair will be used as an opening in support of small press publishers and independent booksellers and producers, circulating radical reading materials and information from independent distributors, non-party political campaigns and groups to share their publications and merchandise, which normally would be hard or impossible to find at mainstream bookshops.

“Books of local, national and international interests including social and labour history as well as themes covering radical feminism, queer liberation, anarchism, Marxism, republicanism and environmentalism.

“It is worth noting that Derry has a long and proud tradition of working-class radicalism which has influenced many historical events, standing out beyond most other cities that has both challenged and changed society around us for the better.

“At present, we are allocating stall space and as seen last year at our first ever radical bookfair, space is limited. “If your bookstore, distribution or publishing collective would like to book a place at the radical bookfair then now is the time to confirm.

“At the moment things are starting to take shape and it’s looking to be an amazing day of stalls, books, records, zines from independent booksellers, political and historical groups, local radical projects, small press and more.”

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Derry Solidarity with Glasgow IWW member & Antifascist

Last month activists in Derry held a solidarity action at Free Derry Corner in a gesture of international solidarity to a member of the Industrial Workers of the World in Glasgow who is currently facing trumped up charges arising out of an incident during this years Glasgow Pride parade. At the same time, similar actions took place in a number of other cities such as Cork and Galway.

Clydeside Industrial Workers of the World issued a call to all political organisations, groups and individuals sharing an emancipatory, anti-capitalist vision to support four activists ahead of a court appearance in December 2017).

Panos Theodoropoulos of the IWW was arrested while supporting a 16-year-old being harassed and threatened with arrest by the police. The police used extensive physical force on Fellow Worker Panos, tackled him to the ground, and subsequently held him for more than 30 hours in custody.

It should be noted that the IWW-organised Red and Black bloc was resolutely non-violent and did not seek any type of confrontation before or after these events. In the same Pride march the police arrested 3 trans activists protesting Pride’s decision to have police lead.

As protests got underway in Ireland and Scotland word came that Panos’s trial scheduled for December 7th was postponed for a later date. We expect the new date to be in a few months. The solidarity demonstration outside the court will still go on regardless, in solidarity with the 3 trans arrestees and with Panos.

For more info on this story, go to link: Derry ABC: abcireland.wordpress.com

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 need 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.