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4TH ANNUAL RADICAL BOOKFAIR FOR DERRY

On Saturday 1st February 2020, Pilots Row Community Centre will host to the 4th annual Radical Bookfair at it’s Rossville Street home in Derry.

Organisers of the annual community project have confirmed that the Bogside venue will host one of the largest number of independent radical press, book sellers, publishers and distributors from the length of Ireland with participants travelling from Scotland, England and Wales for the one day event.

A spokesperson for the Derry Radical Bookfair said “We are delighted to once again confirm that we are able to add the Derry Radical Bookfair to the city’s political calendar after previous successful book fairs. The day long event receives a fantastic response to from the city itself and across the northwest as it is able to provide easy access literature not normally found in usual bookshops and cutlets. The radical book fair is an important event which gives a great opportunity to independent booksellers and publishers due to the availability to network and create links and new important contacts.

“We welcome everyone to the Radical Bookfair with different political visions, ideas, practices and radical traditions. We pride ourselves in creating a space for books of local, national and international interests including social and labour history as well as themes covering radical feminisms, queer liberation, anarchism, marxism, republicanism and environmentalism.

It is also a day in which a number of campaign groups have the opportunity to table stalls so as to highlight ongoing concerns such as human rights, environmental and social justice issues.

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“This year we will be continuing with a series of book launches as well as several talks throughout the event which will again add to the overall community spirit that the book fair has created within a venue such as Pilots Row. For many the event ties in well with the week long events leading up the the annual Bloody Sunday March for Justice.”

Derry Radical Bookfair takes place on Saturday 1st February 2020 from 12pm until 5pm at the Pilots Row Community Centre in Rossville Street.

ANARCHISM
ITS HISTORY, DEVELOPMENT & FUTURE

This year’s 4th annual Derry Radical Bookfair will play host a series of discussions by activists with the first of the days events beginning with an introduction to the politics of anarchist communism, its history development and future with a guest speaker from the recently established Anarchist Communist Group.

(Poster for this event as above)
Migrant Rights Are Workers Rights!

Members of the Industrial Workers of the World in Derry held a lunchtime solidarity protest outside on the Maldron Hotel in an effort to highlight conditions and treatment of Migrant workers directly affected by the Irish Governments Direct Provision policy.

Many passers by and traffic acknowledged today’s action with conversation and tooting horns outside of the Butchers Street premises targeted as part of a national campaign by human rights, anti-racist and migrant organisations calling for an immediate end to direct provision system in Ireland. Earlier this year a spokesperson for the Movement of Asylum Seekers in Ireland group said “On the 4th July this year, the Movement of Asylum Seekers in Ireland was appalled after meeting several asylum seeking families stuck in the Maldron Hotel in Roxtbo Limerick city without basic supports like nappies, baby formula, sanitary products for women, and toiletries. We had to ask Irish people to donate those items for asylum seekers.

“The Irish government contracted the Maldron hotel to provide a bed and 3 meals a day for asylum seekers who aren't allowed to work which turns the hotel into an open prison. They didn’t even have laundry facilities for the asylum seekers living in the Maldron hotel. Irish people had to collect dirty clothes from asylum seekers to wash in their homes then bring them back to the hotel. That is no way to live.

ANTI-FASCISM: Lessons for 2020

In the face of a global resurgence of authoritarian far-right governments, policies and even social behaviour, there is a need to build an anti-fascist strategy that pays special attention to the root causes of xenophobia, racism, misogyny. A society where competition and the pursuit of individual wealth are promoted as the ultimate goals and values is bound to normalise inequality, because it feeds from it. Opposing this normalisation is at the core of a clear anti-fascist strategy. What are we fighting against? Who benefits from prejudice? And most importantly, what can we do about it?

A speaker from the Industrial Workers of the World Ireland Branch leads the discussion on Antifascism: Lessons for 2020.
New Years Meassage from #JFTC2

Firstly I like to wish everyone a happy New Year and thank all those who sent me cards and letters over Christmas.

As I move forward into the New Year and with it a new decade, the possibility of getting a resolution to our case inches closer.

Having spent the whole of the previous decade (and more) a captive of the state, it has been a challenge to stay resolute in the face of such overwhelming odds. However the love and solidarity shown by my family and friends and many others around the world has given me the strength to continue to resist the villainy of the so-called British justice system.

This coming year it is expected that the Criminal Cases Review Commission will deliver its report and hopefully send us back to the Court of Appeal, where release from this injustice can be achieved. I am under no illusions however the court will not go out of its way to rule in our favour the state would be content to allow this injustice to continue indefinitely.

Our situation will only be put right if we renew our efforts over the coming months, if we continue to raise awareness and ensure the courts know that people are watching and will expect nothing but the end of this miscarriage of justice.

I ask once again for you all to join with me and my family championing our cause and demanding justice.

Help make 2020 the year of our freedom!

John Paul Wootton, The Craigavon Two Maghaberry Gaol, Balinderry Upper, Lisburn, BT28 2PT.

What is Anarchism?

Anarchism is 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.