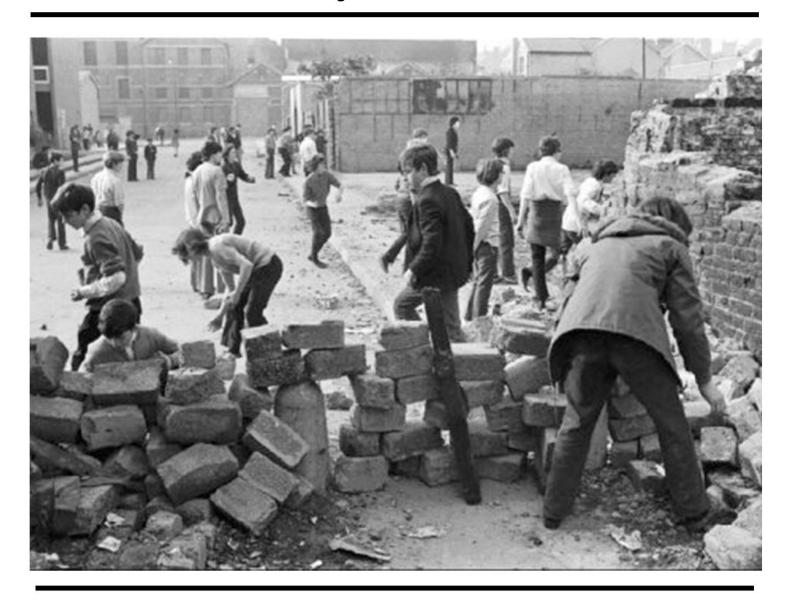
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BARRICADE BULLETIN

This is issue No.12 of Barricade Bulletin as ever brings you news and information from anarchists in Derry and those anarchists who we corresponed with. Since our last issue we have been tied up with the Derry Radical Bookfair, which as you may know, due to the current pandemic we were forced to have the various book launches online. Please also check out the Derry Radical Bookfair website to watch these events in you own time.

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.

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STRIKE ACTION NEWS

Debenhams Workers Hit Symbolic Milestone

The Industrial Workers of the World, Ireland Branch, extended its solidarity to ex-Debenhams workers throughout the country as they reached a symbolic milestone in their continuing dispute with Debenhams bosses.

In marking the occasion, a spokesperson for the IWW said: "It is our belief that everyone now witnessing this continuing battle on the streets of Dublin, Cork and Tralee knows that it is far from over, even after 300 days of action. To that end, the Industrial Workers of the World once again declare our solidarity on this significant day to all those Debenhams workers. As workers, they have drawn a line in the sand, despite attacks in the form closures and redundancies. This action shows to other workers now facing the same ill-treatment, be it today or tomorrow, that they too can and must stand up to their bosses."

Deliveroo Workers Stike Action

Earlier this month, word reached IWW Dublin members that Dublin Deliveroo drivers planned to take strike action as a result of ongoing issues which had been continually ignored by a number of outlets across the city.

In advance on the planned work stoppage, a contact relaid that they're asking Deliveroo for better working conditions security, delivery fees & value standards. At this time they're also looking to be taken seriously by Gardai when their bikes are stolen or they're attacked/abused.

Reasons for strike:

- Better working conditions
- More security
- Better remuneration on delivery fees
- Standard in the value of deliveries

Source & Further information: www.onebigunion.ie

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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Crime & Punishment

Isn't It About Time To Call An End To The Brutality Of Working Class Communities?

It's hard to image the damage caused to the lives and the mental health of those subjected to 'punishment attacks' in working class areas of the North unless you or your immediate family members have been directly involved themselves.

The majority of those shot or beaten are said to have been targeted due to anti social, anti community behaviour such as drug selling, joy-riding, breaking into houses or robbery. Over the last few months punishment attacks have once again become common practice in our communities resulting in numerous people being hospitalised or physically damaged due to these actions.

What is for certain is that the various armed organisations involved have and do at times come under a certain level of pressure to 'deal with' elements from either communities in order to stamp out anti community activity from joy-riding to drug dealing.

The role of armed organisations has also to be questioned as with the absence of any political stability or direction, power and control comes to the fore as many jockey for dominance and position within any giving locality.

Who best can be seen as having the stamina and tools to get things done the 'right way'?

Similarly those involved within anti community activity are of course easy prey for the cops and subject to different levels of entrapment.

Vulnerable young adults are said to be routinely used by the state forces to target, spy upon or inform on their own communities.

To that end, many believe those involved can receive 'a slap on the wrists', 'lesser sentences' or even financial rewards due to their vulnerability.



Without doubt many have reported similar stories, which has become common knowledge within communities as the 'new' and approved police seek their own foothold and approval ratings.

For the act of punishment attacks itself, have proved over the past half century to have achieved nothing only the continual marginalisation and brutalisation of our youth, each of us have to ask ourselves, what type of society do those involved in carry out punishment beatings on a communities behalf hope to build or achieve when the workers republic eventually arrives?

Will they continue to deal working class communities with the same type of justice system or can we expect something completely different?

How will their new society deal with community criminality, drug taking, burglary, theft even murder?

Going by what many have witnessed more recently in the back streets of Creggan or North Belfast, the type of justice system would be more reminiscent of what is witnessed in Saudi Arabia, or some other similar caliphates throughout history. As anarchists we are completely opposed to the use of punishment beatings or shootings just as much as we're opposed to anti working class activity that blight our communities.



ANARCHISTS CHARGED WITH 'CRIMINAL ORGANISATION'



Support is much needed for our comrades who fight in the ongoing Belarusian Revolution.

Every single day of fighting more, brings them closer to winning for a free Belarus, free from a dictator, free from the state of terror, free from torture, beat, rape, mental abuse. As we witness countless of arrests and detentions across Belarus, anarchists remain active in a number of trade unions and community based organisations, all of who have been a driving force against the State and its different arms of the law.

Over the past number of months, we have been receiving communications from ABC Belarus which we have reprinted within the pages of Barricade Bulletin as well as on our social media outlets.

According to Viasna, a criminal case has been opened against anarchists Akihiro Gaevsky-Khanada, Andrei Chepyuk, Alexander Franzkevich as well as a number of other people (data yet to be clarified) for - "Participation in a criminal organization in any other form."

It is also known that now Franzkevich has been charged under the Criminal Code for *organization of mass riots, participation and training.*

The position on critical support of A. Franzkevich can be found at the following link:

www.abc-belarus.org/?p=13083

MEMBERS OF FOOD NOT BOMBS JAILED

Several members of the anarchist street initiative 'Food NOT Bombs' were detained in Minsk at the end of January.

One of the activists released said "For 15 years every weekend activists have organized actions in three different places in Minsk. "We are giving food to the homeless and needy. This is our protest against poverty and world hunger, because huge funds are spent not for human needs, but for maintaining the military and police.

"The activity of the initiative became the reason why the Belarusian militia raided the places of our actions, detaining activists and homeless people. At our comrades court hearings witnessed cops hiding under fake names allegedly for their own safety.

"Almost all activists received 15 days in jail and some were fined €440. We call on the world community to express solidarity with the detained anarchist (k) ami and activist (k) ami of the Food NOT Bombs initiative."

Solidarity with our weapons!
#foodnotbombsminsk #foodnotbombs
#solidarity #repression #belarus #minsk

Source: ABC Belarus

Remembering Anarchist Prisoner Brian McCarvill

It is with great sadness that we pass on news of Brian McCarvill, who died of Covid-19 in prison on September 27, 2020, the date of his 68th birthday.

As a group, Brighton ABC were able to support Brian, and one of our members kept up a personal corresponce with him, for the last 20 years - he used to say that as a prisoner receiving a letter was better than any medication for depression.

A truely great man, who helped so many others incarcerated with him. He will be greatly missed.

Source: ABC Brighton

Talking Anarchy Lucia Sanchez Saornil



Saornil (left) and Emma Goldman (center) in Barcelona during the 1930's

Talking Anarchy is part of our ongoing educational work in which each issue will touch on areas of anarchism, prominent figures as well as historical events.

This issue touches on the prominent anarcha-feminist Lucía Sánchez Saornil. Lucía was born in Madrid on 1895 and a widely know figure within the Spanish Anarchist Movement as a poet, writer and of course an organiser and a founding member of Mujeres Libres.

Throughout her years of activism from the 1920's Lucía played a full role within the Confederación Nacional del Trabajo (CNT) and Solidariad Internacional Antifascista (SIA).

A passionate art lover for literature and poetry with her work on sexuality regularly published in many journals under the alias, Luciano de San Soar. In the ranks of the CNT while in Madrid she wrote and helped produce many journals which led to the postition of General Secretary of the Solidariad Internacional Antifascista.

A vocal anarcha-feminist Lucía challenged the CNT on a number of occasions for not moving the social revolution fast enough saying "we

must target women with our propaganda and draw women into our ranks" we have to take things further, much further than that.

This in turn led to the creation of Mujeres Libres (Free Women) with a number of other anarcha-feminists such as Mercedes Comaposada and Amparo Poch to demand that the voices of women were actually being taking seriously within the social revolution.

The Russian anarcha-feminist Emma Goldman assisted and guided the ideas behind Mujeres Libres with Lucía and other throughout the course of the Spanish Revolution to ensure the social revolution and that of the liberation of women were the one of the same thing.

The role played by Lucía and other women within the ranks of Mujeres Libres impacted upon the unfolding social revolution and the movement to which it belonged.

The establishment of free schools, newspapers focusing on women's liberation and promoting events as well as teaching a great number of women to think for themselves as well as to read and write, empowering themselves and their children.

Books on Saornil:

The following boooks are on Lucía Sánchez Saornil, Mujeres Libres or Anarcha Feminist related works.

Free Women Of Spain: Anarchism and the Struggle for the Emancipation of Women

Quiet Rumours: An Anarcha-Feminist Reader

Refusing to Wait: Anarchism & Intersectionality

Demanding the Impossible: A History of Anarchism

Intersectional Class Struggle: Theory & Practice

To Remember Spain: The Anarchist and Syndicalist Revolution of 1936

The books listed above are currently available to purchase online from a your nearest radical or independent bookshops.

Debenhams Workers 300 Days of Working

Interview with Debenhams Worker on the 300th day of their battle with the bosses!

On the day of what has been described as one of Ireland's longest workplace disputes, Debenhams workers have reached a milestone of 300 days of collective action, as they continue to demand their full redundancy owned to them.

Despite the cold and rain, pickets have remained constant at Debenhams stores in Dublin, Tralee, Limerick, Galway and Cork as they refuse to allow goods to be removed from stores until such a time when they are paid in full what is rightfully owed to each of them.

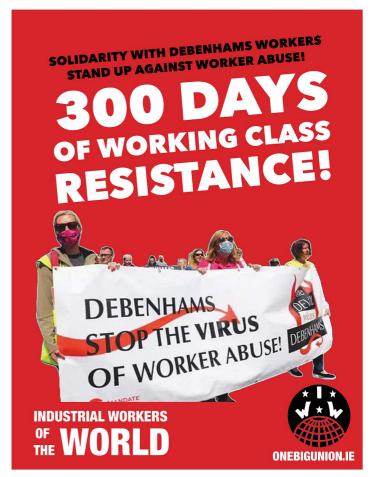
On the 300th day of action, we spoke with one member of the ex-Debenhams workers in Cork, who has supported her fellow workers throughout this long dispute at the various occupied sites.

Can you tell us a little bit about the background to this on-going action at Debenhams stores across the country?

Our background, if you're not aware is that we were informed via email that all our jobs were gone and basically good luck and thanks for all our years of service.

I personally only have 10 years of service but some of my colleagues had 40 years plus served between Roches Stores and Debenhams.

It was just a real slap in the face, so we are just fighting for our extra 2 weeks that we voted for in 2016 as a collective agreement. This is when the company entered into liquidation, which I think is only what we are entitled to, nothing more.



What has life been like for workers on the picket lines over these past 300 days?

For me I have just returned to the pickets after having a baby but for the others I know its been hard.

Out in all kinds of weather storms, ice, rain. Just typical Irish weather and being away from their families.

But I must say they are all an amazing bunch and life long friendships have been made.

Have you had much support locally as well as around the country or beyond?

The support from the people of cork has been amazing. Between people giving donations, cups

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of coffee, vouchers and food. We can't thank the people of Cork enough and their kind words of encouragement to stay strong and fight on has been invaluable to us.

What has the government done to end this battle in supporting yet more workers being cast aside by the bosses in such a way as what has happened to the Debenhams workers?

At the end of the day we just want a fair resolution. A fair offer would turn his €3 million offer into hard cash and pass the Cahill Duffy bill, to protect all the future workers as this is only the start of the retail downturn we are just the first casualty.

Has this strengthen workers resolve in continuing the fight to get what Debenhams workers are fully entitled to?

I think although it's been 300 days, we are not done fighting yet and even though we have had to cut our numbers on the pickets due to the Covid pandemic, we are all still willing to fight on.

We can't walk away now!!!

Have you had support and solidarity from other Debenhams workers in the likes of Derry and Belfast or further afield?

I have received Facebook messages of support from a few of them and I know at the start of our campaign a few of our shop stewards travelled to Belfast to protest outside their store.

Unfortunately now they are left in the same situation as us and Debenhams walk off it really doesn't seem fair.

The picket line actions has continued now for 300 days, through all types of weather, conditions and Covid 19 restrictions. What has kept workers strength and morale up all this times?

It's been hard but I think we are such a close group we just support each other and we are all going to have bad days.

After all when all this is over and the Covid is under-control we will have no jobs. I don't think that has hit home yet for me anyway.

For those watching at home or via social media, how can they express their solidarity with Debenhams workers at this time?

Just share a post or give us a little comment. It's great to know we have some support out there.

I know there are a lot of other big issues going on at the moment but we are still here and still fighting away.

If you had a message for workers who find themselves in the same situation in the days and months ahead, what would it be?

Stand up and fight like us. We have all paid our taxes and we deserve to be treated better then this.

Get your union behind you, stick together and fight!

For further information and updates on this ongoing struggle, check out this link on facebook:

Stand With The Debenhams Workers

Source: onebigunion.ie

The Anarchist Prince

Remembering Kropotkin 100 years after his death

Pyotr Alexeyevich Kropotkin died 100 years ago, on the 8th of February 1921.

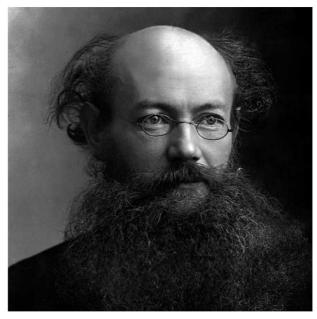
The anarchists of Moscow organised his funeral, refusing to accept assistance from the Government, and tens of thousands of workers, intellectuals and students followed the cortege in demonstration of their solidarity with his opposition to the Communist dictatorship. True to character, the Bolsheviks, having promised to release all the many anarchist political prisoners for the funeral, released only a few of them for one day only.

Incidentally, this would be the last time that anarchism was to be tolerated by the Soviet Union. Back in 1920, peasants in Andalucía had been collecting donations to provide finalcial help for Kropotkin. The last four years of his life were spent in poverty and as much obscurity as his enemies could induce. In many small ways the authorities made his life unpleasant; but they did not dare to use their ordinary Cheka methods against so great and famous a revolutionary.

Born in 1842 into an ancient Russian aristocratic family, he first rejected his privileged background at the age of 12, when he decided to drop his princely title. He was educated for a commission in the Tsarist army, and served in the early 1860's as an officer in a Cossack regiment stationed on the Amur river.

Later he travelled extensively on scientific expeditions in Siberia and Northern Manchuria, and his observations of natural history and primitive society during this period were to have a profound influence on his scientific and sociological ideas of later years.

In 1867 he returned to St. Petersburg and spent four years there in the study of mathematics. He also began to attain an international reputation as a geographer, and was offered - but rejected - the Secretaryship of the St. Petersburg Geographical Society, under whose commission he made in 1871 a journey of exploration into the ice fields of Finland and Sweden.



During his various geographical journeys into the remoter parts of Russia, Kropotkin was deeply impressed by the miserable conditions under which the poorer classes lived. He presented reports on the subject to various government departments, but his representations failed to break down their apathy towards the misery of the peasants and the landless poor. It was this lack of elementary humanity in the governmental system of Tsarist Russia that drove Kropotkin steadily towards the realisation of the necessity for a social revolution.

He became an active revolutionary in 1872. In that year he made a journey to Western Europe and stayed some time in Belgium and Switzerland. There he made contact with revolutionary movements and became converted to anarchism during a visit to the militant watchmakers of the Jura. In Switzerland he joined the International, which in that region was under the influence of the Bakuninists.

On his return to Russia in the same year, he took up secret revolutionary activity, and joined Tschaikowsky's conspiratorial group. The activities of the group were discovered by the Okhrana in 1874, and for his participation Kropotkin was imprisoned in the Peterand Paul Fortress. Kropotkin was one of the very few men ever to escape from this infamous prison, which he did in 1876, after two years of confinement.

He went first to England, and in the following year proceeded to Switzerland. There he stayed until 1881, when he was expelled for his revolutionary activities. For a while he lived alternately in France and England, until, in 1882, he was sentenced in Paris to a second term of imprisonment, this time for five years, for membership of a prohibited association (the reformed International Working Men's Association). His experiences of this period and of his earlier imprisonment in Russia are described in his vividly written book, In Russian and French Prisons.

He was pardoned by the French authorities, and came to England, where he lived for the next thirty years, most of which he devoted to writing. During this period he participated in English anarchist groups, helped to run the anarchist paper Freedom, and was one of the founders of the Freedom Press.

During the great war of 1914-18, Kropotkin gave his support to the Allies, contending that they were a lesser evil than the Central European powers and that therefore it was desirable that they should win rather than that Europe should be subjected to a German imperial hegemony.

There has been much controversy concerning Kropotkin's attitude on this occasion, and from an anarchist point of view there is no doubt that he diverged from the true revolutionary attitude, which would have been (as it is to-day) to support none of the warring states.

His attitude also seems to have been affected by that hatred of the German Empire and of German institutions in general which characterised so many of the Russian revolutionaries of his generation.

After the revolution of February 1917 in Russia, Kropotkin returned and gave it his support. When the Bolsheviks seized power at the end of the year, Kropotkin saw the true nature of their purpose. He opposed their rule and their myth of the dictatorship of the proletariat, and denounced their methods of oppression and persecution. Kropotkin was a leading advocate of communist anarchism, which differed from the collectivism



of Bakunin in that not only the means of production, but also the products of labour would be held in common and each individual producer would receive from the common pool to the extent of their needs.

This he regarded as more just and practicable, as under modern methods of production it would be very difficult to assess with any exactitude the value of individual labour, and as, with the technical resources of modern science and industry, an adequate supply of goods could be made available to give every person in society a comparatively generous share.

In Mutual Aid Kropotkin attacked the neo-Malthusian doctrines of the survival of the fittest. The idea of the struggle for existence was being used to justify any kind of repressive government, on the argument that only the class or nation could survive which was able most ruthlessly to gain and maintain power over the rest.

Kropotkin set out to disprove these ideas, and showed that, far from the struggle for existence being the dominant feature of animal life, the weaker species only survived because they lived in groups and consistently practiced certain forms of co-operation in satisfying the vital needs of the community.

Kropotkin showed, by a study of the information then available concerning human history, that there was no evidence of humans existence at any time as other than social animals, and went on to demonstrate how this element of co-operation lay at the base of all human societies.

RUSSIA: Revolution Not Reform

Message from Russian Anarchosyndicalist Union KRAS

We, anarchists and anarcho-syndicalists, consider it completely unacceptable for ourselves to take any part in political shows organized by supporters of the right-wing populist Navalny, who is sadly "famous" for his openly nationalist, anti-immigrant, anti-Caucasian and anti-Semitic statements.

To march in the ranks of the demonstrations they convened would mean - regardless of any excuses or "explanations" - to turn into the back of one of the political gangs waging a dirty and unprincipled struggle for power.

We, as anarchists, believe that both the current authoritarian regime in the Kremlin, which became the successor of Yeltsin's neoliberal clique, and the opposing group headed by Navalny, which is now seeking to seize the leadership of the entire mass of disaffected, are just the spokesmen for the interests of the country's true rulers - the dominant Oligarchy and its "Iron Heel".

Supporting any of these camps completely contradicts our anarchist convictions and our social revolutionary goal. Participation in the struggle for power between various parties, coalitions and cliques, and the transfer of more than justified social discontent



НЕ НАСТУПАЙ НА ГРАБЛИ МЕНЯЙ СИСТЕМУ, А НЕ МАРИОНЕТОК



Любая "революция", которая не меняет коренным образом существующую систему, является просто сменой одних паразитов на других

of people into the rotten channel of politicking only distract the working class from the struggle for its true social interests, from the awakening of the labour class consciousness and, ultimately, from the social and personal liberation.

We, anarchists, stand for the immediate and unconditional release of all anarchist, left-wing radical and social prisoners who are languishing today in the dungeons of the Oligarchy. But we are convinced that such a result must be achieved on our own, without turning into actual voluntary or involuntary servants of certain alien contenders for political power for the sake of continuing the same anti-social and neoliberal policy in the interests of Capital.

We cannot fight side by side with those who did not interfere with the total privatization and destruction of affordable health care and education, who did not oppose the anti-human pension reform, who last year supported the introduction of a universal terrorist system of surveillance and house arrest under the pretext of "fighting the epidemic". There is no "lesser evil" for us, and we do not enter into an alliance with the enemy - even when he is the enemy of our enemy.

No to political struggle - for social resistance! **KRAS-IWA**



Ben Fletcher: The Life & Times of a Black Wobbly

IWW Ireland chaired a book launch at Derry Radical Bookfair on Saturday 30 January - "Ben Fletcher the Life & Times of a Black Wobbly" (2nd edition, PM Press), by our friend Professor Peter Cole of Western Illinois University.

"Ben Fletcher the Life & Times of a Black Wobbly" is an examination of how beginning in 1913, Fletcher built up a powerful IWW branch on the Philadelphia waterfront which organised Black, Irish and other European immigrant workers in an unprecedented way.

They managed to galvanise the waterfront workers and saw many victories and the building of international solidarity through a strong union which maintained the right to strike, unlike others.

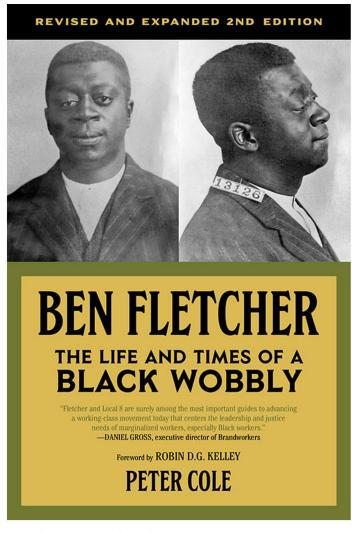
Fletcher was the consummate Wobbly, clearly aware that the working class must organise to free itself.

He applied workplace organising to such great effect that he was soon seconded round the USA in order to spread the IWW's revolutionary industrial unionism.

Having previously escaped lynching, he was among over 100 IWW members who were jailed on trumped up treason charges.

While serving a 10 year sentence helped found the 'University of Radicalism' in Leavenworth penitentiary.

After three years his sentence was commuted



and he returned to the fray.

The talk concluded with lively discussion about lessons for today from Ben Fletcher's legacy, the place of racism as part of capitalism.

A clear recognition that there is much to be learned from Fletcher's anti-racist, anti-capitalist workplace organising.

Morgan Branigan
IWW Ireland Area Organiser

You can purchase Peter Cole's latest publication 'Ben Fletcher: The life and times of a Black Wobbly' directly from PM Press or you can request it from your local independent booksellers wherever you live.

If you would like to write a short review of a book or publication for Barricade Bulletin then please get in touch:

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Crime & Punishment:

Isn't It About Time To Call An End To The Brutality Of Working Class Communities?

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We have for years spoken out against this type of barbarity brought upon working class communities and have instead called for community alternatives to be put in place by and for the communities themselves.

To date various initiatives have been put to use, however all of which have been connected to 'this or that' community group and subjected to specialised funding. All infact have been funded by the state, tied up with red tape, not to mention financial stings and entitlements for those directly involved.

Such projects are from the outset doomed to failure as it rules out any genuine working class community involvement as they seek to appease political and governmental statistics rather than achieving true community justice.

Many have set out to monopolise the fears and concerns of communities for their own political and financial gain merely adding to the growing sense of working class alienation and abandonment. Many opposed to the actions of armed organisations have asked, 'if they're so opposed to anti community behaviour then why are they not

Stuart Christie Memorial Archive

The friends and comrades of Stuart Christie have banded together in an attempt to not just keep his memory alive but his ideas and the goals. In doing so they have set up the Stuart Christie Memorial Archive. At the MAY DAY ROOMS in London, there will now be a dedicated room, The Stuart Christie Library.

It will contain papers, letters, photographs, personal mementoes, his writings as well as the output from his publishing arms, Cienfuegos Press, Christie Books and his Anarchist Film Archive. All of which will be available online. At present they employ a part-time archivist and researcher, Jessica Thorne, as well as Stuart's



attacking things like loan-sharks, off-licences who sell products that blight the lives of working class communities or even bookmakers or gambling arcades?'

What is for certain is that working class communities throughout the country will continue to feel the devastation of not only anti working class activity but the brutality of punishment attacks for the foreseeable future.

That is unless the communities themselves feel they can gather the strength and confidence as a class to discuss and debate different ways to genuinely address all the issues involved.

To that end we will continue to speak out against these actions and demand we that we attempt to find and create our own alternatives to them.

A justice all of our class so rightly deserves.

daughter Branwen who will be contributing personal photographs and letters. He was a well-loved man.

There will be artworks and many other projects suggested by people and friends who knew him from books to film. With your help it will create other initiatives. Ambition is limitless.

Initially the group want to raise £10,000 to get this first phase realised. You can do this be contributing to the crowdfunder, Stuart Christie Memorial Archive at: https://gofund.me/658655ce

Barricade Bulletin will keep readers informed of what is happening plus you can check out the Twitter page @ArchiveStuart for updates.

Who We Are:

We are a class struggle anarchist collective, organised by and for working class people. As anarchists we are opposed to all states and institutions, and all attitudes and ideologies that stand in the way of equality and the right of all people everywhere to control their own lives and environment. The working class has no country.

The class struggle is world wide and recognises no artificial boundaries. The Armies and Police of all states do not exist to protect the workers of those states, they exist only as the repressive arm of the ruling class.

Our Aim

Our aim is to abolish world wide, the state system, governments, capitalism and the wage slavery in all its forms and replace them with a free classless society based on self-managed communities and industries where production is for need not profit. In order to bring about an anarchist society the working class must take over the means of production and distribution, along with the day-to-day running of our communities.

What We Believe

As anarchists we believe that the only way for the working class to

achieve this is by independent organisation in the workplace and the community. In federation with others in the same industry and locality, independent of and opposed to all political parties and trade union bureaucracies. Industrial and community federations must be controlled by the working class themselves and must unite rather than divide the working class.

Dividing the working class by skin colour, religion, sex, nationality, sexual preference etc. is one of the main ways that the ruling class keeps us fighting amongst ourselves instead of against them. In creating a free society we must combat and destroy these divisions which the ruling class fosters within the working class.

Get Involved

Derry Anarchist Collective exists in order to further our aim for the creation of a social system where the working class alone controls industry and the community, free from the dictates, rules and laws of politicians, bureaucrats and bosses. If you share the ideas contained in this statement then we urge you to get involved with us.

Governments don't fall down by themselves, they need your help.

You can write to us at: derryanarchists@gmail.com