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**IRISH ANARCHIST BULLETIN** 

## BARRICADE BULLETIN

Welcome to 16th edition of Barricade Bulletin. For ourselves as anarchists, having our own independent publication such as this, it is viewed as an important vehicle for our politics and a vital tool for reaching out to others who are interested in class struggle anarchism, either locally of nationally.

Since our last issue, we have communicated with anarchists, and those interested in anarchism, from Limavady, Donegal, Newry, Omagh and Derry. There are many ways of becoming active but the first step is always reaching out to others who are active locally in their workplace and communities.

The Derry Anarchist Collective is active in many different projects from organising within our union to prisoner support and other community activity. Some of our activity is listed within the pages of this publication or on our social media pages.

Barricade Bulletin is printed and produced voluntarily by the Derry Anarchist Collective to bring you all the news and information from anarchists in Derry and those who we have extended solidarity with

As part of our ongoing education process and development we meet monthly to continue with discussion and engage in conversations with other likeminded anarchists.

If you feel you would like to participate and help build locally then please get in touch. Likewise, if you would like to create something where you live then get in touch for ideas and support.

Don't leave it up to others to do it for you!

Barricade Bulletin is a free Irish Anarchist Bulletin produced 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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## Derry Solidarity Action With Migrant Workers

Anarchist have taken part in a number of actions in Belfast and Derry in a show of solidarity with migrant workers following the deaths of 27 immigrants in the English Channel in November.

At one event in Derry, a solidarity action was held along the city's waterfront in the shadow of a number of famine statues. This location was a point of departure for thousands of locals fleeing the terror of famine that devastated countless communities in the North West.

Following the event, an IWW spokesperson said, "For a revolutionary union such as the IWW, we are clear that the class struggle doesn't start and finish at the factory floor. The struggle for working class liberation is fought in the workplace, on our streets and in our home every day of the week.

"As a union we have a long history and legacy that is intertwined with the horrors of emigration. It is vital that we stand with all migrant workers by challenging the bigotry, xenophobia and racism they face and say



no more; be that along the borders of Poland, on the beaches of France, in detention centres or in the work-place."

Each of the solidarity actions had a number of speakers, including activists, poets and singers. Representations from unions and charities across the North were present.

The IWW spokesperson continued: "It is important that we put an end to the silence in the face of what people are witnessing on their television screens or newspapers. It is unacceptable to remain silent when fortress Europe is forcing migrant workers to suffocate, freeze or drown in an effort to try and achieve a better life for themselves or their families."

## STRIKE ACTION NEWS:

Victory for Foyle Port Dockers Following Strike Action: Fighting To Win!

Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) in Derry have extended solidarity to Derry Dockers at Foyle Port after winning a huge historic victory following strike action on Pay.

The recent victory of workers at Foyle Port will be seen as a victory across the city in the face of increasing attacks against workers come to the fore. A spokes person for the **IWW Derry Branch** welcomed the victory by stating "Every victory for for wokrers against the bosses has to welcomed and celebrated. The historic victory witnessed at Foyle Port in relation to Pay is important, in that many workers in the city already organising to fight for similar issues will equally see this as a victory for them also.

"Workers will celebrate knowing that in fighting back we can win. Workers at the harbour and port commission and Burke Shipping Service have not only secured a historic double victory in their pay disputes but they have also given hope to fellow workers at this time. The message has to go out that there is power in the union!"

Members of the *IWW Derry branch* also attended ongoing strike actions throughout the city including the Education Welfare Officers strike who have taken ongoing action for pay parity.





Magee University in Derry was one of 58 universities across both islands which took industrial action in December as UCU members voted in favour of strike action on pension cuts and on pay & working conditions.

The Industrial Workers of the World extend its solidarity with UCU worker's taking industrial action. Many members of the IWW attended picketlines over the period of industrial action as a gesture of solidarity with UCU workers in their bid to fight continuing casualisation, workloads, pensions, pay cuts as well as equal pay.

A member who reported back from one of the university picket lines stated "It is important that workers who have made the decision to take industrial action receive solidairty and support from other workers.

"Today the university staff enjoyed support from passing cars as many have been hooting while passing. other passers-by have waved or even stopped to express their soildarity even though the weather was really bad at times. That expression of class solidarity is important at times like these for every worker."

Over the next number of months workers will once again take industrial action in an effort to fight for better pay and conditions. Talk to your fellow workers about extending solidarity today!



## Solidarity With Ryan Roberts 14 year prison sentence

Ryan Roberts was sentenced on the 17th December 2021 at Bristol Crown Court to a total of 14 years in prison. He was convicted of riot and four counts of arson. Three of the sentences run consecutively and only one concurrently, hence the brutal sentence of 14 years.



As it is over seven years, it means he has to do two thirds of the sentence. He will do just under a decade in prison.

The demonstration took place in March 2021 against the Police, Courts and Sentencing Bill. It was an outpouring of rage against the violence of the police. The crowd fought back after police officers attacked the crowd with batons and riot shields.

Pepper spray was used indiscriminately, people were charged at with horses and hit over the head with batons and shields.

The protesters fought back, seizing police riot shields, helmets and batons to defend themselves. By the end of the evening several police vehicles had been set on fire.

A growing number of people have been arrested and sentenced to prison, with more trials taking place throughout 2022.

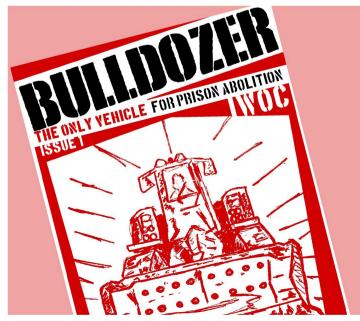
The time is NOW for solidarity.

Please write to him at:

Ryan Roberts A5155EM HMP Bristol, Horfield, 19 Cambridge Road, Bristol. BS7 8PS

Or use emailaprisoner.com

For more info on Kill the Bill Prisoner support: **bristolabc.wordpress.com** 



## Incarcerated Workers Create New Zine

Memebrs of the Incarcerated Workers Organising Committee (IWOC) have been working on a new zine over the past number of months resulting in the creation of their new zine titled **Bulldozer**: *The Only Vehicle for Prison Abolition*.

Bulldozer is free to prisoners or with a donation write to: Bulldozer P.O. Box 346, Derry, BT48 4FZ, Ireland.

## **Prisoners Win Historic Sexual Health Victory**

As part of a historic legal challenge, prisoners in the North of Ireland prison system are now allowed for the first time ever, access to free sexual health products.

In a recent landmark ruling was initially brought by a prisoner, directly challenged the continuing failure by the Northern Ireland Prison Service to grant "effective access to preventative measures to prevent sexually transmitted infections". Such a historic victory was quite rightly viewed by many, as an important development for prisoners sexual health and in welcoming the decision.

A member of the legal team who took the challenge stated afterwards; "the decision of the prison service to now implement a policy where prisoners can now access sexual protection items to have safe sex in prison. This is a monumental change in prison rules which places prisoners' health at the forefront of prison policy".

The prisoner involved was given anonymity prior to the legal challenge, had demanded action earlier in the year as a refusal by prison system to allow sexual health items into prison was 'in breach of the human rights act and the European Convention on Human Rights'.

Since the land-mark victory, items now listed as free to prisoners include; condoms, dental dams and water-based lubricants.

Over the past year, Incarcerated Workers Organising Committee (IWOC) have assisted a number prisoners to begin to organise on the inside throughout Ireland. To assist prisoners to network more effectively in a collective manner as part of the Industrial Workers of the World union.

THERE MAYBE TIMES WHEN WE ARE POWERLESS TO PREVENT INJUSTICE, BUT THERE MUST NEVER BE A TIME WHEN WE FAIL TO PROTEST AGAINST IT







The momentum for prisoners to organise on the inside, to defend their rights, was strengthened after the first ever 'national prison strike' in North America several years ago now. An act that was seen as a wake-up call for prisoners at the value of their own strength when organised. For many on the inside, that scene of unionised solidarity has been a source of self-empowerment and inspiration for many prisoners held in jails across the world.

A spokesperson for IWOC said that, "We welcome the news that prisoners sexual health issues are finally being acknowledged within the prison system across the North. This is indeed a historic victory and a huge departure from what has gone before in terms of health care within the prison system. It is a fantastic achievement for everyone involved.

"Speaking to prisoners and receiving direct accounts over the last number of weeks, it's a welcome change in health care however, there are still a number of obstacles to overcome in relation to it. Without doubt it is a successful victory and one that we hope many will greatly benefit from."

If you, a relative or a friend on the inside wish to find out more on IWOC and how to join then please get in touch, details below:



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# BLOODY SUNDAY: MARCH FOR JUSTICE

Derry will this year mark the 50th Anniversary of the Bloody Sunday Massacre by taking to the streets to demand justice for those wounded and executed by the British State



#### **Bloody Sunday January 1972:**

Demonstrators making their way to Free Derry Corner during march against internment

This coming January, Derry will mark the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday. A day in which 14 innocent people were murdered on the streets of the city as they protested against the policy of internment.

In an effort to silence the local population the British State sent in elite Paratroopers to break up the peaceful a civil rights march through the city on 30 January 1972, killing 14 unarmed civilians and wounding many others. The tragic events on that day became known as Bloody Sunday.

For the families whose loved ones were executed or injured on that terrible day 50 years ago, they had to endure so much in their ongoing quest for truth and justice.

The fight for justice through the State's machinery continues, just the commemorative march itself. From the Widgery tribunal to the recent Saville report. The various attempts by relatives to seek prosecutions for those murders has also seen the British State adjust their own legal goal posts. With the introduction of a possible "amnesty" for those involved in carrying out state executions now on the cards.

This act has rightly been viewed as a further attempt to completely end any quest by relatives for justice a half a century after the brutal events.

The call by the relatives ahead of this year's historic commemoration is 'We Were There!'. A call for those who attended the original march on Sunday 30th January 1972 to once again march for justice. In a statement the March for Justice Committee said: "Today as we look back on those tragic events, many people in Derry can still vividly recall that fateful day and what it came to personally represent for them in the years that followed.

"Many of those who participated in the original march returned in subsequent years in support of the families struggle for truth and justice. Others due to health or other considerations no longer march or make it when they can. Next year will mark 50 years since the massacre and as part of its extensive programme of events the Bloody Sunday March Committee (BSMC) will hold its annual march for justice.

"Given the importance and significance of this anniversary year BSMC is inviting all of those who attended the original march to come to Creggan on Sunday, 30th January 2022 to participate in a historical 'We Were There!' photograph. And then to lead us in marching for truth, justice and accountability in memory of all those who lost their lives on our streets that day in peaceful defence of their fellow citizens democratic rights."

For anarchists, socialists, trade unionists or others who have any sense of social justice, it is vital that all of us continue show solidarity with those murdered on Bloody Sunday. To stand in support of the relatives and the people of Derry's march for justice. As anarchists and anti imperialists, we stand with all those who oppose state terror in the workplace or on the streets as that is the only place in which our class will achieve justice for all those murdered on Bloody Sunday.

That is the only place our class will achieve a victory that is worth fighting for, not in their Courts of "justice", their Councils or Parliaments.

## THERE IS NO BRITISH JUSTICE



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#### **BLOODY SUNDAY 50th ANNIVERSARY MARCH**

30th January 2022 assemble Creggan Shops 2.30pm WWW.BLOODYSUNDAYMARCH.ORG

## BLOODY SUNDAY MARCH FOR JUSTICE

Anarchists in Derry, as well as anarchists nationally or internationally have participated in the annual commemorative Bloody Sunday marches from that terrible day back in 1972. Anarchists have supported the families fight for justice throughout the last five decades and will continue to do so.

In supporting the annual commemorative march to help draw attention to what happened on our streets, that same march has supported others to highlight their fight own for justice over the years. Campaigns who have the attended to help raise awareness and solidarity of their struggles. In doing so today, as we prepare to march on the 50th anniversary, we call upon anarchists to attend and show their support for the ongoing march for justice.

For further details on the annual Bloody Sunday week of events, please check out their website:

**BLOODSUNDAYMARCH.ORG** 



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.

The Korean People's Association in Manchuria remains one the biggest anarchist experiments in history. Unsurprisingly, not a lot is known in the "western world" about this full scale social revolution, as the "west" tends to look west.

Anarchism in Korea reached its climax as an anti-imperialism response to the Japanese occupation. The region of Shinmin -in Manchuria- was organized by both the Korean Anarchist Communist Federation and the Korean Anarchist Federation in Manchuria as an autonomous territory.

For 3 years, over two million Koreans lived without a state or central government. Instead, they organised society on the principles of individual freedom and mutual-aid, established a gift-economy and created a bottom-up democracy organised around village councils and committees to deal with matters of cooperative agriculture, education, social health, youth and finance.

The KPAM also formed an army spearheaded by the anarchist Kim Jwa-Jin, which used guerrilla tactics against Soviet and Japanese forces.

The Korean anarchists aimed for a society free of both (Japanese) imperialism and local (Korean) capitalism and landlordism. Their goal was explicitly a free independent Korea that did not just replace a foreign elite with the local one.

By September 1931, the experiment had been completely sabotaged by both Stalin and Japanese imperialism. War on two fronts and assassinations of major organisers forced the movement underground and the autonomous territory was no more. The lessons from this experiment are many. The reader in the west may take special notice on the way the Korean people fought colonisation and foreing occupation with anti-statism, rather than nationalism.

#### Text on Korean Anarchism

'The Korean Anarchist Movement' by Alan MacSimoine

'Anarchism in Korea. Independence, Transnationalism, and the Question of National Development 1919-1984' by Dongyoun Hwang

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## BACK WITH A BANG: RADICAL BOOKFAIR TO TAKE PLACE IN THE BOGSIDE AGAIN

This year's Radical Bookfair will take place in Derry as the city commemorates the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday. This year will mark the 6th Derry Radical Bookfair and the first since the global pandemic closed the majority of public gatherings.

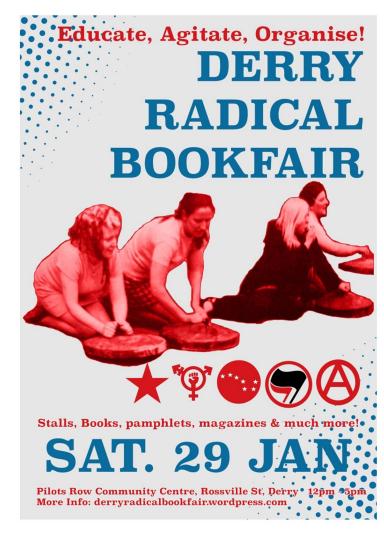
A spokesperson for the Derry Radical Bookfair said: "We are delighted to announce that the forth-coming Derry Radical Bookfair will be taking place once again at Pilots Row. It's now viewed by many who attend to be the rightful home of the book fair, an ideal space right in the heart of the Bogside particularly at this time.

"Last year we witnessed the book fair move online, which opened up the event to a more international audience however, the book fair is about selling books, meeting people, networking and having direct access to a wide variety of radical books from radical feminism, queer politics to anarchism. There is nothing like the type of atmosphere the Derry Radical Bookfair creates and in January 2022 it will prove to be bigger and better.

"The footfall varies from year to year and after last year's break due to Covid restrictions, people can be assured that we will have the space and environment in line with current guidelines, to allow those attending to explore the host of books and publications on display.

"The 6th Derry Radical Bookfair will take place alongside a series of events marking the 50th Bloody Sunday March for Justice Commemorations. From planned talks, walks and discussions we have no doubt that it will be an extremely busy weekend in Derry."

The Radical Bookfair is still one of the country's largest radical book fair with a wide selection of independent radical press, book sellers, publishers and distributors from across Ireland with a number



of participants taking part from Scotland, England and Wales. A very important focal point for many and firmly part of the city's political calendar.

Anyone wishing to have a stall at this years Radical Bookfair are asked to book their place in advance. Any readers interested in helping out doing the day have been asked to contact the organisers at the following email address:

radicalbookfair@gmail.com

### **DERRY RADICAL BOOKFAIR**

You can keep up to date on planned events for this years 6th Derry Radical Bookfair by checking out their website at the following link:

derryradicalbookfair.wordpress.com



### **Anarchist Cybernetics:**

## Control and Communication in Radical Politics

#### Stafford Beer said in 1974:

"We spend our days boxed in houses, swarming in and out of office blocks likes tribes of ants, crammed into trains, canned into airplanes, locked solid in traffic jams on the freeway. Our unbiblical concern for what we shall eat, what we shall drink and what we shall put on is amplified and made obsessional by the pressure to consume-way, way beyond the natural need.

"All this is demanded by the way we have arranged our economy. The institutions we have built to operate that economy, to safeguard ourselves, protect our homes, care for and educate our families, have all grown into large and powerful pieces of social machinery which suddenly seem not so much protecting as actually threatening."

Now Beer was no anarchist, he was an ex-soldier in the British army and was involved in the operational research and corporate organisational consultancy.

However, he is also one of the pioneer thinkers in Cybernetics and was invited to develop project Cybersyn for Salvador Allende in Chile in the early 70's.

Cybernetics much like Anarchism has been widely misrepresented in the media.

The prefix Cyber may conjure up ideas of science fiction scenarios concerning robots, artificial intelligence, and omnipotent computer networks.



However, Cybernetics is the study of control within a system, usually referring to feedback loops. find a comrade who was trapped somewhere in the city.

In his book *Anarchist Cybernetics: Control and communication in radical politics*, Thomas Swann attempts to make use of Cybernetic understanding and apply its potential benefits to anarchist organising.

He focuses the work of Stafford Beer and others to give insights to self -organisation and the use of functional hierarchy to maximise individual and collective autonomy.

In his overview of Anarchism Swann quotes Ruth Kinna, 'anarchism is a doctrine that aims at the liberation of peoples from political domination and economic exploitation by the encouragement of direct or non-governmental action' he also highlights Kinna's point that what differentiates Anarchism from other kinds of socialism is the commitment to direct action. This is important as it furthers the need to distance ourselves as anarchists from the state. It also allows for prefiguration which is has been a fundamental attribute to anarchism for over a century.

In this approach to organising Swann uses examples of how the Occupy movement and the uprisings in the Arab Spring of 2011 used aspects of control and communication that have parallels with Stafford Beer's viable Systems Model.

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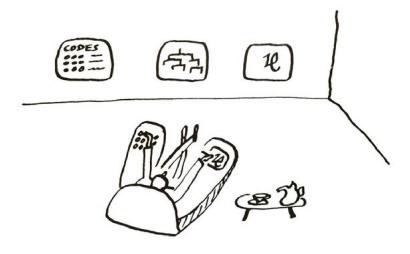
## **Cybernetics**

Swann discusses 3 main factors of Cybernetics which pertain to anarchist organisation, complexity, autonomy and control.

Complexity according to cybernetics is about a system responding to complexity in the environment through the use of feedback loops, the actions taken in response to feedback allows the system to remain stable.

Autonomy is about a system maintaining it's purpose while wrestling with complexity through feedback.

Control in this sense is about regulating the system through autonomous action. While control can be a term that anarchists recoil from, in this case it can be thought of as a skier maintaining control while going downhill, rather than coercive control.



There is a brief history of Anarchism and Cybernetics. In 1963 the Journal Anarchy published two articles on Anarchism and Cybernetics. The first one was by a neuroscientist called Grey Walter (the father of Nicholas Walker).

The second article written by way of a response to the Walter article, by John McEwan speaks to the importance of self - organisation, in this case by regarding it through the same lens as Stafford Beer.

Thomas Swann also goes on to state: Kropotkin's vision of an anarchist society strongly resembles relatively modern bio-cybernetic organi-



sational theories and systems of 'self-regulating' modules.

In society there exist basic units (individuals, associations, communes, etc.) which have to possess autonomy, and which can co-operate and federate on a voluntary basis with the other units.

Swann concludes by saying that the now could be the time to begin to organise using Beer's Viable Systems Model as a heuristic or way of understanding.

He stated how similarities between the two existed in the Occupy movement, particularly in how communications between groups in a functional hierarchy aided the initial success of the movement.

While there is no blueprint to organising and neither should there be, the Viable Systems Model can be used to better understand functional hierarchies in movements as well as how systems and subsystems can successfully interact with the environment through feedback.

The capitalists often organise using Systems Thinking, this is taught on management and business courses.

The appropriation of this body of thinking and practice can be hugely beneficial to Anarchists and their affinity networks as well as being a 21st century version of a weapons raid.

Check out AK Press UK or PM Press UK for this and other publications listed within Barricade Bulletin. If you would like to write a book review then please drop us a line to our email: derryanarchists@gmail.com

## WORKERS SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT HAS COME TO AN END

The Workers Solidarity Movement has issued a formal statement within the past number of weeks officially drawing a close to one of the most active anarchist groupings in Ireland. The Statement read: "The Workers Solidarity Movement has taken the decision to disband the organisation some 37 years after it formed. While we recognise the WSM's many achievements over the years and while we are each committed to continuing the cause of anarchism in some capacity, we have collectively agreed that the WSM is no longer the best vehicle to achieve that aim.

"We intend to maintain existing WSM material on and offline as an archive. We also intend to develop discussions around what the legacy of the organisation is, its achievements and lessons to be drawn for the future.

"Each of us expects to remain active in anarchist politics and indeed to often find ourselves working together, including potentially as members of future organisations. We recognise that old habits are hard to



overcome and that younger generations of anarchists are better placed to come up with the structures and organising practices most suited to the current moment.

"As anarchists, we still carry a new world in our hearts. We know that the way you fight back and struggle will shape the victory. The WSM has come to an end. We hope this decision will open a space for new revolutionary anarchist ideas, energies, and new beginnings."

### **Reaching Out & Useful Contacts**

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:

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

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