

When?

Saturday June 18th
12 noon – 5.30pm

Where?

Oxford House,
Bethnal Green Road, London E2

Tube: Bethnal Green, Central line

Buses: 8, 388, D3, 253, 106

For a map see online at www.libcom.org/cag

Who?

The event has been jointly organised by the following groups:

▫ Hackney Independent

www.hackneyindependent.org

▫ Haringey Solidarity Group

www.haringey.org.uk

How?

Want to attend? Or have any questions? Contact the Gathering group or see the information website, as below for more information or to arrange accomodation for Friday or Saturday night.

Any questions, email

info@hackneyindependent.org or write to

CAG c/o HSG, P.O.Box 2474, London N8

Community Action Gathering >> June 18 2005



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Standing up for our communities, and our interests!

This special event has been called by a number of independent, radical, anti-authoritarian local groups around the country who've been active in supporting their communities, and in particular working class local issues and campaigns.

If you would be interested in attending this gathering, see more information on back page.

Like you, we are trying to stand up for our interests, our conditions and our environment, and to build up solidarity and community spirit in our own towns and communities.

This includes defending public facilities and green spaces, trying to improve housing conditions, campaigning for traffic calming, opposing destructive regeneration and development projects and so on.

Activists organise or participate in leafleting, newsletters, open meetings and campaigns, social events, social centres, and a wide range of grass-roots community initiatives.

Its not always easy, but we are doing our best - at the same time encouraging residents to speak up for themselves and to organise together and support each other.

But are we having the effect we'd like? What is our relationship with local residents' groups and broad-based campaigns? Which issues should be our main priorities? How do immediate practical concerns link to the need for fundamental social change?

This event aims, through workshop discussions, to:

- share information, local experiences and views about some of the key issues affecting our communities
- establish better links and communication channels among radical, community-orientated local groups and individuals
- promote anti-authoritarian, anti-state, anti-capitalist and pro-working class politics, and collective, non-hierarchical forms of organisation.

Provisional Agenda

- 12 noon - Arrival / refreshments
- 1pm - Introduction to the event. Brief introduction/report from each group present.
- 2pm - First workshops/discussions session [See list below]
- 3pm - Break for refreshments
- 3.30pm - Brief plenary
- 3.45pm - Second workshops/discussions session [See list below]
- 4.45pm - Report backs from discussions. Plenary on how activists can work together better to support our communities and working class struggles...
- 5.30pm - End and clear up

Evening - Informal social

Note: if requested, we could organise an 'overflow' discussion on Sunday 19th, around midday...

Workshop/Discussion Themes

General

- Fighting for the local services and facilities we need
- Our neighbourhoods – improving our street scene and the environment
- Decent and affordable housing for all
- Regeneration, gentrification and planning
- Workplace struggles and issues

Practical

- How to set up local groups
- Communication techniques and strategies (newsletters, mailing lists, leaflets etc)

Debate

- Single issue campaigning
- Interaction with existing residents' groups
- Council elections

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