

WORKSHOPS

Exchange

Trinity

East Bristol
Books

Quaker's
Meeting Rm

Quaker's
Library

Quaker's
Hall

10:30
to
11:30

Disarm Bristol

Food
Shortages:
Community
Prepping

Digital
Security as
Solidarity

Anti-Fascism,
Fascism and
the
Surveillance
State

Bridge Across
Time:
Centro Iberico
1971-1983

Anarchism in
Spain:
Origins to
Revolution

BREAK 11:30 to 11:50

11:50
to
12:50

Resisting
Immigration
Raids

Masking Up
Against the
Crime and
Policing Act

TBD

Building
Relationships
and Security

TBD

Spain: The
Revolution of
July 1936

BREAK 12:50 to 13:10

13:10
to
14:40

Anarchy 101

What
Solidarity do
Bristol's Global
Majority Want?

Queer and
Trans Mutual
Aid

Books Against
Borders

The Eclipse

Oral Histories
of the Mujeres
Libres

14:10 to 14:30

BREAK 14:30 to 15:00

15:00
to
16:30

Anarchy 102
(Session finishes
at 16:00)

Data Centre
Resistance

TBD

Radical
Accountability
in a Messed
Up World

ISM in
Palestine

The Maydays
in Barcelona

Panel
Discussion:
The Spanish
Revolution

BREAK 16:30 to 16:50

Trinity Green Room

16:50
to
17:50

30 Years of
Eco-Anarchist
Resistance

Trad Wives
and the Far
Right

BAB YOUTH SPACE

Young people only!!

- 10-19 yrs
- Craft activities
- Snacks and drinks
- Creatures Like Us playtest
- No To Big Tech workshop
- Anarchist callisthenics
- Youth specific books
- Anarchy 101



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Trinity
(Outside)

13:10
to
14:10

Stay Calm and
SHIELDWALL!

15:00
to
16:30

Public Order
Games

L'Etoile
Studio

11:00
to
15:00

The Art of Rebellion
A collection of propaganda and artwork from
across the anarchist and analog spectrum.

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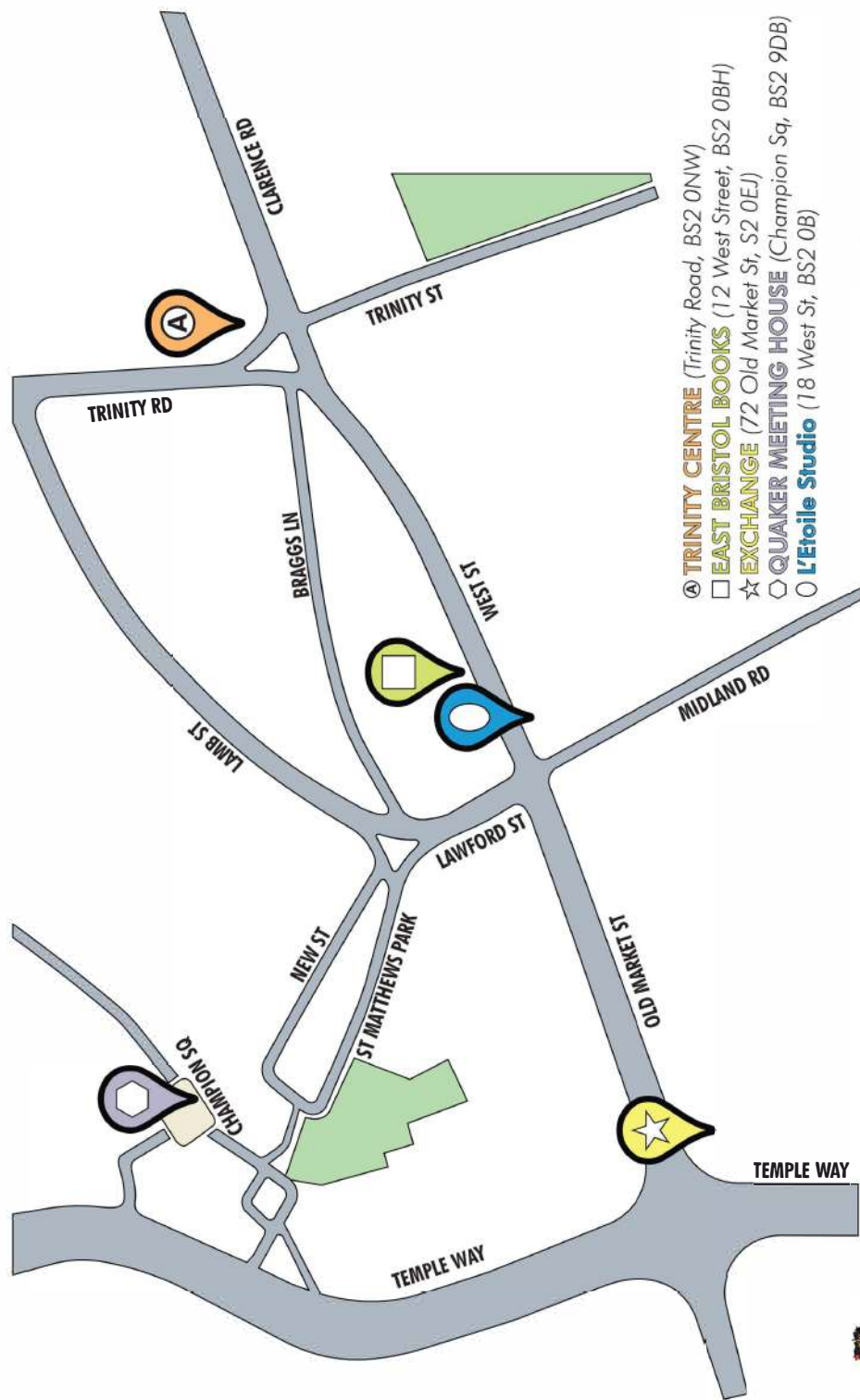


PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

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SAFER SPACES

Many organisations use ‘safer spaces’ policies; however, we prefer an anti-oppression statement. Our anti-oppression statement is a call for all of us to consider and transform our behaviours, both on the front lines of our struggles and in our everyday lives.

We have all grown up in a patriarchal, racist and capitalist world and many of us carry trauma from our experiences. ‘Unlearning our shit’ is part of creating the better world we know is possible – we all need to take responsibility for it and support each other in freeing ourselves from the conditioning that has been imposed on us.

Challenging Oppressive Behaviour

We define the following as abusive behaviours which are not tolerated in this space:

Physical abuse:

- Violence and threat of violence.
- Use of force and threat of force.
- Rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment.

Verbal abuse:

- Personal insult.
- Oppressive language.
- Verbal and written harassment, sexual or otherwise.

Acting against oppression is a collective process and we encourage everyone to challenge oppressive behaviour if you witness it, but please speak to an organiser or volunteer if you need assistance. We would like to ask that people challenge behaviour in the spirit of comradeship, as policing each other can be alienating and is often counter-productive. Everybody makes mistakes, and we are all still learning, so please bear this in mind. However, if people deliberately continue with abusive behaviour, oppressive language, distribute oppressive material or are deemed to be a risk to others they will be asked to leave the bookfair. If prior to bookfair you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact us. We want to make the bookfair a welcome, diverse, inclusive space that actively opposes oppression in all its forms.

A word on pronouns

Someone’s chosen ‘pronoun’ is how they want to be referred to, e.g. they/them, he/him or she/her. Please respect this and don’t assume someone’s pronoun or gender identity depending on how they look. We recognise that mistakes will happen, but deliberate misgendering is not acceptable.

If you have any questions or would like to suggest any further accessibility measures, please e-mail us at bristolbookfair@riseup.com.

As I write, around the world, people are staring down the oppressor.

France, Albania, Brazil, Spain, Mexico, Belgium, Kenya, Indonesia, Greece, Portugal, Italy, Argentina, and no doubt many more. They are out on the streets, doing what needs to be done to fight for a future being stolen from them.

They have not appeared out of aether. They are the result of communities coming together to organise, build connections, and share ideas. When we come together talk, listen, and learn, we strengthen ourselves and build our capacity. In truth, every bookfair is a seed of revolutions to come. You’re part of that.

The books picked up today, the discussions had in the hallway, the plans that form over beers at the afterparty... these are the material in which we compose of the political and tactical unity that lights our fire and builds our capacity to confront the bastards.

In a digital age, gathering in person is more vital every year, and Bristol has come together beautifully. Today, we have over 60 groups present, over two dozen stalls, a gallery of art, and at least three opportunities to buy cake. Across these halls, there are thousands of books and zines on everything from direct action, anti-capitalism, climate justice, feminism, decolonisation, workers’ rights, anti-fascism, war, peace, and revolution.

We hope you get stuck into the latest conversations on data centre resistance, with the crew who’ve won the first victory against them in England, how a Library Bus collective has been breaking down borders for refugees crossing Europe. and how communities prepare for food shortages and price hikes. The amazing organisers of Bristol Community Action will be laying out the solidarity needed by Black and Brown Bristolians to resist the far right and you’ll hear the latest from the International Solidarity Movement’s work in the West Bank. TRAN+ will bring updates on supporting queers in hard times, and there’ll be an expert run-through of the new protest legislation with the Network for Police Monitoring. Unfortunately, the poor weather means the outdoor events are cancelled. Instead, you can learn how to resist an immigration raid, explore the tradwife-to-far-right pipeline, and enjoy the Radical History Zone wonderful line up of events on the Spanish Revolution.

For the first time, we’ve also got a whole separate strand of sessions in the AYC Kids Space in the Green room and over at L’etoile Studio you’ll find a gallery of anarchist art. In the main hall you’ll find a lovely menu of delicious grub thanks to Two Trees, and we’ll be serving up brews and coffee to keep you fuelled up all day long.

We hope you have a fantastic day and share your thoughts afterwards!

Solidarity with those out on the streets around the world. Stay dangerous and free!

love and rage
Peter from the BAB Crew

SOME GUIDELINES

FIRST WATCH

The first hour of stalls at Trinity is a dedicated, quieter period for anyone who may find busy, crowded environments challenging due to mobility needs, sensory sensitivities, health conditions or concerns around infectious diseases.

It is intended to offer a more accessible and comfortable way for comrades who often feel excluded from revolutionary spaces to enjoy the bookfair, with reduced visitor numbers and a calmer atmosphere.

During First Watch, *face masks are mandatory for all attendees and stall holders* (unless there is a medical reason). Further, additional seating will be available, visitor numbers will be limited, and we will do our best to minimise general noise and clatter wherever possible.

There will be hand sanitiser at the both entries and masks will be available, tho please bring your own.

We hope these measures will help make the market more comfortable and accessible for those who might otherwise find it difficult to attend. This is a base line with which we will continue to make our revolutionary spaces more accessible.

Our events programme starts from 10:30, so please if you're a attendee without these concerns, go and enjoy a workshop, the gallery, or library and come back to the stalls later. They'll be here all day.

For full details about accessibility at BAB please check out:
<https://bristol anarchist book fair.uk/accessibility>

NO PHOTOGRAPHY OR STREAMING

This is to keep folks safe from accidentally getting doxxed from our own socials and so we have a clear line if any far right livestreamers show up. There will be an appointed photographer in a hi vis you can ask to take shots if you want photos. They will edit and anonymize attendees and forward them to you. If you see anyone else taking photos, explain, ask them to stop, and if need be let someone on the welcome desk know.

Other key issues include:

- How deep was this social revolution was in practice, did it transform relationships between men and women, in families and in public life on a mass level?
- Although the use of violence was clearly necessary, how much was this reciprocal 'red terror' rather than anti-fascist resistance? Was the 'red terror' counter-productive?
- How do we understand the 'war or revolution' dilemma?

This panel brings together all the speakers, James Yeoman, Danny Evans, Isabella Lorusso and Lee Groves plus we are very pleased to have Nick Heath joining us.

16:50 to 17:50

Memory, archives and oral histories in eco-anarchist resistance

Quaker Meeting Room

What is invisible, unseen or barely remembered in the last 30 years of eco-anarchist resistance in the UK? Why are some radical histories celebrated by future generations while others appear to be forgotten relatively quickly? How can we celebrate our successes while recognising how much we still have to fight, and learn from them even though our context is always changing? This talk (with pictures!) will consider these questions through the campaign against genetically modified crops in the UK, the early climate movement and the radical media that shared stories of some of these actions.

Beyond the Sourdough: Trad Wives and the Far Right

Quaker Library

What can sourdough, staying at home and a carefully curated Instagram feed tell us about the rise of the far right? The "tradwife" has become a hugely successful social-media phenomenon amassing millions of followers and launching the careers of 'Ballerina Farm' and Nara Smith as the social media founders of the 'tradwife' label having a joint 15.2 million followers. Curated feeds presenting traditional femininity, marriage, motherhood and staying at home as an escape from capitalism and patriarchy are being marketed as a radical act of reclaiming what it means to be a woman and wife. But what happens when an supposedly apolitical lifestyle becomes part of a much wider political and cultural project? This workshop will look beyond these aesthetics and explore the people who are funding this content, how it is marketed to young women, and how it connects with wider far-right ideas around gender, race, religion and family. We will look at the contradictions of influencers selling a return to the home whilst being 'business owners' providing financially for their families through lucrative personal brands and businesses, and ask why the tradwife we see online is so often young, white and conventionally feminine. This isn't about demonising women who choose to stay at home, but about understanding the bigger picture and why this message is resonating with people who are fed up with capitalism. As anarchists, it is important for us to see what we can learn from the tradwife movement and what alternative visions we can offer.

care is fundamental. In this workshop we will explore how to centre integrity, prioritise safety and dismantle internalised cop culture when in conflict. We will look at the way in which internalised patriarchy and male violence shows up in ourselves, in our communities and in our organising groups and how this impacts true accountability.

This workshop is about reminding ourselves that building a more accountable, less harmful world is a collective responsibility and necessity right now. This workshop is for all genders.

Join ISM solidarity work in Palestine

Quaker Library

The International Solidarity Movement (ISM) is an anti-zionist, Palestinian-led movement deploying international volunteers to Palestine to support communities resisting ethnic cleansing, colonialism and the genocide of the Palestinian population. It uses non-violent, direct-action methods and is based on consensus. We go where Palestinians themselves have invited us, to stand alongside them offering solidarity in the face of oppression and dispossession.

The workshop will introduce you to our work, and you will hear first-hand from members who have provided solidarity presence in communities facing settler violence in the Jordan Valley, Masafer Yatta and elsewhere in the West Bank. Right now, international comrades are answering the call from Palestinians to join them during the olive harvest, and fight settler intimidation. But volunteers are needed all year round. Come to the workshop to discover more about how you can resist the occupation and dispossession in the West Bank.

15:30 to 16:30

Panel discussion – The Spanish Revolution

Quaker Hall

The Spanish Revolution was a seminal event in the history of anarchism. The success of resisting a fascist coup led by elements of the armed forces in July 1936, remains a quite remarkable historic achievement. But questions remain, could their victory have been total? Why did some anarchist areas fall to the fascists? Should the anarchists have seized power? Why were the Spanish colonies not declared independent?

The revolution marked in concrete terms the seizure of the means of production by the working class. This expropriation and associated collectivisation was not a seamless process, bringing up issues of individualism versus the communal, private property and social property, and how to transform the social relations of capitalism.

SECURITY

Core to Anarchism is the principle that we all keep each other safe. Safety however, is vital and we have made informal and proactive plans in place should they be needed. We ask that if some needed to be ejected, you allow organisers to take the lead in this. Further, if someone is verbally abusive, or there's an argument, we ask people to call on the organising crew so that we can take the people involved aside to a small room off the main hall, giving everyone time to de-escalate and get a handle on the situation and establish if our safer spaces policy has been breached and how to deal with it.

FIRST AID

We have street medics (with qualifications) on the crew with an IFAK should it be required. If you see someone in need of help, provide it and give us a holler so we can help too.

FIRE!

If there's a fire, head out of the nearest marked exit, do not attempt any heroics and leave the response to ourselves, the Trinity staff, and the professionals in the Fire and Rescue service.

DON'T BLOW UP THE SPACE

Do not sticker or tag the venue, if you have dramas with someone, take it elsewhere, clean up after yourselves and in general take care of the space you are in.

PACK UP

Between 5pm and 6pm the organisers will be cleaning the entire venue, so go easy on us! Better still, help us out. There is always plenty to do.

Let's leave Trinity, and all the venues how we found them.

PITCH IN

Have a good time? Pick up some fantastic books? Enjoy the workshops? Felt inspired and want to start something? Help keep the lights on, buy a T-shirt or toss us a donation, better yet come and get involved by joining the organising crew or put your name down to volunteer in 2027. Email us or nudge a mate.

Make it happen.

Supporting children and young people - All age inclusion -

Crèche: You can register your young person with the Crèche to drop them off while you remain on the premises. The Crèche is coordinated by childcare workers: and there is limited availability for drop off slots. Please register your child as early as possible during the day as on the day, slots are first come first served. We have planned ~1.5 hr slots and will prioritise one slot per child, but could offer a second slot if available and wanted! The staff/volunteer procedures for the space are available for you to read.

AYC Kidspace: For the first time, we've handed our kids space to the youth to organise the space how they see fit. Activist Youth Club (AYC) is a new space for young people who want to learn about and practise activism around the things that matter to them. Our vision is regular sessions for 13–19 yrs that is youth-led and adult-supported.

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Lost Children: Young people can register with their responsible adult's name and number on a wristband or written on their arm. All volunteers will be trained to support a lost child to the kidspace where the creche and kidspace volunteers can contact the responsible adult. If a child looks content and confident, please don't assume they are lost – if they look unsure of themselves, check if they know how to reach their adult or the kidspace.

Children and young people welcome everywhere!

We encourage everyone to recognise the needs of young people, children, toddlers and babies, and to be flexible about their presence throughout the space, with individually appropriate levels of independence from the adults they come with. Acknowledging young people's needs has a positive impact on inclusion for everyone: allowing people to move/sit/ be on the floor as they need to, giving content notes and information on the format of a workshop up front so people can make judgments about whether a session is for them, making people comfortable to leave a session if they need to...

Please interact with young people with respect: assume competence and respect their bodily autonomy first: offer support if appropriate second!

centred on the questions of militarisation and 'War or Revolution'? When armed Communist Party units attacked the telephone exchange in Barcelona, thousands of workers responded with an initially successful armed insurrection.

The Friends of Durruti group were central within this opposition and openly criticised the collaboration of the CNT leadership with the Republican Government. This talk will examine the events of May 1937, why and how the insurrection was eventually defeated as well as the actions and arguments of the Friends of Durruti group. The fundamental question remains 'should the anarchists have seized power to further the revolution'?

15:00 to 16:00

Anarchy 102

Exchange

An interactive workshop that explores the question 'how do anarchists actually organise?'

We'll look at some of the ways that anarchist organise and make decisions together, both within small groups and between groups on a larger scale. We hope the session will empower people to learn about themselves, how to put anarchist values into application and action and become agents of change.

This is still an entry level session with no dense theory or history and where questions and exploration are welcome. Note – You do not need to have attended an Anarchy 101 session to attend this session.

15:00 to 16:30

Data Centres: a big bad opportunity? – Axe Drax

Trinity

What takes vast quantities of water, requires power on the scale of a town, bumps up your bills and fuels the AI billionaires arms race? This year the potentially catastrophic consequences of the Data Centre boom started become apparent – with over 100 being proposed, and approvals being granted in places like Avonmouth. Not since fracking have we seen a threat on this scale. How do we build an effective local campaign to turn this around? Can we make it into a movement that reignites the power of grassroots ecological action?

Radical Accountability in a Messed Up World – SLEEC

Quaker Meeting Room

In the current state of the world, where accountability is absent or failing, and violence and harm is normalised, practicing radical accountability and prioritising community

criminalised – with people killed at borders, imprisoned in detention centres or deported. But also 10 years in which initiatives of practical resistance have flourished, rooted in the histories and experiences people carry with them, and have shown us glimpses of alternative worlds.

Eclipse 2029: Strengthening Anarchist Organising in the British Isles

Quaker Library

The Eclipse network aims to strengthen the anarchist movement, to both counter the far-right and offer a meaningful alternative to electoral politics. We aim to facilitate co-ordination between anarchists, share infrastructure, host annual in-person & online assemblies, and popularise anarchism through education and organising public events. The workshop will introduce the Eclipse, and show what we've done so far and our visions for the future.

Oral histories of the Mujeres Libres Isabella Lorusso

Quaker Hall

Italian historian and writer Isabella Lorusso presents her research on Spanish anarchist women whom she had the opportunity to meet and interview in Spain and France during the 1990s. These women were active in the Federación Anarquista Ibérica (Iberian Anarchist Federation, FAI) group but they also established their own autonomous anarchist-feminist organization, Mujeres Libres (Free Women), which boasted a membership of approximately 20,000 women. They fought not only against Fascism and Stalinism but also for the right to abortion, divorce, education and free sexuality and struggled against the patriarchal society embodied by their fathers, husbands, and comrades.

Isabella met many of the founders of Mujeres Libres, such as Pepita Carpena, the group's propaganda officer; Suceso Portales, who lived in exile in London before eventually returning to Madrid and the female militia members such as Blanca Navarro and Cocha Perez, who fought at the front against the fascists. Isabella's book *Fighting Women: Interviews With Veterans of the Spanish Civil War* was published by Freedom Press in 2020.

14:30 to 15:30

The Friends of Durruti and the Maydays in Barcelona (1937) Lee Groves

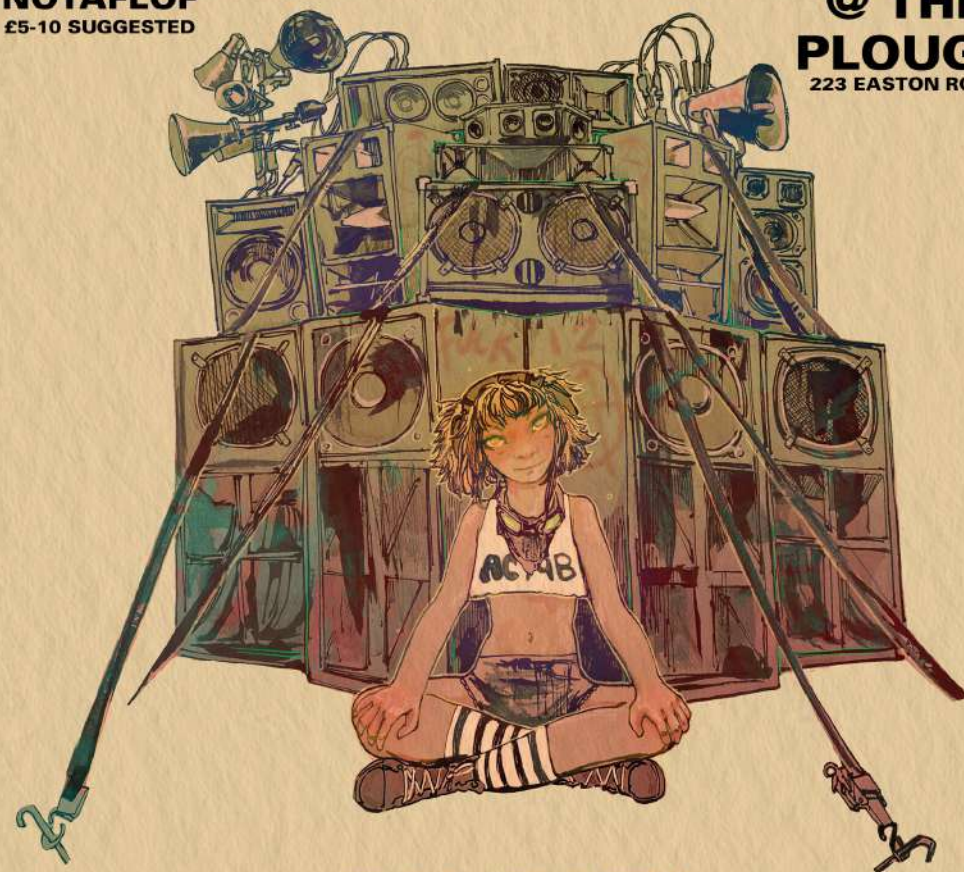
Quaker Hall

The 'Barcelona Maydays' were an uprising in May 1937 in response to the Republican Government's attempt to seize power in revolutionary Catalonia during the Spanish Civil War. Tensions had been building over several months between the anarcho-syndicalist CNT membership and the Soviet controlled Republican army which

BAB AFTERPARTY

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£5-10 SUGGESTED

**@ THE
PLOUGH**
223 EASTON ROAD



**PORGUS
MINIMUS**

HIGH ENERGY MIX OF FUTURISTIC
JUNGLE AND TURBO SOUNDS

SUNMONKEY
DUTTY BASS FEM CROWD PLEASER

KILDBREN

TWO BIT RAVE-PUNK

**SYSTEM
& SLAVES**

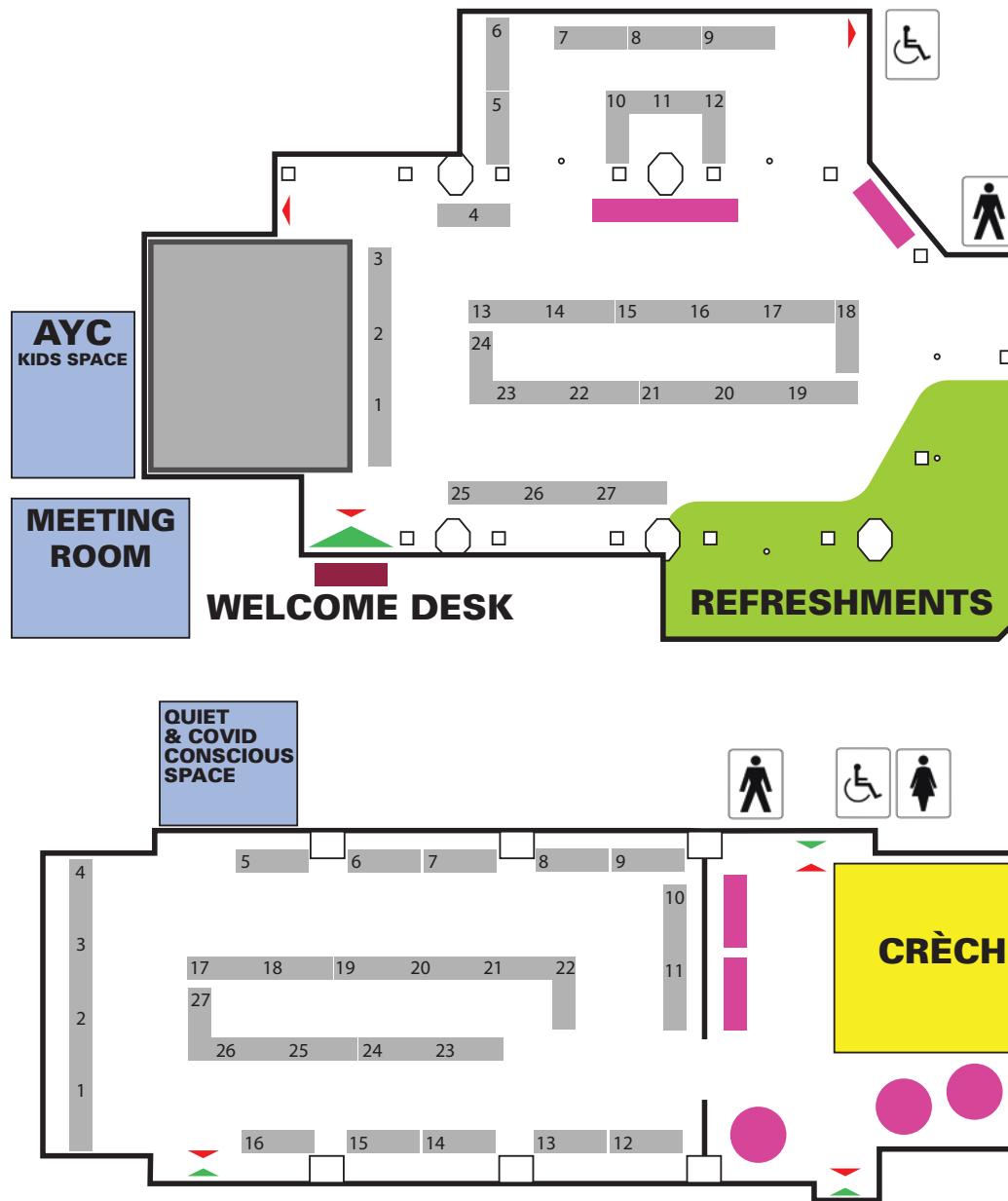
RAGING POLITICAL HXC, METAL
& PUNK FROM SOUTH WALES

**scare
bears**
AGGRESSIVE POST PUNK
FROM BRISTOL

SAT 24TH OCT
DOORS: 1800
BANDS: 2000 - 0200

SHAG NASTY
PUNKS FUCKING THE SYSTEM
ONE STRAP-ON AT A TIME

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with UK visa costs. (more info at bristolanarchistbookfair.uk)**



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13:10 to 14:40

Anarchy 101

Exchange

An interactive workshop that combines participatory elements and individual reflection about anarchist ideas, values, and practices. Rather than focusing on theoretical debates, this workshop invites people to consider how anarchist principles and actions are already showing up in their everyday lives. This is an entry level session providing an opportunity for people to ask questions in an open and welcoming environment.

What Solidarity do Bristol's Global Majority Want?

Trinity

Bristol Community Action are a Majority World led grassroots group doing community organising around resistance to the far right. Their work has included self defence training for targeted communities and Assemblies in the wake of the racially aggravated shooting of a 9 year old in Brentry last year.

This September they held an event asking fellow Black and Brown Bristolians what sorts of solidarity they were looking for from each other and their White neighbors. This session will be an opportunity to hear about their work and learn what their research has uncovered.

Queer and Trans Mutual Aid

East Bristol Books

The world is fast eroding our chances of survival, happiness and freedom. In the UK, trans and queer people are one of the scapegoats and obsessions of the ruling powers. What do your Queer and Trans comrades need in these moments? How can we build alternative access and support? Join TRAN+ to understand these questions and build links and communities.

ECHO Mobile library: 10 Years of Books Against Borders

Quaker Meeting Room

ECHO Mobile library is a 10-year strong multilingual lending library on wheels based in Athens, Greece, which travels 300 miles every week to reach communities forced to live in isolated refugee camps: a mobile community space and a bridge to the city.

Through the lens of the library, we go through 10 years of transformations of asylum policies in Greece and Europe, culminating with recently adopted European Pact on Migration and Asylum. 10 years in which migration to Europe has been increasingly

This workshop will talk you through identifying and reporting sightings of immigration Enforcement, the legal rights you can share and the tactics you can use to support those being targeted. The second half of the session will give you a chance to practise engaging with ICE on the streets, in scripted small group role plays and skillshare experiences.

Masking Up Against the Crime and Policing Act – NETPOL

Trinity

Under the new Crime and Policing Act 2026, police can declare an area a 'mask-free zone' for up to 24 hours around a planned protest, arresting anyone who covers their face 'to conceal their identity'. Yet people need to cover their faces for good reason: clinically vulnerable protesters, for religious observance, or to protect your identity from the far-right. This leaves us facing a terrible choice: caught between the risk of arrest, or staying off the streets.

This workshop will examine what the new laws say about masking, what this means for us in practice on the streets, and how we can build solidarity to keep each other safer. The workshop will also carry copies of Netpol's new zine, 'To Mask is to Care', for distribution.

Building Relationships & Security – Not another talk about tech

Quaker Meeting Room

You know when you're in a regular chat and have no idea who's behind those nicknames and emojis? When you're with your comrades and you realise you actually know nothing about their lives or what they do? How we entre spaces and relate to each other while practitseing what we know as security culture can become a challenge that creates barries or alienates people. Let's explore how to build communities of resistance strong enough for the struggles ahead while strengining security and privacy. When we need to to amp up our security, and when that might be counter to our aims. This is not a space to discuss linux, calyx or graphene. We want to discuss relationships

Spain – The Revolution of July 1936 – Danny Evans

Quaker Hall

This talk will address the strengths and limitations of the Spanish revolution, which began in the summer of 1936. It will cover phenomena such as the socialisation of industry and collectivisation of agriculture, the militia system and the anarchist takeover of the Franco-Catalan border. It will end by considering the socialisation campaign of 1937, through which anarchist activists attempted to address and go beyond some of the stumbling blocks to revolutionary transformation that had arisen since the previous summer.



MAIN HALL

1. BASE
2. Radical Routes
3. LGBTQIA+ Little Free Library
4. Bash Back / Anarchist Federation
5. East Bristol Books
6. East Bristol Books
7. Bread and Roses
8. Left Cultures
9. Reckless Campers Collective
10. Bristol Dirty Squatters
11. BKSNI
12. Evil Cat Apparition
13. Bash Back / Anarchist Federation
14. . Doomscroll / Good Bones Zine

15. Mintemori
16. Bookhaus
17. Bristol CND
18. Freedom
19. PRSC
20. Red Shoes Poster Archive
21. BSP Zine
22. Bristol Redistro
23. Seditionist Distribution
24. Seditionist Distribution
25. Snail Stuff
26. . Cubesville
27. Tangent Books



FYRE HALL

1. Active Distribution
2. Active Distribution
3. PM PRes
4. NO SWEAT
5. Circle A Studios
6. Maqam Books
7. Institutionalised Deceit
8. Frank Riot
9. Seditious Prints
10. Wessex Solidarity
11. SLEEC
12. Bristol Radical History Group
13. Bristol Radical History Group
14. IWW

15. IWW
16. Bristol Queers 4 Palestine
17. Lurid Editions
18. Daughters of Carmilla
19. Bristol Hunt Sabs
20. Bristol Anti Raids / ISM
21. Exeter Radical Collective
22. TRAN+
23. DPAC
24. Plutonic Press / ECHO
25. Herbalists Without Borders
26. SOLFED
27. Aparthied Free Zone

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BAB

WORKSHOP LIST

10:30 to 11:30

Disarm Bristol

Exchange

What is required of us to meaningfully support Palestine Liberation? Why and how should we block the flow of weapons with our bodies? Expect exploration of block tactics and open discussion on what works

Food Shortages and Community Prepping

Trinity

The Environment Secretary has warned that Households should stock up on food to prepare for extreme weather, in the face of “probably the largest El Nino that has ever been seen”. While the National Audit Office (NAO) warns that Britain’s food supply chain will face escalating threats from the climate crisis, with rationing before 2030 being expected. It’s not looking pretty. How can working class communities protect ourselves from the ongoing pressure of rising food prices and short term food shortages? Are food coops the answer? How do you start one? What can we do to support local growers and start to scale food sovereignty? Lets face the where we are and dig in with some practical solutions together.

Digital Security as Solidarity

East Bristol Books

Bring your laptops and devices for a practical, hands on session. We will go through some basic security tips and help each other install more secure apps & plugins. As well as explore & put into place some better digital security practices to try and make us all a safer and a little less leaky with our data. This is part of building more resilience in our communities and reducing our reliance on the state and big corporations. This is an open, inclusive event suitable for anyone new to or comfortable with digital security. No techy experience or prior knowledge is necessary.

Anti-fascism, fascism and the surveillance state – Undercover Research Group

Quaker Meeting Room

Evidence heard at the Undercover Policing Inquiry has revealed Special Branch’s historic interest in anti-fascist groups. It has also released a remarkable amount of hitherto restricted information, not just about the spying but also about public order policing. Using case studies of the iconic anti-fascist and anti-racist battles of Lewisham (1977) and Southall (1979) and similar, we show how the information released by the Inquiry has changed our understanding of these historic events. The evidence also reveals the relationship between the Metropolitan Police and fascist organisations such as the National Front who were challenging multi-racial communities and the left for control of the streets in the 1970s.

If you would like to learn more or view the (redacted) Special Branch documents released into the public domain by the Undercover Policing Inquiry, please visit the the Undercover Research Group website at Spycops research The work to collate, assess and analyse the documents in this highly unusual snapshot of part of the secret state continues. Phase 1 covering the years 1968 to 1982 is close to completion, there is plenty more to come.

Bridge Across Time: From the Spanish Civil War to 80s Britain – Miguel Garcia’s Centro Iberico 1971-1983 Nick Soulsby

Quaker Library

An abandoned school...Squatters with a link to The Clash...Anarchopunks in need of a gig space...Spanish youths avoiding the draft...The Angry Brigade...And a veteran of the anarchist unions in Spain, the Republican war effort and Franco’s jails...

This is the untold story of a legendary community space in London where anarchy meant action. A sanctuary for radical organizing and a crucible for underground sounds, the Centro Iberico was the UK’s only enduring anarchist center of the 1970s-1980s. It served as a vital hub that connected international political prisoner support efforts led by the Anarchist Black Cross to anarchist movements abroad, while sustaining its own activities in support of the cause.

Anarchism in Spain – Origins to revolution. James Yeoman

Quaker Hall

This paper will provide an overview of the history of anarchism in Spain prior to the Civil War of 1936-39. Themes to be explored include:

- The origins, strength and longevity of the movement, and comparison to Spanish socialism
- Anarchist culture, education and feminism
- Violence and repression
- Anarchism and worker organisation, and the formation of the anarcho-syndicalist Confederación Nacional del Trabajo (CNT)
- Developments in the Second Republic, from 1931 to the outbreak of Civil War.

This discussion will provide useful context for the rest of the Bristol Radical History Gropu Stream of talks in the main hall, situating the monumental events of the Civil War and Revolution within the deep tradition of anarchism in Spain.

11:50 to 12:50

Resisting Immigration Raids Bristol Anti Raids

Exchange

How can we deal with the violence of the borders hidden just below the curface of our city? Immigration Raids have increased by 75% since 2024, but resistance is growing to.