



Rebel Rose



West Yorkshire Anarchist Communist Groups newsletter

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LS26 Save Our Homes Fight – Latest:

Our community in Oulton Leeds is fighting landlord [#Pemberstone](#) as they want to make 60 families homeless just so they can make money from the land our homes are on. They put in an appeal against the refusal granting them planning permission to demolish the homes and build luxury houses, during pandemic to try again to get rid of us. Many elderly and children live in our community with nowhere to go.

At the planning appeal:

Matthew Sheppard of Sheppard planning Doctor Andrew Buroni & Ramona Usher think it would not be financially viable to refurbish our homes. What is financially viable is to take a large fee for saying this at the enquiry. It's cheaper to make 150 people homeless.

Pemberstone have made a misleading statement through their legal team at the enquiry in relation to Leeds city council. During their evidence Pemberstone claimed that our estate had been offered to Leeds City Council and they had refused to buy us. This has since been proven wrong by our barrister and there have never been any serious talks with the council on the purchase of our homes.

Council barrister say they has been no consideration to the children on the estate and has been totally not taken into account on Pemberstone witness statements. This is a basic part of planning laws.

The local letting policy will not apply here in our community if landlord [#Pemberstone](#) get their appeal won. so the 7 affordable houses will not be available for us [#saveourhomesLS26](#) it will be the most needy from council list.

JustGiving appeal:

The LS26 Save Our Homes campaign need help to pay their barrister fees. Please donate if you can at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/save-our-homes>



University of Bradford staff victory!

Staff at the University of Bradford have shown the power of workers. At the end of September student support workers returned to on site work with screens installed at their desks. However, the screens provided were too small given the high level of face-to-face contact staff were expected to undertake.

Despite repeatedly raising their concerns with managers no real action was taken so workers demanded that new, larger screens be installed for the return of students. Despite three contractors measuring up the screens the deadline workers had was missed, as was a second deadline. Instead, the only reassurances workers were given was that screens would be installed sometime in the future.

Given that the university had not provided a safe working environment, these workers had no option but to remove themselves from the dangerous situation. The staff had their union (UNISON) formally write to the university, requesting an instant resolution to the matter. Then a joint health and safety inspection was carried out by UNISON and the universities own health and safety team, both were in agreement that the screens were unsafe. Following the inspection, workers withdrew their labour under Section 44.1 of the Employment Act 1996. As a result of this display of workers power, the university moved some members of staff to safe working locations and have committed to screens being installed by the end of the week.

While the law is complex, and workers need to be careful about how and when they invoke Section 44.1 of the Employment Act 1996 this action does show how workers banding together can achieve wins.

Report from the ACG National Conference

A well-attended virtual conference of the Anarchist Communist Group took place on October 3rd.

The conference was also attended by representatives from the Aetoearea Workers' Solidarity Movement (Aetoearea/New Zealand) and Die Platform (Germany). The Melbourne Anarchist Communist Group was also invited to attend, but was unable to do so. A fruitful discussion took place on current situations in UK, NZ and Germany and it was agreed to continue future cooperation.

A discussion on the general situation also took place.

Amongst other business, the ACG agreed to produce a second issue of its theoretical magazine, now renamed Stormy Petrel. This will be available in early November in both hard copy and on-line.

We also finalised our programme of publishing pamphlets. Future titles will include pamphlets on the Kronstadt uprising of 1921, another on Trotsky- the Truth about Trotsky, a short, and free pamphlet aimed partly at current and former members of the Labour Party- Appeal to the Young, the Third Revolution, about workers and peasants uprisings against the Bolsheviks, a reprint of the Organisational Platform of the Libertarian Communists, as well as two new pamphlets on Food, and ones on Populism, Antifascism, ID Politics, and on Racism.

It was also decided to begin a series of online public meetings to be called At the Café with the Anarchist Communists. The first of these will be for November 4th on the Labour Party.

In addition, details for the ACG's annual Day School were finalised. This will also be online and its topic will be Nationalism. It is scheduled for December 7th.

It was also agreed to produce 5,000 copies of a number of new designs for ACG stickers.

There was an enthusiastic atmosphere at the conference and ACG members went away from it feeling freshly encouraged to develop the activities and politics of the organisation.



WYACG Report

Obviously the Covid-19 situation is still affecting activities that WYACG can undertake. We now managed to grow slightly during the last few months and now have 8 active members. We have also receiving a few enquiries to join but the parties were unwilling to arrange online meetings.

We have 20 "supporters" from both local and national (and one in Ireland) who we send stickers, leaflets and our local newsletter Rebel Rose.

Actions:

Members have undertaken stickering around their local areas and we continue to maintain contact and give what support we can to the LS26 resident campaign.

We also continue to be active during this time with an online presence in particular on Facebook.

If you want to know more or want to get involved contact us at the address on page 4 or via the national website: <https://www.anarchistcommunism.org/>

Voting:

You come tell me I should vote,
just to keep democracy afloat.
You assure me that it will be better this
time,
not to worry it will be fine.

Don't expect me to trust this again,
You know the history; you've lived the pain.
I'm told to endorse a system that's broke,
To support the corruption and Vote! Vote!
Vote!

I don't share your faith in MPs,
I don't want government but Anarchy!
I cannot vote in a system I hate,
I will refuse to participate.

There is another way you see,
That is where I want to be.
So, don't tell me I can't complain,
Nor apathetic cos I abstain.

Respect the difference, the diversity,
We have more in common if you would see.
We believe in freedom and equality,
We fight the same fight but differently.

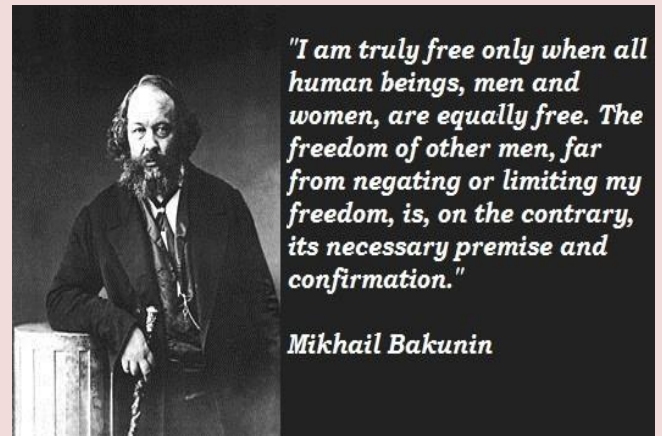
Comrade Grumpaloe



Terry is a Twat!

Terry loves Church
Terry is a tool
Terry likes curry and poppadoms rule
Terry hates Europe but drinks danish beers
Terry is a homophobe
Terry hates queers
Terry is a pro Brexit but depends on insulin
Terry voted leave UK will always win
Terry hates scroungers but signs on once a
week
Terry believes in strength no sympathy for
the weak
Terry is a hypocrite
Terry is a cunt
Terry is stuck in the 70s still votes national
front
Terry is a victim
Terry is at war
Terrys full of hate but doesn't know what
for!!

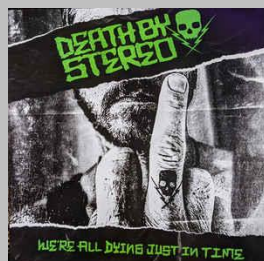
Comrade Husker



Death by Stereo - We're all dying, just in time (DBS an American hardcore punk band)

This is a corker of an LP, it's hardcore that doesn't bore you after 2 songs!!! This is a band I have very little knowledge of, but they have got my interest now!! I discovered them by hearing the track "I sing for you" on YouTube then visited their Bandcamp page and was sold, it is an absolute belter of an LP. Classic tracks such as "300 Tribes" and "Straight from the Inside" plus "An end to the sensation", just cracks on at a blistering rate, no fillers!!! This band has an impressive back catalogue of which I will be visiting on the strength of this absolute blinder of a punk rock gem!! Check it out kids!!

Dr Durruti





Contact us:

West Yorkshire ACG can be contacted via Facebook - www.facebook.com/West-Yorkshire-Anarchist-Communist-Group
Or via email at westyorksacg@virginmedia.com

No Safety No Work!

Here are some stark figures from a West Yorkshire College which refused to provide safety measures such as PPE:

Week ending Friday, 23 October:

Number of students self-isolating: 111

Number of students who have tested positive: 13

Number of staff self-isolating: 29

Number of staff who have tested positive: 9

Get in touch!

If you have any concerns or want to help the campaign please see the website

<https://nosafetynowork.org>

Last Words

False Patriot:

Took a deep breath,
looked at the tv,
more numbers of death,
smiles to himself elections delayed, t
he pried piper of madness always gets his way.

Set free the dogs of war in his own cities,
It's a new civil war,
people oppressed more TRUMPED up laws!!!

Set to bait China, wonder what for???
oh yeah there is money in a third world war!!!

Founding fathers as guilty the declaration of independence just another government con!

they were all slave owners!!! singing the rich man's song!!!

So, raise your voice and shout out loud I'll never be a patriot I'll never be proud!!!!

Who we are.....

The Anarchist Communist Group (ACG) is a revolutionary anarchist communist organisation made up of local groups and individuals who seek a complete transformation of society, and the creation of anarchist communism. This will mean the working-class overthrowing capitalism, abolishing the State, getting rid of exploitation, hierarchies and oppressions, and halting the destruction of the environment. To contribute to the building of a revolutionary anarchist movement we believe it is important to be organised. We are committed to building an effective national and international organisation that has a collective identity and works towards the common goal of anarchist communism, whilst at the same time working together with other working-class organisations and in grass roots campaigns. We do not see ourselves as the leaders of a revolutionary movement but part of a wider movement for revolutionary change. In addition, we strive to base all our current actions on the principles that will be the basis of the future society: mutual aid, solidarity, collective responsibility, individual freedom and autonomy, free association and federalism.

Compendium of Capital (a brief summary of Marx's Capital)

The ACG is pleased to be publishing this, the first print edition of Carlo Cafiero's brief summary of Marx's *Capital*, also known as the *Compendium of Capital*. It's been a proposed project for members of the ACG for a number of years, in fact, since the days when some of us were still in the Anarchist Federation. Several times, the project was put on the back-burner as, at the time, there was no English translation of Cafiero's summary and the task of translating it into English seemed somewhat overwhelming. Then it came to our attention that a recent translation had been done by Paul M. Perrone posted on the marxists.org archive. We asked his permission to use his translation, he kindly agreed, and you now have the end result here in your hand.

