



Rebel Rose



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LS26 Save Our Homes Fight – Latest:

Recap:

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.

Appeal by Pemberstone granted:

Pemberstone appealed the planning decision not to allow them to develop the homes and a hearing was held. An Inspector Richard Clegg BA appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities families and members decided to give planning permission to #Pemberstone our homes should be refurbished not knocked down.

What next?

@SaveOurHomeLS26 have started a petition which can be signed here: <https://www.change.org/p/pemberstone-group-save-our-homes-ls26-2>

WYACG is also ready to take direct action to stop the evictions as needed by the residents. We will continue to support and show solidarity to the residents and await further news.



Leeds Bradford Airport Expansion

Leeds Bradford Airport wants to expand from 4 million to 7 million passengers per year. That would mean:

- Thousands more flights
- More noise
- More greenhouse gas emissions
- More air pollution
- More road congestion

Leeds needs to become carbon net zero by 2050. But Leeds Bradford Airport plans to double its greenhouse gas emissions in the next 10 years.

A recent Leeds City Council planning meeting approved the expansion despite committing to a greener city and signing up to the carbon net zero pledge.

Group for Action on Leeds Bradford Airport (GALBA) a community organisation that is opposing the expansion made the following statement:

GALBA is disappointed that Leeds City Council has chosen to provisionally approve the expansion of Leeds Bradford Airport. This is the wrong decision: wrong in law, wrong for our communities and wrong for our climate! Leeds City Council has put itself on the wrong side of history. However, our campaign is far from over.

So, what is the real reason despite the evidence to the contrary behind Leeds City Councils decision, put simply its money, another consequence of capitalism. WYACG supports

Violence against Women, the police and the state:

Following the kidnap and murder of Sarah Evrard there has been an outpouring of horror from royals to politicians. Keir Starmer has said we need more police on the streets, even though this horrific murder was committed by a serving police officer, while Priti Patel has expressed her disgust at violence committed towards women and says how she understands despite doing nothing to help women experiencing domestic violence during the covid pandemic and the continued cuts to funding of women's aid groups. The police have shown a complete lack of sympathy and understanding despite mouthing the words showing their true colours when they tried to break up and arrested speakers at the vigil on Clapham Common as well as trying to stop other vigils around the country on the 14th March. The police have since claimed they were protecting women by carrying out these actions, and the blame of the women arrested has begun, with some media/police/governmental sources claiming the police only moved in when the vigil turned into a demonstration.

Since then the government has come up with a bunch of weird strategies as part of their new Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, which as well as outlawing in all but name protests (including those by women against violence) putting under cover cops in pubs and nightclubs which as the Centre For Women's Justice points out: "Many women will now be quite rightly asking: 'But who will protect me from the plainclothes officer?'".

The climate of misogyny that pervades our culture is shocking to many but as can be seen from these comments by female friends and comrades, we shouldn't be shocked, we should as a society own up to it, own up to it as men and change our behaviour, no more excuses!

Multiple experiences in multiple places:

- Cat calls from workers on building sites etc. Made me feel embarrassed. I kept my head down and scurried away.
- Getting chatted up in the club I worked in, followed by "smile luv, you'd be pretty if you smiled"
- In a club I worked at, people squinting ketchup on the floor because they wanted to see me bend over in a short skirt to clean it.
- People physically grabbing me and trying to kiss me
- Boss sidling up behind me and tickling my sides.
- Ongoing situation with a boss, very tall bloke, kept invading my physical space. If I was sitting at a desk working at a computer, he would stand immediately behind me and lean over me to use the keyboard, with his head over mine, so I was penned in.
- Some guy man-spreading on a bus seat so his thigh was jammed against mine, and then putting his hand in my leg. I moved away. After getting off the bus, he followed me and only backed away when I told him to fuck off.
- My first encounter (of been approached) was in a swimming pool aged 10.
- The first time I got offered money in return for sex from a total stranger was when I went to the shop one afternoon when I'd just turned 16 (I was a very small/young looking 16). The second time I was 22 and popping to the corner shop for a pot noodle at around 7pm. Neither occasion was I wearing make-up or dressed 'nice'.
- At 14 a bloke tried to drag me into his car. It was only by chance that someone I knew came along in their car and saw me.

This is just the tip of the iceberg, and something women face every day.

As a Trans Comrade stated "Things which stopped happening to me when I began to be read as a man: Men don't tell me to smile in the street, Men close their legs when I sit next to them on the bus, Men step out of the way for me rather than expecting me to move, Men don't talk over me or try to correct me all the time, Men don't slide up behind me in bars and try to move me out of the way by touching my hips",

What is the answer?

Be aware that this is happening, take steps to help women feel safer, listen to women, support and show solidarity with women and their struggles, whether in the workplace, in leisure activities, in the streets in society or in life. But most of all change our (Men's) behaviour and educate our sons, our other family members and friends and demand a social change, a change to the misogynistic society once and for all.

ACAB!

So show me the justice
show me what's fair.
They'll put up the barricades
defend what's theirs.
Set loose their dogs
in uniforms they wear.

Cover each other
the biggest gang in town.
The coppers lot is a hard one
there to protect the crown.
10 years for a statue
5 years for rape.
I speak of justice
you speak of hate.

Defend the money
defend the wealth.
Laws of oppression
passed by stealth.
So show me the justice
they'll show us there laws.
Our class oppressed
just there to fight wars!!

Comrade Husker Durruti



For more poems see Page 4 for our new poetry booklet!

Rape by an Anonymous poet

Music beats music scene
Alcohol, drugs dancing queen
I meet a nice guy we have a good time
I have had lots of lovers this is not the
first time
We end up at his at first, it's fun, we cud-
dle and kiss
But soon he makes demands insists that
we must do it like this

I try to say no but he tells me no fuss, the
pain, I'm humiliated I beg him to not
He insists he must finish and pins me
face down, agony stop PLEASE STOP!

Seconds are like hours before he rolls off
turns over and says nowt more.
I turn over, curl up crying softly as he
starts to snore.

My journey home I will never forget.
The slowest train his stink on me his
sweat.

I shower and change as soon I am home.
I don't want to remember that pain I'm to
traumatised to moan

I throw away everything from that night
I deserved it, A slut, I am responsible for
this blight.

I bury the memories, I thrust them away.
Down in that dark place evermore there
to stay

Twenty years later this comes back into
my mind.

I was raped once before but this one I de-
nied.

I didn't think it was rape, myself I had
blamed.

Accepted his word and had always felt
shamed.

I thought how stupid am I to let this hap-
pen twice

An ignorant fuckwit you deserve this tor-
ture device.

Twenty years later I start to realise
No I need help I've listened to lies.

The blame lies with him alone Never me
I will rise I am a woman I have been raped
Still I stand tall and reject all hate.

I fight all oppression I tell my tale
So others can to against this we can't fail.



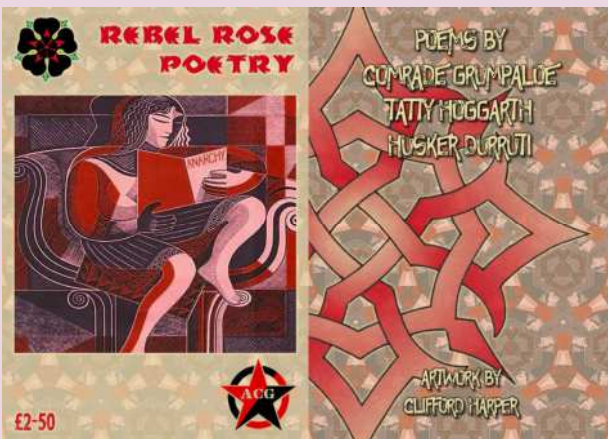
Who we are?

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.

Contact us:

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New Rebel Rose book of poetry only £2.50



Featuring three local poets and artwork by Clifford Harper with all proceeds to WYACG.

CD Review:

No One's little girl - compilation (2019) available from Grow Your Own Records - <https://anthraxuk.bandcamp.com/album/no-ones-little-girls> ; £10 download/CD.



Although from 2019 this CD is more than relevant today with songs about violent and sexual abuse, misogyny and what its like to be a women in the punk scene. With tracks from the Menstrual Cramps, Hagar the Womb, Bratakus and many many more. A great compilation showing the range of "punk" music. A must buy for everyone!

Stickers available from ACG:

