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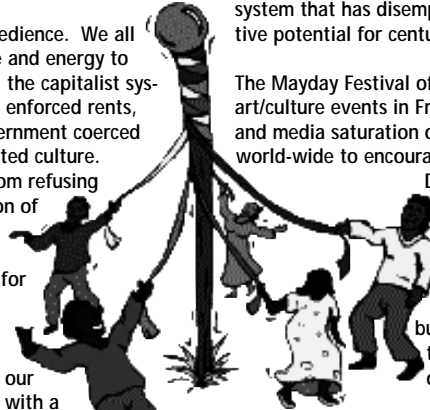
... the struggle continues

Mayday is coming: Wednesday May 1st

Mayday has been a celebration of life, renewal & pleasure since ancient times. More recently it was declared International Workers' Day to commemorate the execution of 4 anarchists in Chicago for their part in the struggle for an eight-hour working day. Both these aspects of Mayday were intertwined - a festival against work, want and denial, and a vision of freedom and plenty throughout the world.

Mayday also celebrates everyday acts of social disobedience. We all disobey orders every day : orders to give up our time and energy to (re)produce market dictated objects and information, the capitalist system which orders us into accepting grinding landlord enforced rents, multiple lay-offs and safety cuts, crap transport, government coerced dole-for-slave-labour, and sterile consumption saturated culture. Every day people defy what is demanded of them, from refusing to pay for bad transport, council cuts and privatisation of services to creating their own grassroots culture, sharing skills and information for free, 'subvertising' adverts and transforming derelict spaces into homes for themselves and the kind of autonomous culture they want to evolve.

This Mayday we are celebrating and commemorating our collective struggles and resistance, past and present, with a huge and vibrant carnivalesque action which will be in sync with those happening worldwide: from the Argentinian barrios creating a State-less future to posties in this country striking for better lives, from Afghani refugees resisting in Woomera, Australia and Yarl's Wood, UK, to Turkish prisoners surviving daily torture in solitary confinement, from peasant farmers resisting enclosures, patenting and dam-propelled land evictions in Spain, India, Mozambique and China, to those fighting against health cuts, privatisation, ever-increasing state repression and xenophobia. In every town, city, nation, workplace, classroom and field, our struggle continues, as it has done for centuries. On Wednesday May 1st we will accelerate our resistance, openly and defiantly, in ways small and large, quiet and loud, visible and invisible, our goal is a new world.



Mayday Festival of Alternatives

This Mayday we are responding to the frequently asked question 'What are you for? What do you actually want?' We aim to show our goals of creating a society based on solidarity, autonomy and co-operation - in practice. We want to show that there is a future beyond capitalism, wage-labour and the state; that we can create our own alternatives and that our land, time, resources, entertainment, and ultimately, our lives, can be reclaimed from a system that has disempowered us from realising our individual and collective potential for centuries.

The Mayday Festival of Alternatives is inspired by a month of dissident art/culture events in France, held last year in response to the irrelevance and media saturation of the General Election 2001. It is also a model used world-wide to encourage political awareness and expression, e.g. Festival Des Pueblos in Boston, USA - May 2002.

The Festival will consist of around 10 days of community-based events aiming at celebration, subversion and DIY liberation; and to demonstrate the diversity of our movement, with the intention of building long-range, sustained alternatives and opposition. We hope that as many people as possible will organise events.

Actions & Events: Film showings, gigs, raves, street parties, mass picnics and bicycle rides, art exhibitions, and radical history tours could also take place. Week-long reclaimed social centre offering infoshop, café, & workshops. Other events might explore radical history, theory and practice. Workshops will take place throughout London, in both reclaimed and permanent spaces.

There will be a Mayday Critical Mass, so make sure you bring bikes, skateboards, scooters, rollerblades, wheelchairs, and any other form of non-motorised transport.

Walk out on strike, throw a sickie, bunk off school, do what ever it takes to join us on the streets of central London on Wednesday May 1st.