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CAPITALISM CANNOT BE REFORMED

'Most anarchists believe the coming change can only come through a revolution, because the possessing class will not allow a peaceful change to take place; still we are willing to work for peace at any price, except at the price of liberty.'

VIVE LES GILET JAUNE - ALL POWER TO THE YELLOW VESTS

Tired of austerity and the government's refusal to help ordinary people, the French have been demonstrating, picketing and rioting. French citizens are totally fed up with the politicians, bosses, landlords, etc and the demonstrations are happening all over France from the smallest villages to the major cities. Rather than talking to the demonstrators the government has used tear gas, batons, water cannons and the violence of militarised riot cops.

Unlike here where some choose to march from A to B on a route arranged with the police, the French are on the streets without 'permission'. They have stopped collecting road tolls, so people can use them for free. School children have occupied their schools. Workers are ignoring the union leadership and are actively supporting the yellow vests (Les Gilet Jaunes). Recently protestors tried to break into government buildings in Paris, Montpellier, Troyes and Avignon. They have "neutralised, attacked, or destroyed" 60% of all speed cameras as protestors feel it's a tax on the poor. The latest tactic is to withdraw money from the banks en-masse - which will obviously scare the shit out of the elites.

One of the main principles of the protests is that they remain leaderless. If anyone tries to make themselves a spokesperson the protestors ignore them. This way no self-elected leader can sell out the protestors.

Using social media, the yellow vests asked people for their demands. Millions replied. These include: decent housing for all; a proper minimum wage; increase state pensions; support for refugees; an end to austerity; higher benefit payments and rent reductions. They also want a maximum wage for the wealthy, proper taxation of corporations and the resignation of the Prime Minister. The UK press at times say the demonstrations are organised by the far right, but these are not demands of fascists - they are demands of ordinary people screwed over for decades by the elites.

The protestors are well organised and have huge support - week after week they are prepared to get out on the streets and take direct action until they get what they want - we should follow suit.



**“No more A to B.
No more
working with
the police.
No more endless
speeches.
All local and
national
politicians are
failing us.”**



“The bosses, judges, soldiers, cops unite to bring us down. We defend ourselves with a profound contempt for their codes, their morals, their prejudices. By refusing us the right to free labour, society gives us the right to steal. In taking possession of the wealth of the world, the bourgeois give us the right to take back, however we can, what we need to satisfy our needs. Anti-authoritarian, we have the burning determination to live free without oppressing anyone, without being oppressed by anyone. Current society, based on the absurd egoism of the strongest, on iniquity and oppression, denies us this.”

Victor Serge.



“On March 18th 1871, the people of Paris rose against a despised and detested government, and proclaimed the city independent, free, belonging to itself. This overthrow of the central power took place without the usual stage effects of revolution, without the firing of guns, without the shedding of blood upon barricades. When the armed people came out into the streets, the rulers fled away, the troops evacuated the town, the civil servants hurriedly retreated to Versailles carrying everything they could with them. The government evaporated like a pond of stagnant water in a spring breeze...”

Pyotr Kropotkin

WHAT IS BREXIT ABOUT?

The government is divided over the European Union (EU) but the issue they are fighting over isn't Europe.

The issue is capitalism, but we aren't allowed to talk about that. If we do start to use the 'c' word it might be followed by words such as 'exploitation,' 'parasitic ruling class,' and even 'revolution'.

The EU debate is not about how to protect 'British interests' (bosses' interests) because no such thing exists. It's about which group of capitalists are going to be favoured by the British state.

Discussions around trade agreements, custom unions and regulations are actually about which sectors get to exploit workers the most. Will future regulations and government rules benefit the service sector or industry most?

Whilst different wealthy interests might try and use popular pressure in their argument between each other (anger over 'leave means leave' or calls for a 'People's Vote') they do so entirely cynically. All the elements of both the 'leave' and 'remain' campaigns and the major political parties would unite to defend their 'right' to exploit working people if they thought it was under threat. The 17 million plus people who voted to leave the EU only influenced who gets to exploit and rule them.

The fact that the political and economic elite are so publicly indulging in infighting is, in part, a failure of the neo-liberal capitalist agenda.

Also the weakness of the radical 'anti-capitalist' left and the Labour Party which many 'radicals' have flocked to, shows that a Corbyn led Labour Party is not a meaningful challenge to the establishment. If any group of workers were organised enough to start resisting the current system then our ruling class would immediately unite.

Anarchists have neither advocated 'leave' or 'remain' and we aim to show people that Brexit

isn't the important issue that faces the working class.

Bugger Brexit

We don't give a toss about Brexit. And neither should you. "Take back control"? Don't make us laugh. The pompous ruling class, regardless of their political colouring, have no interest in our welfare. To them, we are just hands and brains to be used to make money.

Fuck EU too

The EU seems some sort of advance on a stand-alone UK. Free movement of people exists within its borders. Its laws offer real benefits to working people. But how long will these benefits last? Given the pasting given to Syriza in Greece and threats of the same to Italy, the answer is "not long". Such freedom of movement applies only to Europeans - the EU's whites only Fortress Europe policy accounts annually for the deaths of thousands of helpless migrants.

The real deal

Why should we be interested in their trading arrangements, the relations between their governments, the 'deals' they make between themselves? Our business is what concerns us, our lives, where we live and where we work. In or out we will still be under the thumb of our bosses. In or out, the destruction of the National Health Service will continue. In or out, sickness and unemployment benefits will be eroded. The only fair and sane deal is the destruction of capitalism and all states - including potential super-states such as the EU. Settle for nothing less than total freedom.



NEIGHBOURHOOD SOLIDARITY: WHY WE HAVE TO STAND TOGETHER

We stand against “divide and rule” tactics from both the state and the reactionary elements on the far right who lurk on some of our estates, particularly out on the fringes of the capital. This is because a neighbourhood that’s divided and where people are fearful of each other isn’t going to be in a position to get anything changed for the better. Providing the effects of divide and rule can be contained to a manageable level, it suits the authorities. But, for those of us seeking real change, it’s a massive problem.

We recognise that we’re all different (life would be boring if we weren’t!). In a fair few cases, people come from a long way away to live where they are now. But we all want the best for the neighbourhoods we live in. Building for radical change from the grassroots upwards will only happen if people pull together, particularly in the current climate of increasing instability and tension.

What do we mean by solidarity? It starts by simply looking out for the people either side of us. It starts to spread by them looking out for us and those to the other side of them. It spreads further when we work together in our neighbourhoods to make sure no one falls through the net.

It strengthens when we collectively achieve results that make our neighbourhoods better and happier places to live. It’s the kind of solidarity that our rulers and their mates in the right wing media hate because it means people have seen beyond their game of encouraging us all to be nothing more than selfish, atomised, uncaring producers and consumers. This is the solidarity we want to see and that’s why we’ll stand up to the divide and rule merchants who want us at each others throats so we can be more easily controlled.

Which is why we support any community project that brings people together, regardless of their backgrounds. At the end of the day, whoever we are and wherever we’re from, everyone wants to live in a neighbourhood where people look out for and care for each other. A neighbourhood that in an age of failing public services can provide networks of support for its more vulnerable members.

A neighbourhood that’s making steps to take control of its food supply with community gardens/allotments, food buying groups and the like. A neighbourhood that once it gains a degree of self confidence about looking after itself, will start to ask some searching questions about power, who exercises it and how it has to be brought right down to the grassroots.

Lib Peck, the social cleanser in-chief and former Labour Leader of Lambeth, who voted through cuts to children’s services, to youth clubs and estate community centres is now the ‘violent-crime czar’!! The gravy-train keeps trundling along and the revolving door keeps turning for ‘accessible’ Labour politicians - it’s a £100,000 plus position and you really couldn’t make this shit up. Some people think she should be dragged out and slung in the Thames along with all the other Labour scabs who are busy selling off our estates, our hard won facilities, our

services and our community assets. Her personal and very corrupt friend, Sadiq Khan is more concerned about his funders - the landlords, property developers and corporations.

He must bear some of the responsibility for the deaths of our children on the streets of London because of his silence over the cuts imposed by Labour council leaders like Peck.



DEMOCRACY - GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE?

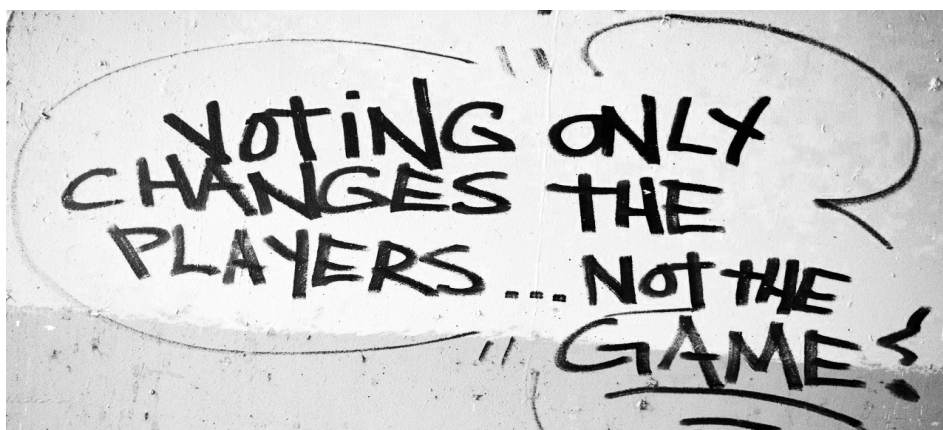
Democracy means 'Government by the People'. That definition implies that all members of a community participate in the electoral process. But this is obviously not the case. In fact, the overwhelming majority of people in the US, UK and Brazilian elections did not vote and the ruling classes (including 'opposition' parties) of those countries appear very happy for it to stay that way.

The first rule of democracy is exclusion. No country, local authority, or state in the world would want all of its residents to choose its government or local legislators. To this day people have been excluded from elections because of their age, race, class, gender, nationality, religion, homelessness, illiteracy, criminal convictions, lack of landownership, mental diseases etc. Electoral politics have been commandeered on a global basis by the interests of the state and by the compliant politicians and political parties that are owned by those states. This attitude of keeping people away from decision making is reflected where we can all see it every day on a local level.

At the last local elections in Haringey, North London, a meagre 27% of the electorate actually voted Labour, and handed power to yet more state puppets, to those ambitious, inadequate creatures who run our town halls.

That tiny minority gave them the authority to flog off our community assets that were fought for over generations, to grasping parasite developers and greedy bastard landlords. They authorised them to privatise and cut what's left of our services while at the same time, milking us with spiraling council-tax payments. A horrible joke of 'local democracy' that spirals right down the food-chain to the freak-show politicians who are pushing the planet to the brink of climate catastrophe and yet more wars.

With so many people not voting, either through apathy, alienation or a feeling of powerlessness, why aren't anarchist politics higher on the agenda? One of the main tenets of anarchism is not taking part in the sham of electoral democracy. It's about promoting the ideas of mutual aid, direct action and real, grass-roots participation. Now more than ever, we should be tapping into that discontent.



"The political class only have themselves to blame for the baying mobs that want their blood. They have created the conditions that are driving the anger we are seeing spilling out on the streets across the world. They call for zero tolerance to abuse. They want the police to protect them so they can continue their abhorrent business of 'politics'. But did they listen when we cried for help? Do they listen now? No - theirs are deaf ears still. They deserve no pity or reason. This is class war."

Kathryne Wray

CONSPIRACY THEORIES: FAKE NEWS

Conspiracy theorists suggest an elite group of people are lying and manipulating things behind the scenes so that they can exploit the majority. Many conspiracies are ridiculous, with no credible evidence to back them up.

Conspiracies do exist. Major companies for instance have been found conspiring to fix prices and reduce competition.

Certain groups use conspiracy theories to maintain the status quo: A capitalist society worldwide, where a powerful elite own most of the world's resources and wealth and run things for their benefit, at the expense of the majority.

The Ruling Class and governments benefit when we believe nonsense conspiracy theories like, powerful Jews running the world, immigration to the UK is part of a secret plan to make Muslims the majority, denial of the Nazi Holocaust; harmful effects of vaccines is being hidden from the public. Climate Change is a hoax (made up by the Chinese to weaken the West); blaming foreigners for low wages (rather than bosses); the poor for poverty; the homeless for homelessness (rather than landlords) etc.

Think Tanks such as the Institute of Economic Affairs promote freedom-for-bosses: no more data protection for individuals; scrap chemical, drugs and food safeguards; end worker protection; demolish the welfare state. Posing as 'independent' they are funded by Big Oil, Pharmaceutical companies, Banks etc.

Many people are rightly angry and fearful of the chaotic, out-of-control times we are in: the

continuing cuts and austerity that followed the banking crisis of 2008; the widening gap between rich and poor; increasing hatred and violence against women and black people; more extreme weather caused by human-made Climate Change; the destruction of the environment by business-as-usual; and the conflicts around the world where civilian populations suffer unbelievable indignities.

Conspiracy theories deflect the blame for the world's problems towards the wrong people - anyone, except the rich and powerful.

People are right to distrust politicians and companies because they manipulate and exploit us. We have to evaluate 'facts' from the mainstream media e.g. that climate change exists and is caused by human activity. The vast majority of the world's scientists say so, and our own experiences of worsening extreme weather means we can use our intelligence to decide that climate change is real.

By being rational and finding the facts we can dismiss the ludicrous conspiracy theories that seek to divide us, and turn our attention to wrestling the power from the elites who abuse us every day.



AS WE SEE IT - PRISONS

Let's get one thing straight - prisons don't work. If they did, prisoner numbers would be falling. But, the prison population has doubled to over 86,000 in 20 years. One reason is no politician wants to look "soft on crime" so they lock us up, at a cost of £40,000 a year, knowing it won't stop crime. But, we are also to blame as we accept their lies and don't stop to question it.

Shouldn't a decent society be looking at alternatives to locking people away?

Take people who get locked up for shop-lifting, mugging and burglary. Some steal to feed their families, a lot to get the latest mobile phone or "feed" a drug habit. Anyone who's been robbed knows its bloody awful but does locking people up help? You still feel scared and the "criminal" will be out at some point - with all the same (and maybe more) problems they had in the first place.

If we accept people take recreational drugs then we wouldn't fill our prisons with people who shouldn't be there. Provide proper support for hardened drug users, crime would go down.

In the UK 5% of the population have mental health problems, yet 70% of prisoners do. That means rather than looking at ways to support people we are locking them up. This is wrong.

Get rid of racism and the number of black people in jail decreases. It's no surprise that most people in jail are poor. If everyone had enough to live on OK, and we didn't buy into always needing the latest TV or whatever, theft could go down. Shouldn't we seriously look at ways of changing the society we live in?

OK, we still have the harder cases like violent crime and sexual attacks. There are no easy answers.

But we need to start having serious discussions about the causes of crime and dealing with offenders - rather than the how long can we lock 'em up for 'debate' we have now.

This article can't be more than a quick look at reducing prison numbers. It needs a lot more sensible discussion - and action. But the discussion has to be led by us, working class people, both victims, prisoners and ex-prisoners (some of us are both) - not politicians just chasing our votes.

For more about getting rid of prisons see Angela Davis - Are Prisons Obsolete? Or look on the web for "prison abolition".



Prisoner solidarity resources

Empty Cages - campaign to abolish prisons - <http://www.prisonabolition.org/>

Haven Distribution - <http://www.havendistribution.org.uk/>

London Anarchist Black Cross - <https://network23.org/londonabc/>

MET TOOL UP

The Metropolitan Police want armed foot patrols on our streets with guns on show. They're currently 'consulting' to see what people think about it (by sending an email to a small number of so called 'community leaders'). But in reality they will do it unless there is enough opposition to it.

These patrols are supposedly to tackle knife crime and boost community confidence and public safety. But they are really a PR exercise. If it happens it will increase police harassment and intimidation of people in poor working class areas, especially black people, who are already disproportionately hassled, arrested and imprisoned. More guns in the hands of these licensed thugs will only mean more ordinary people killed or seriously injured by the police.

They - unlike the rest of us - get away with murder (remember Jean Claude DeMenezes, Jermaine Baker, Ian Tomlinson, Mark Duggan and countless others).

To tackle knife crime we need to address the causes. Many youngsters distrust authority and this fear makes them hostile to strangers, meaning they arm themselves and 'stab first, ask questions later' to pre-empt attacks. Other factors like weak social ties, a lack of constructive social activities that they can be involved in, anti-social peers, poor school experiences, mental problems can also contribute. All of these relate to poverty, lack of resources, opportunities, and lack of respect and care from the State (social services, school, courts, police etc).

So called gangs are another product of poverty. Toxic masculinity is another factor - affecting all communities. This says men should be dominant, aggressive, and repress their feelings and emotions. It often accompanies anxiety about economic or national failure. This 'masculinity' devalues women, and looks down on caring for others, in favour of being 'tough'. It leads to family breakdown, and the killing and abuse of women, children, and anyone seen as "different". The men involved are also victims, as shown by the male suicide rate being double that of women. When we create community, like when we collectively take control of our streets or workplaces in the course of a struggle (eg what's happening in France, Black Lives Matters or before than the Poll Tax), we all take part in the action which makes us feel better about ourselves, our community and build strong bonds between us..



MENTAL HEALTH AND THE STATE - A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

'Mental Health Awareness Week' was created to educate the general public about mental illness and break down the stigma surrounding it. Many people encourage you to "just go to your GP" if you're having mental health problems, but what happens if you're suicidal and you have to wait a year to receive any help? While some access to CBT (cognitive behavioural therapy), counselling or other short term talking therapies for minor anxiety/depression is available, the wait times for more complex therapies and treatments are catastrophic and completely unacceptable.

'A Guardian investigation into the NHS mental health services found that 271 highly vulnerable patients died between 2012 and 2017 after 706 failings.'

I have been on an NHS waiting list for therapy for about a year now. When I reached out to the mental health services for help I was so depressed that I couldn't even get out of bed most days, was breaking down in crying fits on routine trips to the shops, having panic attacks at work and considering suicide on a daily basis. I received a diagnosis and was then told the wait time for therapy was a year. I asked about other support in the meantime. Surely they can't just diagnose you and leave you to deteriorate for a year? Well that's exactly what they did. I was informed there was a "crisis cafe" that operated at the hospital which offered "peer support" if you were feeling particularly suicidal. I'm not a mental health professional but I don't think you need to be one to know that a suicidal person is not going to get up, get dressed, hop on a bus and walk into a cafe. I couldn't even make it out of bed most days, let alone down the street to catch a bus. I made multiple trips to the GP, begging for support, for something, anything. But of course I was offered nothing, I was simply told "this is the state of the NHS, unfortunately".

This past year has been almost unbearable to say the least, and I still haven't been contacted about when my therapy will be starting. I've had to fumble my way around my condition, creating my own makeshift "treatment" and self care plans. I also had to stop working and was unable to receive benefits due to the new Universal Credit system that has been put in place. Job Centre staff are uneducated about mental

illness, causing even more trauma to the vulnerable people who need help. The failure of the NHS + the introduction of Universal Credit is a recipe for homelessness and suicide. I'm lucky enough to have a partner who helps me financially and we struggle, but what about the people who don't have anyone?

Private therapy is often suggested if you can't get NHS therapy but prices are extremely high, averaging £60 per one hour session - who can afford that? It seems that healing and support are inaccessible to the people who need it the most.

Community and real relationships is what get people through mental health problems, not suicide hotline operators on the other end of the phone. We, as a society need to take responsibility not only for ourselves but for each other; and especially for the most vulnerable amongst us. Look after the people in your life. Check in with them emotionally and offer support. Let's think of creative ways to make sure that the community steps in. It's time for a complete radical shift in how we treat mental illness in our communities.

We clearly cannot rely on the state to provide us with adequate support or treatment for the mentally ill, but unrelenting solidarity.



FIND EACH OTHER



TAKING BACK OUR LAND

Owning land means exerting power: taking back our land and turning it into a community asset challenges that power. Here are three examples of how we can peacefully take our land back, an important part of building a new world based on co-operation and sharing.

On The Estates

Two of the examples are on estates where Basildon and Southend Housing Action (BASHA) and Vange Hill Community Group (VHCG) are active. BASHA have a kitchen garden on a Laindon estate by the A127 which supplies fresh veg for a number of households. On a deprived estate where the nearest convenience store is a trek, and a decent greengrocers further still, this is a real asset. The Vange Hill estate on the southern edge of Basildon has suffered long term neglect. In 2017, after an estate walk-about, and BASHA support, locals formed VHCG. On 3 different sites on the estate, residents did guerrilla gardening, tidying up neglected areas, hoping to inspire others to follow. They aim to link these areas and present the authorities (Basildon Council, Essex County council and Housing Associations) with resident controlled and run public spaces. Due to ongoing austerity these spaces receive minimal maintenance. The public space around people's homes is a community asset. If we use it, we can ignore who legally owns it and enhance our living conditions. In doing this the residents have gradually become more empowered and ambitious in how they can improve and run their estates.

Taking Over The Park

Hardie Park in Stanford-le-Hope is another example. In 2007 the Hardie Park was a bleak, litter-strewn no-go area that people avoided. A few locals, sick of the council's neglect, decided to do it themselves. They started simply by picking up litter.

Eventually they formed Friends of Hardie Park <https://www.friendsofhardiepark.co.uk/> organising community activities in the park. Things took off when they obtained a portable building, dug the foundations, started to erect it, got round to asking council permission, and ended up with a building that is a café, meeting place and community hub. A gardening group of volunteers maintain and develop the park's gardens. The park is now a well-used and much-loved community asset run by local volunteers. Money is needed for the physical infrastructure of community hub/café, gardens, and park, and for their maintenance. The local authorities are cash strapped, but the Friends

are registered as a charity, so can access grants. Local companies have donated materials needed for gardening and building projects in the park. Some anarchist purists will turn their noses up at this as 'working in and with the System'. Yes, but at the end of the day, a group of residents have worked the system to their advantage to create a popular community asset. This quiet revolution has empowered and inspired many people and made a difference to life in Stanford-le-Hope.

Taking Control

The examples above are ways of taking back pieces of land and re-purposing them as community assets. They are under-the-radar or exploiting the system from within. In all three, the residents are either in the process of, or have already taken back land in creative and peaceful ways. They are filling / have filled the vacuum left behind by local authorities crippled by austerity. Filling these vacuums means that, one way or another, residents are taking - or have taken back- control. It is significant that this is happening in the here-and-now. People aren't waiting for The Big Day to seize control - they're doing it now, quietly. They may not realise it, but this is anarchism-in-action.....



“England is not a free people, ‘til the poor that have no land, have a free allowance to dig and labour the commons...”

Gerrard Winstanley, 1649

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Rebel City aims to cover all issues of importance to working class Londoners. We argue for a radical transformation of our city. Rebel City is collectively produced by a range of groups and individuals. 12 pages of quality anarchist reporting and analysis. Get it at Housmans and Freedom bookshops, your local social centres, or from a friendly anarchist in the street or contact us and we'll mail you a copy! Get involved. Contribute articles and information. Take bundles and distribute them among your neighbours and workmates.

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LONDON-WIDE

Anarchist Communist Group - London: <https://londonacg.blogspot.co.uk>
Anarchist Federation: <https://aflondon.wordpress.com/>
Angry Workers: <https://angryworkersworld.wordpress.com/>
Anti-Raids Network: <https://www.facebook.com/antiraid/>
Advisory Service for Squatters: <https://www.squatter.org.uk/>
Black Lives Matter: <https://www.facebook.com/BLMLondon/>
Cleaners and Allied Independent Workers Union: <http://caiwu.org.uk/wp/>
Community Food Growers Network: <http://www.cfgn.org.uk/>
Disabled People against Cuts: <http://dpac.uk.net/>
Empty Cages - campaign to abolish prisons: <http://www.prisonabolition.org/>
Feminist Fightback: <http://www.feministfightback.org.uk/>
Industrial Workers of the World: <https://www.iww.org.uk/londongmb>
Land Justice Network: <https://www.landjustice.uk/>
London Anti-fascists: <https://londonantifascists.wordpress.com/>
Radical Housing Network: www.radicalhousingnetwork.org
Reclaim the Power: <https://reclaimthepower.org.uk/>
Sisters Uncut: <http://www.sistersuncut.org/>
Solidarity Federation: <http://www.solfed.org.uk/local/south-london>
#spycops info: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/spycops/>
United Voices of the World: <https://www.uvwunion.org.uk/>

LOCAL GROUPS AND CAMPAIGNS

Friends of Queen's Market - Upton Park: <http://www.friendsofqueensmarket.org.uk/>
Haringey Solidarity Group: local group that campaigns on a variety of issues, such as workfare, as well as producing a regular paper: <http://www.haringey.org.uk/content/>
Haringey Housing Action Group: <http://haringeyhousingaction.org.uk/>
Stop HVD - against the sell-off of public land: www.StopHVD.com
Housing Action Greenwich and Lewisham: <http://www.housingactiongl.com/>
Housing Action Southwark and Lambeth: <https://housingactionsouthwarkandlambeth.wordpress.com/>
North East London Migrant Action: <https://nelmacampaigns.wordpress.com/>
Reclaim Holloway: <http://reclaimholloway.strikingly.com/>
South Essex Radical Media: <https://www.facebook.com/southessexwca/>

BOOKSHOPS AND SOCIAL CENTRES

56a Infoshop: <http://56a.org.uk/>
Freedom: <https://freedompress.org.uk/>
Larc: <http://larc.space/>
Housmans: <http://www.housmans.com/>
DIY Space for London: <https://diyspaceforlondon.org/>
MayDay Rooms: <http://maydayrooms.org/>

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