



Barricade Bulletin

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Anarchists have been continuing to participate in solidarity actions with fellow workers in Palestine.

We have been actively taking part in actions such as flash mobs, direct action, picket lines, protests and mass demonstrations to help highlight the genocide being inflicted upon the people of Gaza by the Zionist regime and its allies.

Ireland has been a fantastic beacon of hope in raising awareness and solidarity with the people of Palestine and will continue to do so as actions are being planned daily.

We have been vocal in encouraging others to do the same by engaging in the local Palestine solidarity committees and the BDS movement who have been taking part in different forms of direct action against the Israeli apartheid regime and building an effective boycott movement.

Highlighting the war on Palestine at work and within our unions is an important step to help raise awareness with other workers.

As anarchists and anti-imperialists, it is important to call for an immediate end to the occupation and the unfolding genocide. It is up to the Palestinian people to decide upon their own future.

Not the Zionist regime and their supporters in the West.

This is why we continue to call for 'Freedom for Palestine! - Saoirse don Phalaistín!'

FREE DERRY! FREE PALESTINE!



***Freedom for Palestine!
Saoirse don Phalaistín!***

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BLOODY SUNDAY MARCH FOR JUSTICE

This year marked the 52 anniversary of Bloody Sunday in Derry.

Without doubt this year's commemorative march was one of the largest witnessed in years due to the international solidarity shared upon the current genocide unfolding in Gaza. Thousands of participants helped highlight the struggle in Palestine

by carrying Palestinian flags on the March for justice.

The somber mood of previous commemorations was changed to sections of the march chanting slogans in solidarity with the people of Palestine and for an immediate end to the terror and genocide inflicted upon them by the Israeli regime.

For anarchists locally, who have been a presence on the annual march for justice throughout the decades.

Each year we have been supported in solidarity from a national or international brigade of anarchist travellers wishing to express their love and solidarity with the ongoing march for justice and the people of Derry.

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Support for ABC Belarus Continues

Prisoner solidarity can mean many things from letter writing to isolated anarchist or antifascist prisoners to creating events or gigs in an effort to help raise much needed funds to assist the families of those on the inside or the prisoners themselves.

As part of ongoing prisoner solidarity anarchists from the ACK Cracow group took part in solidarity actions in aid of comrades in the ACK Belarus. On the Day of Political Prisoner in Belarus, they took part in a solidarity action on the Main Market in Cracow, organized by the Belarusian diaspora. During the event, we collected funds to support imprisoned comrades, which we will hand over to ACK Belarus.



Prisoner Solidarity:
ACK Cracow solidarity with Belarusian Anarchist Prisoners

OUR SOLIDARITY IS A WEAPON!

Anarchists at the recent March for Justice commemoration in Derry



Our thanks to all our friends and comrades who attended the annual Bloody Sunday March events.

Those of you who travelled from near and far to be present in solidarity. The Derry Radical Bookfair, the book presentations or talks and to those who braved the weather on Bloody Sunday itself to commemorate those murdered and injured, but to express love and solidarity with the families and loved ones who continue to struggle for justice.

To those who helped make this year's events and 'march for justice' which was in dedication to the people of Palestine. Those of you who added your voice to the thousands of participants who continue to demand an immediate ceasefire!

SOLIDARITY & REACHING OUT

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derryanarchists.blogspot.com
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instagram.com/derryanarchists/

Derry Anarchist Black Cross
abcireland.wordpress.com

Irish Anarchist Network
instagram.com/irish_anarchist_network/

Dublin Commune
instagram.com/dublin_commune/

Malatesta Collective
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BARRICADE BULLETIN

Welcome to **Barricade Bulletin #25** created by **Derry Anarchist Collective**. This is the second of our publication for 2024.

Locally members of **Derry Anarchist Collective** are active in organising within our unions, mostly the **IWW Ireland Branch**, we are also involved in prisoner support via **ABC** or **IWOC** which publically launched the latest issue of **Bulldozer #3** at the recent **Derry Radical Bookfair**.

We remain vocal and visible at Palestine solidarity events on the streets and encourage others to do the same as the genocide continues.

We ask our readers to please continue to get involved with the local **BDS movement** and the Palestine solidarity protests or actions against the Zoinist regime. The world can no longer remain silent!

Barricade Bulletin is printed and produced voluntarily by the **Derry Anarchist Collective** to bring you info from anarchists in Derry. If you feel you would like to participate, to write or to get active and help build with other anarchists locally then please get in touch. **Barricade Bulletin** takes its name from the radical community news sheet printed and distributed during the period of Free Derry.

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BOOK REVIEWS

HARRY BRIDGES: CELEBRATED US LABOUR ORGANISER

Port workers on the Pacific West Coast of the USA are organised in the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU). The union was founded in 1937. Harry Bridges became its long-time president, through a period of intense struggle for better conditions for working people.

Harry Bridges is acknowledged alongside Eugene V. Debs, Emma Goldman and Malcolm X in the labour history of 20th century America. His philosophy of democratic unionism inspires contemporary campaigns from Starbucks to Amazon.

Born into a labour family in Melbourne in 1901, Harry was inspired by the International Workers of the World (IWW), who struck in 1917 over high food prices. Harry joined the IWW and a seafarers union, docked in San Francisco in 1922 and immersed himself in actions against the oppressive 'shape up' hiring system, as seen in Elia Kazan's 1954 film *On The Waterfront*, starring Marlon Brando.

Harry was committed to the principle of 'the unity of all workers and the maximum degree of membership control'. A lengthy and bitter strike in 1934 saw longshore and warehouse workers join with transport (Teamster Union) workers, workers



Harry Bridges addressing Civic Center Labor Day rally, 1947

in cinemas, bakeries, shops, theatres, car repair workshops and petrol stations to achieve the significant victory of a six hour day, 30 hour working week.

Harry made a significant contribution to opening the union to Black workers, while asserting workers' rights in the face of new technologies and declining union membership. Though elected democratically on each occasion, it can be asked if he remained president for too long.

His associates included Ralph Chaplin, a polymath organiser, best known for writing the lyrics to the labor anthem "Solidarity Forever." ("It is we who plowed the prairies;/built the cities where they trade.") and designing the anarcho-syndicalist symbol of a caterwauling black cat, spine and tail raised high.

A new book on Harry Bridges offers a detailed, if flawed, account of his life and times.

He remains a vital presence for today's union members.

Nyef Mohammed of ILWU Local 93 says "Harry is such an important leader, we're so lucky to have him involved in the union."

Harry Bridges: Labour Radical, Labour Legend

By Robert Cherney, University of Illinois Press, 2023

Reviewed in the *New York Review of Books* by E. Tommy Kim

The Safe Harbour, NYRB, April 20, 2023



MEET YOU AT THE BOOKFAIR

The recent radical bookfair in had a number of great talks and presentations as part of it's series of scheduled events. The IWW held one of those talks which touched upon why workers need to unionise. The title of that talk was 'Every Worker Needs A Union'. It wasn't a bad turn out and with a deathly discussion following the presentation.

This is just part of our ongoing work to build the union locally in Derry as well as in other parts. The need for workers to unionise in their place of work is becoming more and more vocal as there is a healthy sense of 'boss fatigue' in that workers are no longer prepared to accept the shit that is expected of them from their bosses.

One successful battle of late in the city has been workplace recognition struggle within the US tech plant SEAGATE in Derry. The battle for the unionisation of workers witnessed relentless attacks upon workers and union activists in an effort to shut down to possibility of union recognition of Unite The Union members at the plant. The outcome of which has been victorious for the workers and the union involved and for that we extend our solidarity.



This is a victory for all workers in the city and beyond who feel that creating an organised union within their place of work just is possible. It is and here's the proof at SEAGATE.

Whether you are in a greasy spoon cafe, a back street restaurant, a hotel or public house. Worker's can and should help unionise in an effort to demand what is rightfully ours, decent pay and decent workplace conditions.

The IWW in a union which is active and can help you on your path to creating a union where you work. If you can, reach out as today as every worker needs a union!

IWW Union Derry



FEMME SESH 2024

IN ASSOCIATION WITH ALLIANCE FOR CHOICE DERRY

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH
SANDINOS MAIN ROOM

- Jeanette Hutton Band
- Tillie and Henderson
- Tramp
- Maighread Ní Ghrásta
- Eileen Webster
- Tara Gi
- Makeyuppers
- Nikki Mac
- Rachael Eastwood
- Siobhán Shiels
- Tomcat
- Mel Bradley
- Jennifer Clifford
- Dusty Grooves
- Alix Darwin

Host: Abby Oliveira

Guest Speaker:
Bernadette McAliskey

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Derry City, BT48 4FZ, Ireland.**

THERE MAY BE TIMES WHEN WE ARE POWERLESS TO PREVENT INJUSTICE, BUT THERE MUST NEVER BE A TIME WHEN WE FAIL TO PROTEST.

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