



5:47 PM - Immigration Team Spotted. Call out & Advice Shared.

Edinburgh Anti-Raids
@Antiraids_Ed
Immigration officers spotted at Nicolson Square near Beirut - please go and see what help can be offered - some general advice on filming and gathering evidence here

6:49 PM - Locals on the ground, stopping the kidnapping.



BREAKING NEWS: HOME OFFICE ARE DE-ARRESTING THE DETAINEES! We're waiting to ensure they leave and don't take anyone with them.
@Antiraids_Ed @Refuweege



SPOT & STOP IMMIGRATION RAIDS

Don't walk by! We can resist the raids together!

MAKE SURE PEOPLE KNOW THEY DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND CAN LEAVE.



IF THEY WANT TO LEAVE, WALK AWAY WITH THEM.



FILM IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND POLICE. IF SOMEONE IS BEING DETAINED, CHECK WITH THEM FIRST OR ONLY FILM OFFICERS.



CHALLENGE THE OFFICERS — WHY ARE THEY QUESTIONING SPECIFIC PEOPLE?

TELL PEOPLE AROUND YOU WHAT'S HAPPENING. CALL YOUR FRIENDS. TWEET @ANTIRAIDS_ED TO GET WORD OUT.



I just walked passed about 7.20/7.25pm and didn't see anything. Good to see folk turning out to attempt to stop it.

You don't have to be a militant anarchist. Anyone and everyone can step up and protect their neighbours from being kidnapped by the state.

"The biggest help is asking the officers involved if there is a warrant/what the reasons are - if able to speak to people being targeted, being reminded they do not have to let the officers in without a warrant or answer questions can be really helpful in case" - @Antiraids_Ed

Just a wee

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No 30 May 2022

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Stopping an Immigration Raid at Nicolson Square., Edinburgh

Spotlight on Pollokshields

The Pollokshields Trust manages a number of community-led projects in East Pollokshields to help improve social and economic conditions in this neighbourhood with a history of multiple deprivation.

Two years ago we opened our flagship project - The Bowling Green – offering a mix of facilities for the community to meet and get to know each other's ambitions to improve the area. We offer spaces for after-school play, school holiday activities, small discussions, exercise classes, – even weddings. We celebrate open-to-all Festivals for our diverse population so that we get to know each other better through their religious backgrounds. At least once per year we organise a Community Festival

We attract an average of 5000 neighbours/month seven days per week to the range of activities. These are often organised in cooperation

with other community organisations. In 2020, supported by the Linda McCartney Foundation we opened an award winning Community Garden as described in this film. The Bowling Green space is fully occupied in the high season. In 2023 we hope to acquire adjacent ex-Council land to provide new exciting activities.

We're always looking for fresh ideas so why not call Tab Niamat, Bowling Green Lead, on 07928 080 761 for a chat

Paul McCartney YouTube on the Bowling Green:

<https://youtu.be/RC0jsCQmUXQ>

BG Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/PollokshieldsGreen>



May Fundraiser for MORE!

(Migrants Organising for Rights & Empowerment)

Saturday 21st May, 7-11.30pm.

Kinning Park Complex, Glasgow.

Performers: Yvonne Blake, MORE Youth Group, Andra Simons, Dileet Bhachu, Jer Reid.

DJs: Nena Etza and La Colombe Gina.

ANSWERS!

WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER to the astronomical energy price rises, rocketing food prices, increased taxes, increased interest rates, all of which will kick your standard of living back to the Victorian times?

All managed by a group of very rich people, who in all events will not have too much to worry about regarding their standard of living. All off them pointing to the hardship and struggle the ordinary people are facing, but not one of them will suggest an end to the insane economic system that is responsible for all this misery being heaped on you and I. They are all obedient servants of the economic madness that blights the lives of millions, and is destroying the planet, capitalism.

So what will you do, make placards, march in solemn lines appealing to our lords and master to do something to ease our plight? Will you queue longer and with patience at the nearest food bank? Will you try hard to tighten your belt and live on less, or perhaps, cut down on the kids food? Change your vote for the new Messiah? While we do this, energy companies make billions in profit to feed their over privileged shareholders. Will we stand by while large very rich corporations see their shareholders become millionaires/billionaires.

Of course we know that all the above methods have been tried in the past with around about zero effect on our living standards. You may get a small concession here and a little sweetener there, mere paracetamol by the system to make you feel better, to quieten you down, but will not cure our ills, poverty, homelessness, fuel poverty, food insecurity, crumbling health service and broken education system.

Perhaps this onslaught of hardship and poverty that is being flung our way, may be a kick too much, and we will try a different method to cure our ills. For example build up mutual aid centres in our communities, take control of our community assets and run them as we wish them to be run. Take control of our workplaces and produce for our needs, not for the profit of millionaires/billionaires.

They need us, without us they are nothing, we don't need them, we built everything, shipped everything and distributed everything. The problem is we have been doing it to the dictates of greedy self interested corporations all for their benefit while they laughed all the way to the bank at our servility.

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The Good Old Days

Captured in film

In 1911 labour unrest really kicked off across Britain & Ireland.

Reforms by the 1906 Liberal Government, after 1910 supported by Labour MPs, had not met either the aspirations of workers or women in respect of suffrage extension.

It is very rare to find filmed footage of The Great Unrest or Syndicalist revolt as it has become known. The National Library of Scotland has restored

footage of the 1911 Carters strike in Dundee which shows scab labour Clydesdale horse drawn carts being stopped near where the present V&A and Discovery are located,

The Carters won their strike. In many other areas, there was a lot of anger which sometimes gave rise to police or military repression.

The strike wave ended with the move of the rulers of Europe to go to Imperialist War over colonies in Africa and Asia.

• **VIEW AT**

<https://movingimage.nls.uk/film/>

In a 87% ballot, of employees of First Bus, 96% voted to strike on the 4-5th of May and the 18-19th May.

A company that made a £516.5 million operating profit last year had a derisory pay offer rejected by drivers, cleaners and other staff in the greater Glasgow area.

Sharon Graham the Unite Union General Secretary said they "had the cheek to 'offer' two pence less than the current minimum wage [which] is beyond

insulting". A view shared by the angry workers who, in common with the rest of us, face rising energy, food, national insurance and housing costs reducing their standard of living.

The Glasgow Keelie stands with the workers. Don't moan about the lack of buses on these days, put the blame where it lies – the First Bus Managing Director in Scotland, Duncan Cameron & the shareholders.

Woodlands community remember Esther Brown

Esther Brown was a founding member of Woodlands community garden and her generous spirit was central to making the community garden a welcoming and inclusive place.

Esther was an exceptionally kind, compassionate and caring individual who dedicated her life to helping others.

Through her voluntary work she touched the lives and hearts of countless people. And we miss her terribly.

Esther was murdered at the end of May 2021. We have timed this event to coincide with her birthday weekend, and focus on the positives of her life, rather than the terrible circumstances of her death. Over the coming weeks and months, we will be honouring Esther's wonderful way of being through encouraging acts of kindness, compassion and collaboration. Her memory will long live on in all that

we do.

Join us next month in Woodlands Community Garden for a special event to remember and celebrate our dear friend Esther Brown.

We'll be unveiling a beautifully carved Memorial Stone that will form the centrepiece of a newly created rockery and wildlife area to the community garden.

The top of the Memorial Stone has been carved to form a bird bath, reflecting Esther's passion for nature as well as gardening.

• More info
woodlandscommunity.org.uk



John MacLean's Southside Musical Walking Tour

Tracing the footsteps of the famous but neglected Pollokshaws son, John Maclean, trailblazer of Red Clydeside.

Music by Maclean's Weans Sun, 15 May 2022 12:00 – 2 pm

Starts: Pollokshaws Burgh Hall, 2025 Pollokshaws Road Glasgow G43 1NE

RESISTANCE IS FERTILE

At around a quarter to six the first call-outs began. An immigration raid van had been spotted outside a popular restaurant in the centre of Edinburgh and people were calling for assistance.

By 7.30pm over two hundred people had gathered, with more flooding in all the time. The vans were surrounded and blockaded and the police, while present, had informed the immigration cops that they did not have the power to disperse the crowds. By 9pm we had won. After negotiations, the officers agreed to de-arrest the workers they had detained and to leave in their vans. Under close observation by the crowd, ready to move fast if any subterfuge took place, the immigration officers slunk away in the police cars, abandoning their own vans for the time being.

This was the will of the people in action and the irony of it taking place on the day that people were voting in local elections in order to "have their voice heard" does not escape me. The mood was jovial, yet fierce.

With support and direction from **Edinburgh's Anti-Raids Network**, who circulated the original call-out, people mobilised swiftly, self-organising in order to gather snacks, water bottles, and face-masks from nearby shops and distributed them



among the protesters – many of whom had come straight there, without packing warm clothing or other needed supplies.

Legal observers turned up promptly, monitoring the police and blue bibs, advising people to stay masked up and to not talk to any of the cops. Members of the Scottish Community and Activist Legal Project (**SCALP**), handed out bust cards and people scrawled key numbers on their arms, sharing pens and advice with each other freely.

The organisation of the resistance was swift, yet informal, co-ordinated through

Edinburgh's Anti-Raid Network. Phonetrees and twitter posts were utilised to share information throughout the duration of the raid. Updates were shared both through social media and through the use of a megaphone and people moving among the crowds. Chants and clapping kept people's energy up and the sense of collective emotion strong.

There was no complex bureaucracy, no singular sense of the "right way to go about things", there was just a deep communal desire to act together in favour of humanity. And we won.

The means by which the protest was organised and shared was simple and effective. And this can be replicated, and should be replicated, throughout the country. This oughtn't be seen as a solely Scottish occurrence (though I hope for many more similar successes here) but a model for raid resistance everywhere.

If you don't already have a local Anti-Raids phone tree or working group, set one up. Link up with local Legal Observers and activist legal support organisations. Distribute flyers and bust cards. Hand out snacks, masks, and bottles of water.

Show up. Everyone can do something. We have shown again and again our strength in numbers and in our will for a better world. Lets make it happen.

• From <https://freedomnews.org.uk/>

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ON TWITTER FACEBOOK INSTAGRAM**

