

CELEBRATE OUR RADICAL HISTORY AND THE COMMON GOOD

RIDING THE COMMONS



AT GLASGOW GREEN

ONCE A YEAR IN TOWNS IN SCOTLAND, citizens on horseback ride round their Boundaries to protect their common land from marauding robbers, as they have done since the 14th Century.

IN GLASGOW WE DON'T HAVE TWO HORSESHOES TO RUB TOGETHER, but join us as we trot around our ancient Green with bikes, skateboards, baby-buggies, wheelchairs, hobby-horses or whatever we can cobble together, to protect our common land from modern-day robbers... like Property Developers.

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH at NOON

Meet outside the People's Palace

GLASGOW KEELIE

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Keep Glasgow Revolting

Priceless






THE FALL OF THE BARLINN WALL

IN 2014, Glasgow Council, under the leadership of Gordon Matheson, had the daft idea of blowing up the Red Road high-rise flats as a spectacle to open that year's Commonwealth Games.

The project was abandoned after fierce criticism of it being an insult to former residents. The flats were finally demolished after the Games, in 2015.

With the 2026 Commonwealth Games happening next year, maybe the idea could be revived: only this time the target could be the soon to be disused Barlinnie Prison.



**The Union For
All Workers**
IWW.ORG.UK

**'99% of Lawyers
give the rest a bad name'**



GLASGOW CAN BOAST of a long tradition of radical movements growing from the ranks of ordinary people. People struggling not only to improve their own conditions but that of all working class people.

Glasgow can lay claim to a series of firsts. Besides being the birthplace of the 'European Temperance Movement', the following are just some other firsts that can be added to its roll of honour:

- Birth of the Scottish Labour Movement.
- First effective trade unions formed.
- First trade union papers printed.
- Scottish Co-operative movement first established.
- Scottish Labour Party founded.
- First Trades Council in Scotland.

The Glasgow Green has always been a focal point for the people of Glasgow and a cradle of social

movements throughout its history. The following list is but a hint at the history of the Green:

- Through the 1700 and 1800s, the various reform movements.
- Pre-1914, the woman's suffrage movements.
- 1916, rent strikes.
- 1938 anti-fascist move-ments.
- 1971 U.C.S. crisis.
- 1984 miners strike.

I hope this gives at least some insight into that other Glasgow, the Glasgow that does not always find its story in the mainstream literature about the city, but is the true heart of the City of Glasgow, the city of compassion and vision.

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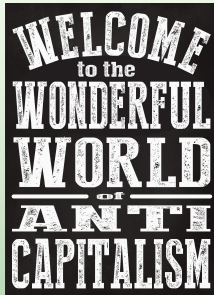
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THE EMPORIUM OF RADICAL IDEAS



MAY DAY 2025

An open meeting for people to bring their ideas about how we could join forces to celebrate the radical anarchist history of May DAY in Glasgow this year.



It's also a chance to find out about the 'Emporium of Radical Ideas': a new pedal-powered roadshow project, which will be on display in the yard for the afternoon.



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WHAT DOES MAY DAY MEAN TO YOU?

This is a call-out to make this year's May Day events more inclusive, expansive and far-reaching. Please spread the word, & come along with your ideas!

GLASGOW AUTONOMOUS SPACE

2.30 - 5.30pm Saturday 1st March 2025
9 Hollybrook Street, G42 7HH



LIVING RENT members demanded Glasgow City Council reverse their U-turn on affordable housing, and won!

Nearly 100 Living Rent members turned out on 27th January to show their support for building social housing in our city.

Back in November, Living Rent members won a review of the implementation of NPF4 - Scottish Government legislation on building affordable housing. Earlier this month, the Council undemocratically tried to sweep this under the carpet by completely removing the review from their agenda.

Living Rent members weren't going to stand for this. We let the Council know that we are watching them, with trade unionists and councillors standing in solidarity with us.

After our show of strength, it took less than 24 hours for GCC to put affordable housing back on its agenda - an important victory for our members.

If implemented, NPF4 would see developments in Glasgow required to include at least 25% affordable housing.

Our action has pushed the Council one step closer to following the legislation and building the social housing that Glasgow so badly needs.

• **Join Living Rent:**
<https://www.livingrent.org/>

"They're not upset that we're disturbing the peace, they're upset that we're disturbing the war"

Support Palestine Action prisoners

<https://palestineaction.org/donate/>

SLEEKIT TWO FACED CHANCER

ONE OF THE MANY BROKEN PROMISES of the Labour Government is the betrayal of the WASPI Women (Women Against State Pension Inequality).

The WASPI Campaign is fighting for justice for all women born in the 1950s affected by the changes to the State Pension Age. WASPI is not against equalisation, but does not accept the unfair way the changes to the pension were implemented with inadequate or no notice.

DISOBEDIENCE

The inspiration of the WASPI women is the Suffragettes, and their famous campaign of civil disobedience in the early 20th Century.

We could all learn a lesson from the direct action methods of the Suffragettes, whether that be showing solidarity with Palestine, campaigning for climate action, protesting against homelessness, combating the rising tide of racism, or fighting for justice at work and in our communities.



BIRLIN' IN HIS GRAVE

'THE THRONE represents the power of caste – class rule. Round the throne gather the unwholesome parasites who cling to the system which lends itself to their disordered condition.

The toady who crawls through the mire of self-abasement to enable him to bask in the smile of royalty is the victim of a diseased organism.

No healthy, well-developed people could for one moment tolerate an institution which belongs to the childhood of the race, and which in these latter days is the centre, if not the source, of the corrupting influences which constitute Society.'

- Keir HARDIE, 1897

SUFFRAGETTE CITY

GLASGOW'S EAST END was a hive of suffrage campaigning in the early 1900s, with mass meetings on Glasgow Green and noisy demonstrations outside Duke St Prison, where imprisoned suffragettes were hunger striking.

Glasgow Womens Library Suffragette City East Trail highlights these and other stirring stories.

• Download a map or an audio file at <https://womenslibrary.org.uk/discover-our-projects/women-make-history/suffragette-city-east-trail/>



• Sylvia Pankhurst speaking at Glasgow Green in 1917