

A Fine Old Glasgow Tradition Revived

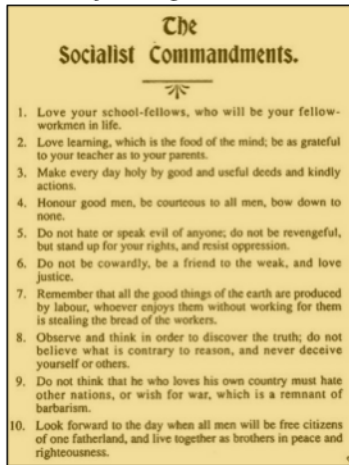
"Sunday School is in session. There are games, and songs, discussion and of course the Ten Commandments. But in this community hall the children sing from a different hymn sheet, and the commandments may be different to the ones you imagine."

schools, with children taking decisions about curriculums and documenting the meetings. The Socialist Sunday School movement declined from its heyday in the 1930s, although Schools persisted in Glasgow as late as the 1980s.

Now in the 21st century, a group of educators, parents, carers, and activists has decided the format is due a revamp.

Drawing inspiration from the rich heritage of this radical and joyous history within the labour movement, Red Sunday School sets out to be an antidote to current mainstream education, with its focus on preparing children and young people for the labour market. Instead, we want to work with and alongside young people to engage with the great struggles of our day - anti-racism, the climate crisis, feminism, and the revolutionary transformation of capitalism.

To find out more about Red Sunday School please have a look at our website <https://redsundayschool.org/> or find us on social media. You can also support our work by donating to our fundraising appeal <https://gofund.me/ca61f286>.



This scene is from a century ago, at the heyday of the Socialist Sunday School movement. Glasgow was one of the heartlands of this movement, which introduced young people to the principles of socialism and involved them in the running of the

Just a wee

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Priceless

KEEP WARM THIS WINTER: MAKE TROUBLE!



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CHILDHOOD OBESITY AFFECTS 1 IN 5 and is a public health priority given £750,000 from Scottish Government.

But like a skelp in the face, Glasgow Council/Glasgow Life undermines this health priority by giving away their swimming pools and football parks (unlike other areas) in a giant fire sale at rock bottom prices. Ouch! Weans dodging cars playing Kerby and Kick-the-can?

Leaders justify their public asset bonanza is necessary to fund their own council Official salaries, £1,786,314.33 and frontline services whilst the weans entry fees will line private developers' pockets. Privatisation makes Keelies poorer.

Dodging bad press and our collapsing public trust in authority must be full-on for Glasgow Officials. When they back Bridget McConnell's 'models that don't work' such as ALEO's, it is NOT a mistake – it works perfectly for developers like Royal and Ancient Golf, St Andrews, who want first dibs on our public land.

Unable to benefit from genuine civic pride in their work, Leaders have to present themselves with awards! Local Government Information Unit partnered by investors CCLA means that despite

wrecking our services and lives, our Council Leaders can present each other with wooden prizes maintaining illusions that this catastrophic capitalist system works.

But wait! F.M. Sturgeon 'found' £100 million to compensate for Omicron festive cancellations. Our weans surely must be saved? Sadly not. Two thirds of this 'Business Support Top Up' goes to Hospitality and the rest culture/ tourism/ food and drink wholesalers and wedding planners.

Keelies are scunnert of hearing these bosses girnin about losses, expecting the public bailouts or using their employees paid holiday leave as their safety net. We do the work anyway, sack these greetin faces and redistribute the surplus.

Our dreams don't fit their ballot boxes. And while cuts are made and council tax is unfrozen, Glasgow Council 'has accepted almost £3.7million in 'place-based funding' community 'aspirational' projects to transform town centre works for peripheral estates – more granite from Rainton Construction (Scot) Ltd? code for 'down the drain'? Keelies are getting the dry boak.

A Guid New Year for us seize back our Common Good.

The Good Old Days

THOMAS MUIR (1765-1799) was born in Milton of Campsie.

He came from a wealthy home, and had a law practice in Glasgow. He was however drawn to the reform movements that had developed all over Scotland. They had gathered momentum as the French revolution in 1789 inspired support for parliamentary reform all over Britain.

Thomas Muir had connections with numerous reform societies throughout Scotland; in 1792 with William Skirving he helped to set up Scottish Reform Clubs, the membership open to every class. He wrote many pamphlets, spoke at a many meetings, and was an open and ardent supporter of radical political reform at a time when the authorities were becoming ever more nervous due to the events in France.

Thomas Muir was arrested and charged with sedition. His trial date, which took place in Edinburgh, was brought forward by several months while he was visiting France. Unable to get travelling arrangements in time, his non attendance made him an outlaw. He was found guilty of, '...having created disaffection by means of seditious speeches'. He returned to Scotland in August 1793 and was sentenced to be banished to Botany Bay for 14 years.

However, George Washington heard of his sentence and sent the USS Otter to rescue him and take him to the new Republic of America. His escape was made good in 1796, however the USS Otter, on its way home was wrecked off Panama. Thomas Muir was then arrested by the Spanish and taken to Havana where he was deemed to be a spy and



• A NEW MURAL of Thomas Muir in the City Centre by Rogue One

shipped back to Spain. On the way back to Spain they encountered three British ships and a battle ensued in which Thomas Muir lost an eye. The Spanish released him in 1797 whereupon he made his way to France. He was made a French citizen and died at Chantilly in 1799.

The three hour speech that Thomas Muir made at his trial in Edinburgh is considered a classic. Here are short extracts:

"From my infancy to this moment, I have devoted myself to the cause of the people. It is a good cause. It will ultimately prevail. It will finally triumph... As for me, I am careless and indifferent to my fate. I can look danger, and I can look death in the face; for I am shielded by the consciousness of my own rectitude."

It is generally believed that it was the 1792 trials of the "Scottish Martyrs" Muir, Skirving, Palmer, Margat, Gerrald that influenced Burns to pen "Scots Wha Hae" in 1793.

Stuff you didn't get telt at school:
<http://strugglepedia.co.uk/>
<https://spiritofrevolt.info/>
Radicalglasgowblog.blogspot.com



FOX HUNTING is illegal in Scotland, however the Lanarkshire & Renfrewshire Foxhounds regularly work their way around the law.

But their biggest day of the year: the annual Boxing Day Hunt was protested by Glasgow Hunt Sabs, who spoiled their perverse fun.

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THE KEELIE always welcomes articles, like this piece we received on Greece. Send yours to glasgowkeelie@riseup.net

'A bullet in the heart of Alexandros to close the circle of the statist machine's omnipotence. A bloodstain on the Messolonghiou pedestrian street to open the circle of rebellion that wrecked the legal order and sowed chaos and anarchy in all cities throughout Greece.'- Nikos Romanos, *Requiem for a Journey of No Return*.

As of today, 6/12/2021, it has been 13 years since the Greek state murdered the anarchist Alexis Grigoropoulos. Alexis was shot by two cops, E. Korkoneas and V. Saraliotis, in the neighbourhood of Exarcheia, following minor clashes with the police. As soon as the news of Alexis's murder broke, a spontaneous insurrection began. Protests, riots, expropriations and occupations of public buildings were but some of the collective expressions of rage.

Despite the attempts of state and capital to depoliticise the murder, we forget that Alexis was killed because of his political beliefs - he challenged in practice the

authority of the police and, by extension, that of the state. This is the violence faced every day by those whose existence the state deems undesirable, those who are a threat to their social order.

13 years later, the spirit of the December revolt is alive in the resistance of the Anarchist/Anti-Authoritarian movement. As anarchists, we stand in solidarity with all insurrections against the state apparatus worldwide, present and future. Our struggles take place in our streets and neighbourhoods, in our workplaces, schools and universities. We will reclaim our space and our lives.

FROM ATHENS TO SCOTLAND, INSURRECTIONS ARE NOT A UTOPIA.

COPS-FASCISTS-MURDERERS

• **Clydeside Anarchist Noise**



Alexandros, murdered aged 15. See

<https://radicalglasgowblog.blogspot.com/2021/12/anger.html>

NEVER TRUSS A POLITICIAN

WHEN LIZ TRUSS was a wee girl in Paisley in the 80s she went on **CND Marches** with her Mum and Dad, built a protest dummy missile out of an old carpet roll, and chanted **Maggie Out**.

Then she took the old familiar path through the Establishment, via the Lib Dems and the Remain wing of the Tory

Party, dumping any principles she may have had on the way.

Now she has been pictured driving a tank in Estonia, posing as the New Iron Lady, and going on manoeuvres to be the next Prime Minister.

The year has just begun, and Liz Truss has already won Chancer of the Year.



CONSULTATION: The action or process of formally consulting or discussing. (*Oxford English dictionary*).

Consultation is intended to facilitate communities, who will be affected by major decisions, having a voice prior to those decisions being made.

Instead, Glasgow Housing Association and Glasgow City Council decided to demolish 600 flats in the Wyndford scheme in Maryhill during a housing crisis and then call the announcement of the decision a consultation. A retrospective consultation is an oxymoron.

The "consultation" is a sham, nothing more than a box ticking exercise. The consultations were organised to take place in a 'drop-in' centre which is in the community facility they will be demolishing as part of the "regeneration." The drop-in times were 10-12 and 2-4 when most people are working. Nothing in the evening. Consultation huh?

So, the decision has been made, hundreds of people decanted to who knows where, community destroyed to make way for further gentrification for the aspirational wannabe social climbers.

And it is not as if we haven't seen this before in Glasgow. Hamiltonhill was cleared 12 years ago and has been derelict until recently when work started on new private housing. Collina St in Maryhill was cleared in 2007 and the GCC are now trying to sell it for private housing.

They have been thwarted by the efforts of local activists who are occupying the land for social housing to replace what was demolished but the fight is ongoing.

<https://www.facebook.com/StillGameForTheValley>
This is all prime real estate close to city centre.

To demolish social housing assets and replace them with private housing is the continuation of Thatcherite policies and is being done under the guise of 'Regeneration' by corporatised housing associations and the Tartan Tories running the Glasgow City Council.

They play the long game knowing that those who might hold them to account will have forgotten or be long gone.

LANG MAY YER LUM REEK!

MY HEART BROKE TO SEE THOSE OLDER PEOPLE IN CARE HOMES on TV given foil blankets to stop chattering and hunkered into one room for warmth. Days later a backup generator was donated from a circus? !! WHIT? Elderly care facilities should have them by law. UK is in the top ten wealthiest countries in the world. Redistribute this wealth now.

With baltic weather and power lines down, falling asleep and into hypothermia must have been a real fear for some of us. So the Daily Record's handy hints to keep warm were welcome; keep windows and doors shut, shove a special balloon up the chimney, use curtains, rugs, jumpers, draught excluders and don't forget to stretch film across your windows. Noticing and promoting social causes generates marketing goodwill.

But the friendly Daily Record is owned by REACH plc one of Britain's biggest newspaper groups. Beware product placement and advertorials – oorheid's urnae buttoned up the back! 'Sponsored' columns should be clearly indicated yet their stay-warm advice passively cloaks a large Electrical Company which advises



Glasgow tenants stand up to ScottishPower's harassment and fake debts! Living Rent members attended Scottish Power headquarters to demand the company clears a fake debt of over £1,500 and ends all harassment through debt collection agencies. Read the full story at <https://www.facebook.com/LivingRentGlasgow>

that, "heating or insulating your home need not be expensive." Maybe for the rich with money to burn. Keelies know that cold homes kill. It's predicted that a shocking 9600 people across the UK will die this winter. Heat should be a human right. In a spectacular tory screw - heating assistance payments are identical for those in the balmy south and the freezing north, unchanged since 2011 - with inflation worth £70 more. They

provide a nice wee pot of public pin-money for the wealthiest but life and death to the rest of us forced to choose eating or heating.

Inside Clydeside's black-mold-land, the cold, damp housing conditions coupled with a history of respiratory disease, stroke, arthritis, heart disease and dementia traps the poorest into paying the highest percentage of our income, just to stay warm and keep well.

There is no way to stay warm at home without spending money and those bills are predicted to soar. Yet Centrica (Scottish Gas) shareholders - the "fire and rehire" giant - are warming their bums on 121% profits, pre-tax of £907 million.

Even worse, while gaun their dingers to protect their own giant incomes, the invisible Glasgow Council officials and ALEOS make ends meet and think it's OK to turn their backs on us by shutting the doors to a great many social facilities where we might have shared warmth – awaiting privatisation. It's our right and their duty -they should be sacked.

In November 2022 these heating assistance grants become devolved but it seems there are no plans to change criteria only for tweaking them. Chimney balloons? Lifesaving scarf ?

Do Keelies want to sit upstairs on the electric bus all day just to ride out the cold spells? NO. Keelies want People before Profits in 2022. **Keelies want rid of the stinking corrupt capitalist system that prioritises profits. Bin it. Solidarity will build scorchin new bonfires of ideas and action. Feel THAT heat and lang may yer lums reek.**