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Oxford Dictionary

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GLASGOW KEELIE

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Keep Glasgow Revolting

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WE REFUSE TO BE POOR ANYMORE!





Pink Peacock, the queer, yiddish, anarchist, café & infoshop in Victoria Rd was attacked twice in one week and had its windows smashed. On Twitter, Pink Peacock issued a defiant message: 'an attack on one is an attack on all, and we won't be cowed'.

• See how you can give support: <https://twitter.com/dirozevepave>

Glasgow Foster Carers Organise

THE FOSTER CARERS UNION, allied to the IWGB, is in dispute with Glasgow City Council after a pledge in the Council's Budget in February to increase Child Allowances by 10% has not been fully carried out and restricted to kids under 10.

Foster Carers get a flat fee plus an allowance for each child fostered.

They also want their union recognised and believe unelected officials at the GH&SC Partnership are responsible for blocking consultation involving the Union.

• See The Ferret at <https://bit.ly/3NFQgqz> for more on the story.

GLASGOW FOOD NOT BOMBS are back!

Support their campaign to fight food poverty with mutual aid:

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



ANARCHIST CRITIC

THE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP that is hitting the ordinary people, more or less across the globe, receives lots of explanations, from pandemic, supply chain break down, to the war in Ukraine and sanctions on Russia. You can take you pick or pick and mix, but are you getting to the heart of the problem?

Perhaps we can dismiss all these supposed reason and listen to top US economists and certain government officials, who seem to lay the blame at the workers feet, by stating wages are too high, and there is not enough unemployment. The chair of the Federal Reserve, one very rich, Jerome Powell, has openly stated that inflation is being caused by wages being too high, and economist and former Clinton aid, Larry Summers, claiming that the solution to the inflation problem is to increase unemployment to around 10%. With these guys of the financial Mafia calling the shots, don't expect austerity to disappear any time soon.

Their answer to the aim of increasing profits is lower wages and increase unemployment. So are we here by design, incompetence by our lords and masters, or the inevitability of living with a greed driven, insane economic system that benefits the few at the expense of the many.

Do we wish to be pawns in this economic

gambling casino of the pampered parasite class. Can we hand this legacy on to our children and grand children? Surely they deserve better than this as their way of life. Their future is in our hands, we can sit back and let the leeches bleed us dry as we struggle from day to day in a perpetual spiral of increasing poverty. Or we can organise within our communities and workplaces to take control of our lives, and shape society to our desires of seeing to the needs of all our people.

We have the ability, imagination and numbers to build that better society based on equality, free association, sustainability and mutual aid, a society where the world is our village and its population our brothers and sisters, not our competitors.

An American guy named Jefferson, you may have heard of him, once wrote, "when the government assaults the very liberties it was hired to protect, it is time to alter or abolish it." I would go for abolish as a start.

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Summertime -When the living is Easy

When not down the picket line, standing in solidarity with workers being shafted by a combination of price inflation and profiteering by Big Companies, resisting landlords....why not unwind in a wild place. Forget about social media for a while, and music in your headphones.

Chill out as you stroll and take in the sounds of birds above the buzz of traffic and overhead tourist planes. Ponder as butterflies, damselflies and busy insects hover over canals and other green places. If doing so be sure to respect the environment. Carry a poly bag with you, on a beach, on a canal path, woodland and pick up the litter of the ignorant.

Places abound in or near Glasgow to explore, by bike (but slow down!), foot or mobility scooter! Take **Possil Marsh** for example, it used to be called Possil Loch but is now wetlands surrounding a reduced Loch. It isn't in Possilpark but up near Lambhill Stables/Cemetery. You can hear Willow or Sedge Warblers, summer migrants. A memorial exists in the northern stretch of the path for a fallen meteorite.

A few miles to the east, **Hogganfield** and a smaller loch, part of a chain of wetlands which stretches to the north of Easterhouse and Ruchazie. No longer a boating pond but you may see Great Crested Grebe displaying and Goldeneye diving (not for pearls!).

In **Maryhill** before Firhill Stadium, Claypitts an area down from Hamiltonhill. Way to the south towards Carmunnock, **Cathkin Marsh**.

Catch a train to **Airbles** for Barons Haugh & Dalziel Wood by the Clyde at

Motherwell where you might see Sandmartins & Nuthatches.

Alternatively, one to **Lochwinnoch** station for a more 'family friendly' nature reserve. Quiet places for contemplation. If with a friend, ration your chat to treasure silence and the sounds of nature.

At the Drydock in **Govan** a new wetlands is being prepared by the Clyde.

With climate change, landscapes are slowly changing. Then return refreshed to the struggle. We can't escape it, but we do need to 'recharge our batteries' when the weather isn't inclement.

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Facebook or <https://spiritofrevolt.info/>



IT WAS GREAT TO SEE SUCH SUPPORT for the RMT strike at Glasgow.

The picket at Glasgow Central Station was visited by a colourful group that marched from Buchanan Street down to the main entrance of Central Station to show support for the RMT picket.

There was a fair crowd and there were a variety of groups all displaying their banners while singing and chanting. The crowd were then joined by part of

Glasgow Tenants' Commission is a sham - Living Rent walks out!

Living Rent is leaving the Tenants' Commission which was commissioned in December 2020 after Glasgow City Council declared a rent crisis in the city.

The Commission was an opportunity to demand that the Council take meaningful steps which address the problems tenants face across the city.

Our members engaged in good faith but we no longer believe that anything concrete will come out of it and fear that it will be another rubber stamp for demands that do not promote tenants'

the Pride march which took place in the city today. A welcome sign that the strikers are having strong support from the Glasgow communities.

We will have to sustain this support and grow this support, for there are more strikes coming down the line as the savage attack on our living standards and conditions mount through the insanity of this economic system and the way it is managed and manipulated to suit the rich and powerful, by our corrupt self interested mob of posh boys

wellbeing or needs.

Living Rent criticises the commission for:

- Failing to examine the social housing sector
- Putting emphasis on evidence gathering over meaningful action
- Inviting the Scottish Association of Landlord (SAL) to hear from landlords' voices
- Having no statutory power over Glasgow City Council

• Do you want to fight for tenants in Glasgow? Join Living Rent <https://www.livingrent.org/join> and build power in your neighbourhood.

47% ARE WORTH-LESS

WITH THE REAL VALUE OF UNIVERSAL CREDIT SLASHED and the Covid £20 top-ups removed, combined with gas and electric soaring, child poverty in parts of Glasgow is on the rise.

To cushion this the Council tells Keelies (Community Plan 10)* that while they can't improve the lack of money, a neighbourhood rich in activities and free networks can give every child an enriching childhood. Areas of high child poverty such as Hillhead at 29% have free access to at least 6 Museums and Botanics on their doorstep.

But even worse is in the Con & Wealth Games 2014 area of Calton, Dalmarnock and Bridgeton which has a staggering 47% child poverty (2020), the highest in Glasgow and predicted to rise - with 22% unemployed. Some 'Legacy'!

Of their three public Museums, two are closed and the third half-open at People's Palace and Winter Gardens. Yet there are several primary schools, nurseries and secondary schools within a 20 minute walk who's children could benefit if these doors were open. Instead, Glasgow Life invests disproportionate £millions on heritage elsewhere whilst denying these children and families the uplifting opportunities intended to act to 'mitigate



the depowering and isolating nature of poverty', also undermining their own safeguard policy. These children see they are worth, less.

And this month they lose their local park at Glasgow Green - commercialised for the weekend at £182.50 entry fee. DF Concerts, organisers of TRNSMT, takes over our Common Goods Land extending the area this year to put VIP's around Doulton Fountain and accommodate 150,000 people. We all know where that's going next year. The Council predict £millions into the local economy. Medical officers predict the gig will be a covid hotspot.

'Local economy' means offshore hotel chains, Air BnBs, National Parking,

minimum wage barrista, catering and cleaning jobs with extended hours, and so on. The big bucks fly out.

And what becomes of the profits made from our Glasgow Green? Surely the local 47% children will benefit? After all, Common Good assets are now controlled legally. The Scottish Government tells Local Councils that 'When a common good property is sold, the income received becomes a common good income fund. (Renfrew Council includes rental income in this).' So will DF Concerts' profits then be added to our Glasgow Common Good fund?

And will the Council / Glasgow Life invest profits from those other licenses they granted DF for Green Day and Red Hot

Chilli Peppers at Bellahouston Park or are they skimmed into private pockets too?

And what does our local 47% living in child poverty gain from these £millions? The crushing disregard by the Council for their local facilities reinforces just how invisible the cloak of poverty has made them. They will still be bussed past their own shut Museums to flagships elsewhere even though their parents paid the same tax and deserve better. Everything tells them they are worth-less.

Keelies say TRNSMT is another Council skimming scandal shifting profits from public asset into private pockets. Pickpocketing the poorest, as ever, they are easy prey.



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