

ORGANISED BY RED AND BLACK CLYDESIDE 2025

MAY DAY PICNIC ON THE GREEN



SUNDAY 4TH MAY 1:30 ONWARDS AT FREE WHEEL NORTH
Across from Templeton's at kids swing park For Poetry, songs and fun



Music Banners Singing Dancing Stalls Bring Food to share Friends to chat with People to meet Stories to tell anarchist radical past and present. Bring food to share Friends to chat with, people to meet, stalls Open mic: get in touch if you'd like to perform - poets, singers and story-tellers welcome **FREE EVENT**

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GLASGOW KEELIE

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Keep Glasgow Revolting

Priceless

★ **MAY DAY SPECIAL** ★

WAR, RACISM, POVERTY

SOLIDARITY IS THE ANSWER

NEW BOOK SHINES SPOTLIGHT ON FORGOTTEN GLASGOW HISTORY

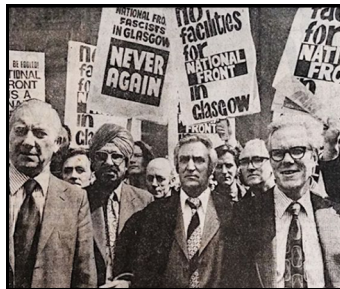
1975 WAS A PIVOTAL YEAR for anti-racism in Glasgow. It began with the horrifying murder of Hector Smith, a Jamaican man living in the Woodlands area.

Confronted in his home by a violent gang who claim to be raising money for Ulster loyalist paramilitaries, he refuses to pay up. One of the men, a member of the National Front, shoots Hector dead in front of his young family. The shocking story briefly captivates the Scottish media, but is rapidly forgotten.

A few months later, the ascendant National Front are trying to gain a foothold in the city. 76 anti-fascists, including many of Scotland's leading trade unionists, are arrested while the police run riot outside the city's Kingston Halls, where the NF are attempting to hold a public meeting.

In a new book, **Glasgow 1975: the murder of Hector Smith and the battle against the far-right in 1970s Scotland**, author Liam Turbett goes through the events of that turbulent year, and features testimony from some of those who were on the frontline of opposition to the NF's attempts to organise in Scotland that year.

• **Published in association with the Scottish Labour History Society, it will be available from Calton Books or directly from <https://glasgow1975.bigcartel.com>**



JOHN COUZIN has died: loved, dearly missed and inspirational. You might have seen him giving out his paper the Anarchist Critic, around Glasgow.

In 1950's shipyards, exposed to the killer asbestos, John got pleural plaques, yet another victim of Corporations knowingly prioritising profits over the health of workers.

He started selling round the doors witnessing poverty and destitution, writing; **'We live...A little bit above the dead and quite a bit below the living, Where poverty is a dream, Deprivation a reality'**.

John's words expose the Economic System of Capitalism and the mechanisms at its core. Injustice right under our own nose was sometimes hard to recognise- **'CAPITALIST DEMOCRACY IS A SYSTEM WHERE THE POOR ARE FREE TO WORK AT MAINTAINING THE RICH'**.

John showed our exploitation, often to early death, by Multinational Corporations, Empires, States and Borders, the IMF or the Club at Davos (WEF). They protect their assets by

hiding behind wars, religions, borders, elections, laws, police etc. Shifting his writing to digital he produced **Radical Glasgow** blog, **'Strugglepedia'**, co-founded **Spirit of Revolt** archive but experience demonstrated that face-to-face street stalls or leafleting was powerful.

Although John was big-hearted, he believed self-defence is an immutable right. We stand on the shoulders of giants and we simply add our unique talents to build a fairer future. John's poem **Being Human** says; we have the right to peace across borders, to have food, shelter, reach full potentialAnd we have duties to care for the planet and each other. **'AND WE HAVE A DUTY NOT TO ASK FOR OUR RIGHTS BUT TO DEMAND AND TAKE THEM'**.



**John Couzin 1934- 2025
Anarchist, Poet, Propagandist**

By Stasia

Keelie Quiz: Who is This Man?

Read below and answer the question immediately.

THE PRISON PSYCHOLOGIST returned to his office, sat down at his desk and reflected upon the conversation he had just had with the patient. A strange man. Classic utopian dreamer. Bit of a God complex. Not malleable.

A conclusion arrived. The psychology report took shape. Picking up his pen, he put it to the paper. And hesitated. Had he himself been wrong in the approach? Should he have shown him the newspaper, the one that had made him so angry, the one that said the patient was "falling victim to the devil of his own vanity and prima donna complex."?

No. The man's hatred for those who think differently could not be lessened. Too cognitively rigid.

The man has a demonic obsession with an ideology that unleashes the psychopath in him. Such was this unleashing of of the inner psychopath, one could feel it. This ideologue was filled with vanity and brutal dogmatism

Keelie Quiz

Who is this man-patient described above?

Did you say: Donald Trump? Sorry, it was Adolf Hitler.

(Apologies to Peter Ross Range, author, 1924: The Year That Made Hitler and to Dr. Leon Smizgrad, author, the Ideological Brain)



Watch out for The Emporium of Radical Ideas, and the Keelie Folk Club
We could be in your area soon! Check Glasgow Keelie on Facebook for the latest news, or email glasgowkeelie@riseup.net



THE GAME'S A BOGEY!

DONALD TRUMP'S 'BIGLY' GOLF COURSE in Turnberry was targeted by Palestine Action in March after he talked about taking over Gaza and turning it into a beach resort.

'GAZA IS NOT FOR SALE' was sprayed across the lawn and the golf course's holes were dug up. Whilst Trump attempts to treat Gaza as his property, he should know his own property is within reach."

Smashing Time

ELON MUSK slashed billions from America's foreign aid budget, which will result in thousands of deaths in Africa, after anti-Aids projects were closed down. And then he sheds tears when Tesla's share prices crash.

Join us at various May Day events when we smash specially made Tesla pinatas, and vent our rage at the tyranny of the Oligarchs.



GLASGOW TRADES
UNION COUNCIL
PRESENTS

PROGRAMME MAY DAY

GLASGOW 850

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			24 APRIL Glasgow 850: Through Our Labour This City Was Built - Programme Launch Lynch's Bar 179 London Rd 7:00pm	25 International Workers' Memorial Day Glasgow People's Palace 12.00pm Fire Stories: Workers Theatre Edition The Birgdale Complex 10 Stravanan Street Castlemilk 7:00pm - 9:00pm <i>Hosted by Food Solidarity Superheroes, Red Flag and GISA.</i>	26 Glasgow Housing Struggle Archive Workshop and Talk Food Solidarity Unit The Braes Shopping Centre Castlemilk 2:00 - 4:00pm	27 Made in Castlemilk Film Screening Food Solidarity Unit, The Braes Shopping Centre Castlemilk 2:00 - 4:00pm
28 GlasgowDetroit Film Showing and Discussion Online Event PEN Scotland 7:00pm	29 Climate Crisis Cinema 4 XR Glasgow 8 Bell Street Glasgow 6:00pm - 9:00pm	 WORKERS BUILT GLASGOW	1 MAY Storytelling Through Banners and Stained Glass: 80 Years of Our City Unite the Union Scotland, 9th Floor John Smith House 6:30pm - 8:00pm	No Culture Without Palestinian Culture - Art Workers for Palestine Scotland CCA Clubroom 4:00pm - 6:00pm Bob Hilliard Book Launch Viva La Ojcinca Brigada Lynch's Bar 179 London Road 7:30pm	Koma Rengli Welat - Colours of Homeland Union Glasgow City - Kurdish Community Centre 8 Bell Street Glasgow 2:00-4:00pm Seed Songs for Gaza CCA Cinema 5:00pm - 8:00pm	May Day March and Rally Glasgow Assemble 10.30am Barrowland Park March 11.00am Rally 12.30pm Glasgow Uni. Union Disco Shifts: A Club for May Day Nico's Steaps 11:30pm-1:00am
Glasgow and the Irish Revolution Walking Tour 156 Rising Centenary Committee (Scotland) 2:00pm The Great May Day Cabaret - A Fundraiser in Aid of the Calton Weaver's Memorial The Stand Comedy Club 7:30pm	6 50 years since Scottish Daily News: where next for cooperative journalism? NUJ Glasgow GMAC Film 6:00pm - 8:00pm	7 Glasgow: 80 Radical Years Walking Tour Radical Glasgow 7:00pm	Glasgow 1975: Book Launch & Talk with Author Liam Turbett Scottish Labour History Society Glasgow Quaker Meeting House Club 7:30pm	Reclaim the Working People's Game! Hampden Bowling Club 7:00pm Dissect into protest: An Exhibition by Euan Sutherland Runs 9th - 31st May 77 Elderslie Street, Glasgow, G3 2ER	10 May Day Football Tournament Sponsored by GMB Glasgow Branches Glasgow Club Crownpoint 12:00pm - 3:00pm	From Glasgow Corporation to Glasgow FC: Walking Tour PEN Scotland 11:00am - 12:30pm Lost and Found: Remapping Glasgow PEN Scotland The Pyramid, Anderson 1:00pm - 3:00pm

This year's May Day events are a special occasion, blending our traditional spirit of workers' solidarity with a celebration of Glasgow's working-class legacy. We'll be honouring the struggles and triumphs of those who built our city, from its origins in the fables of St. Mungo, with his symbolic bird, tree, fish, and bell, to the industrial powerhouse it became, and the vibrant, diverse city we are today.



FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS VISIT: [HTTPS://LINKTR.EE/GLASGOWMAYDAY](https://linktr.ee/glasgowmayday) OR SCAN QR CODE.



JOIN THE WIDE VARIETY OF EVENTS IN MAY



PAISLEY MAY DAY



SATURDAY 3RD MAY 11AM
Gather top of New St/High St
Speeches, Poetry, Music

WELFARE NOT WARFARE



FUNDRAISER
FOR MEDICAL AID FOR PALESTINE
BUNGALOW BAR
MONDAY 19TH MAY 7PM

Iona Fyfe Folk Singer
Kitti Jazz Infused Soul
The Tenementals Radical Folk-Punk
Aidan Moore and the Outkcasts Glasgow Rock
Band Shout Mod/60s
Eddie Reid Blues
Alex Munro Sad Punk Fun

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