

A LOT GOING ON

in Clydeside: Gigs, Rallies, Demos, Strikes

Paisley for All. Love Paisley Hate Racism

Saturday 18th April
Assemble 11am March
from Barshaw Park Car P
to County Square for
Rally and Music.

**Southside Unity March
against Racism**

Sunday 19th April.
Assemble 12pm
Newlands Park. March to
Kenmure St.

The People's Common

20th April – 6th May 2026.
A series of free
gatherings, talks, gigs
and plays in Queens
Park. Check

[grassroots2global.org/
peoplescommon](http://grassroots2global.org/peoplescommon) for full
programme

**Riding the Commons at
Queens Park**

Saturday 25th April. 3pm
Join us as we trot around
our ancient Greens 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.

**International Workers
Memorial Day,**

Tues 28th April
Apron Display at Drying
Green, Glasgow Green,
after official IWMD event.
Noon to 6pm

1st of May event

Buchanan Street steps
Friday 1st May 12-2pm.
Open event with Glasgow
Keelie and friends. Music,
poetry and song to
celebrate May Day and its
history of working class
struggle and celebration

**Glasgow Trade Union
Council Fight of Our
Lives May Day March**

Sunday 3rd May
assemble 10.30am
Barrowland Park march to
Glasgow University
Union.

**Queens Park May Day –
THE EMPORIUM OF
RADICAL IDEAS**

Sunday 3rd May 3pm
(after Trades Council
March) Music and Drama,
including commemoration

of when the British Union
of Fascists were driven
from the Park 90 years
ago

**The Great May Day
Cabaret**

Monday 4th May
The Stand Comedy
Club, 420 Gt Western Rd
All proceeds to the Calton
Weavers Commem-
oration Committee.

**Riding the Commons at
Glasgow Green**

Sunday 17th May 2pm
Meet outside Peoples
Palace Sunday 17th May
2pm

**David Rovics at Keelie
Folk Club**

Monday 18th May
7.00pm for 7.30. McNeills
Bar 106 Torridale St G42

• **A Rolling Calendar of
what is on for Palestine
in Glasgow is at**
[scottishpsc.org.uk/
events/](http://scottishpsc.org.uk/events/)

• **Support the striking
Village Hotel Workers**
[https://www.instagram.
com/unitehospitality/](https://www.instagram.com/unitehospitality/)

GLASGOW KEELIE

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Keep Glasgow Revolting

Priceless

SPRING INTO ACTION!



Glasgow Rent Strike 1915

**HOUSING ACTION ★ ANTI-WAR
ANTI-RACIST ★ UNION ACTION**

**JOIN the new Autonomy List for email updates of radical
activities in Clydeside at glasgowkeelie.org where you can
also share your ideas, links, and stories.**

OUR KIDS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Australia has banned its young folk from holding social media accounts. This is not just about young users not studying or stumbling across harmful influencers, violence or porn. According to Shoshana Zuboff in her book: Surveillance Capitalism, the national newspaper: The Australian, published a confidential Facebook report which detailed the way Facebook gathered "psychological insights" on 6.4 million school and tertiary students as well as young Australians and New Zealanders already in the workforce. This reveals that Facebook can tell 'the exact moment at which a young person needs a "confidence boost."

Zuboff says: "By monitoring posts, pictures, interactions, and internet activity, Facebook can work out when young people feel 'stressed', 'defeated', 'overwhelmed', 'anxious,' 'nervous', 'stupid', 'silly' 'useless' and a 'failure'. This knowledge is used to help marketers choose the proper moment to advertise.

Facebook, of course, denies this, but Zuboff quotes a former Facebook product manager as saying they are: "lying through their teeth."

If this encompassing intrusion can be done, aimed at kids in these two countries, it can also surely be done for our own children. Anywhere.



"Capitalism carries war within itself like a cloud carries a storm!"

July 25, 1914: On the eve of the First World War, Socialist Jean Jaurès's final speech. Five days later he was assassinated. His words are as true today as they were 112 years ago.

Keelie Quip

**'The war is not meant to be won, it is meant to be continuous'
George Orwell**



Happy Birthday Spirit of Revolt Archives of Dissent (SOR)

Fifteen years ago a small group of us sat in a cafe planning a central point for Clydeside's Anarchist and Libertarian Socialist documents. These are not Union or Party Political deposits but papers of direct action protest as understood by the people experiencing it themselves because millions of people make history. Without history we are erased, denied or never existed.

SOR is autonomous, organised by volunteers and runs on donations. Visiting SOR's website you will find evidence of the ingenuity and creativity, of folk crushed against the brutality of the Capitalist Economic System- profit driven, protected by Laws and Armies - while we are starving for change.

Unlike Kings or Celebrities our lives are not preserved in official collections or taught in schools, rather brushed under the carpet or destroyed, keeping us in the dark. SOR preserves our conflicts against rulers, corporations or bosses; Rights at work, hours, pay and

contracts, health, housing, equality were confrontations fuelled by injustice by desperate families at high cost - too often death, Rights achieved through strategies too dangerous to teach in schools.

Such knowledge is incendiary for we might then reject their System in favour of human, animal and planet welfare currently doomed for profits.

Disagreement with Authority that won't listen creates dissent. SOR Archives of dissent show how millions have demanded that they listen and stop attacks on free speech and freedom to protest. Using and protecting these Rights is our responsibility for our children but enacting this duty to take them, is often criminalised.

Civil Disobedience and dissent has strong roots on Clydeside, from centuries of insurrection to present day Black Lives Matter and Palestine Action. Volunteers at SOR collect this history of resistance, struggle and protest often denied or written out.

Read SOR online - it includes the Strugglepedia of bite sized Clydeside working class history. We have a wider network that supports our aims. We hope that SOR will inspire current activism, intervene and transform tomorrow's history, today. SOR is at www.spiritofrevolt.info and at the Mitchell Level 5. Volunteer! Donate! Support! SOR needs you, get in touch!



Seannota at McNeill's Bar

THE KEELIE FOLK CLUB was launched last April to arrange two shows for Portland, Oregon based David Rovics '25 tour. We had Wobbly Chris and Dr Normul as support acts at Galgael then 2 days later at Lynch's Bar Gavin Paterson and Dave Featherstone doing short sets.

David and his vocal partner also popped up on the Saturday in Paisley at a Palestine Solidarity rally.

The spirit of the folk club was kept alive at Mayday and at the 1820 memorial stage, featuring the Lanarkshire Songwriters.

Robb Johnson from Sussex, with support from Maggie Holland and Steven Clark appeared at our McNeill's gig at the start of October.

Roll on to December and our 4th gig, this time providing a showcase for local acts: Pauline Vallance, Kevin from

Edinburgh, Bob Leslie from Celtic Music Radio, four piece Seannota doing their first gig, Dr Normul and Gavin Paterson all appeared.

We have funded it ourselves and are grateful for some venues being free and the commitment of supporters, musical and volunteers. We also have a free raffle with lots of prizes!

We have plans for '26. Stay tuned to our Facebook page or email glasgowkeelie@riseup.net

Keelie Folk Club
DAVID ROVICS
and Friends
MONDAY 18th May 7.30pm
McNeill's Bar
 106 Torrisdale St, Glasgow G42 8PH
 (Victoria Rd at Queens Park Station)
All Welcome

Keelie View

THE COMMUTER CHAOS following the devastating fire at Central Station shows that public transport is far too important to be left in the hands of billionaire bus owners.

We desperately need a system that puts people before profit.

The campaign group **Get Glasgow Moving** is leading the fight against failing, unreliable services and say 'Investment in affordable, reliable public transport is a crucial step in tackling poverty and inequality in the city.'

• **Follow the latest news at getglasgowmoving.org**



HERO OF BUCHANAN STREET.

Margaret Pacetta is a 71 year old grandmother. Last year she was part of the Global Flotilla taking aid to Gaza. The ship she was on was seized, and Margaret was imprisoned in Israel where she was mistreated by the guards, and denied basic human rights.

On her release she stated:

"They're never going to break our spirits, never."

Every Saturday for 52 weeks of the year Glasgow Palestine Human Rights Campaign do a stall in Glasgow city centre to highlight the Palestinian cause. **Drop by and say hello, or follow latest news on gphrc.org/**

SAME AULD BLOODY TORIES!



MEET THE NEW CHANCERS, SAME AS THE OLD CHANCERS.

ReformUK's Top Team: all five ex-Tories, all five privately educated, all five millionaires, and all five dripping from head to foot with the privilege and arrogance of the ruling class.

Tasked with re-inventing the Tories - the oldest

political party in the world - they plan to take us all back kicking and screaming to the deference and hierarchy of the 1950s, and put the working class 'back in its place'. And they plan to do that while importing wholesale Trump's ICE and DOGE tactics.

GULLIBLE'S TRAVELS

Time and time again, we

fall for these charlatans who pose as being anti-establishment, while in reality representing the interests of the billionaires and oligarchs.

What do they know about the trials and tribulations of the people of Glasgow?

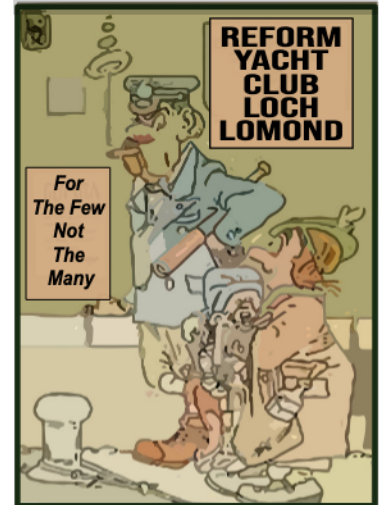
And what do they care?

TIME TO DECIDE WHAT SIDE WE ARE ON!

MALCOLM OFFORD, who was made a Lord by Boris Johnson, after he donated £150,000 to the Tories, is the Branch Manager for ReformUK in Scotland.

A man of untold wealth, he refuses to divulge how many millions he has stashed away.

From his Country Estate in Loch Lomond, complete with private pier for his yacht flotilla, Malcolm dreams of the day when he can launch austerity for us, and tax cuts for his rich pals.



'Yaffayat? Whit Yatyafa?'

with apologies to Bud Neill