

Why Anarchism?

>> Freedom and Equality

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>> Individual and Collective

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>> Revolution

Anarchists understand that this truly free and equal society can only be achieved through revolution - meaning a complete transformation of society. This society cannot be 'given' to the people by politicians or bureaucrats. It must be built by the people from below.

>> Violence and Direct Action

Anarchism opposes the violence which is an integral part of capitalism and the State (this violence comes in many forms: war, patriarchy etc.). We believe that means shape ends - in other words, the way we struggle will shape the outcome of the struggle. This is also why we do not support the seizure of State power by authoritarian political parties. However, anarchists do believe in direct action - action taken by everyday people to cause immediate problems for the rulers of our lives. This includes strikes, boycott's, work-to-rule's and occupations.

>> Both authoritarian communism (as in Russia, China etc.) and 'labourism' (ie. the labour parties of the world), have failed to solve our global crisis. We need a different path to a better world. Anarchism offers itself as a guide on that path.



What Might an Anarchist Society Look Like?

- ★ The world's resources would be held in common and shared with all the diverse life on Earth;
- ★ People would manage their own lives, work and communities, and everyone would have a say in decision making through decentralised forms of organisation;
- ★ Relationships in all areas of life would be based on mutual respect and equality, regardless of gender, skin colour, sexual orientation, disability, age, culture etc.;
- ★ Work wouldn't be boring and repetitive, but instead would be a means of voluntary self-expression and fulfilment; unpopular or difficult jobs would be shared;
- ★ Education would be integrated into daily life to produce free individuals who think for ourselves;
- ★ Goods and services would be produced ecologically for human needs based on the principle "from each according to ability, to each according to need".

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