

## Upcoming Events at the Red and Black...

### Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup> - Break the Chains 7pm-12midnight

A Day of Empowering Music, Workshops, Info Talks + MORE!

...Upcycling, self-defence workshop, films, discussions incl. action on FGM and pro-choice, riot grrl tunes, vegan grub, vagina cupcakes, music...

...bring your own poetry/zines/whatever...and it's all family friendly!

Evening music includes Petrol Girls, Twisted, Efa Supertramp, Big Red, Rufus Mufasa, Little Eris & Dancing Queer – bellydancing with a twist!

£3 suggested on the door...profit to Women Seeking Sanctuary Advocacy Group  
Drink Tolerated (From 6pm) Drunkenness NOT.

### Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup> - Sgwrs Gymraeg 7pm-9pm

Return of the Red and Black's Welsh language evening.

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

All levels of Welsh welcome, and with a chance to learn for newcomers!

7pm - Meet for a chat / 8pm - Welsh lesson

### Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> - Working Group Meetings 6pm - 8pm

Come and hear from working groups and get involved! =)

### Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> - Bike Workshop 2pm - 4pm

The return of the free bike workshop at the Brolly

Come and learn how to fix your bike - donations for parts welcome.

### Monday August 25<sup>th</sup> - No Borders South Wales meeting 7pm-8pm

Solidarity with asylum seekers and migrants since 2005.

<http://noborderswales.wordpress.com>

### Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> - General Meeting 6pm-8pm

Meeting about the Social Centre. Open to all to bring ideas, find out about working groups and suggest / help with events.

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Love & rage, always

Once upon a time, a building was squatted in Cardiff...



- it became known to all as the Red and Black Umbrella Social Centre.

RED AND BLACK UMBRELLA

More than two years on, the RBU collective want to invite more people to be a part of the activities (gigs, info-nights, film showings and more) which will benefit people in East Cardiff and beyond. We want to provide a lasting injection of ideas of radical social change in an area where poverty and further Government cuts is detrimental to all.

We are here because we believe that unnecessary government cuts and the austerity agenda, the mainstreaming of racism by political parties such as UKIP, and the destruction of the planet as we know it, need to be challenged. By coming together as a community and using the RBU space, we can create an alternative and improved world together and forever.

We welcome new people getting involved; if you have any ideas for the space or would like to use the space to run an event of your own, please come and share your thoughts with us.

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## A bit of Red and Black Umbrella history...

In November 2011, a group of people working for social change began transforming the Tredegar Hotel in Adamsdown, Cardiff, into a squatted social centre.

It was raided within the first few days, as most squats usually are, but since the landlord has supported the groups use of the space, the police have not interfered much since. As the social centre began to take shape, the group issued its first statement introducing the concept of a squatted social centre and its potential to be a community hub.

Since then, thousands of people have walked through the door and been involved in skill-share workshops, gigs and culinary events. Many a weary wanderer has been provided with hot beverages, vegan snackettes and a warm bed for the night.

Regular workshops of the past have included bike repair workshops, music events, consensus based meditation, language skill shares, seed swaps, gardening projects and sustainable energy workshops - showing that it's quite possible to live in a city on renewable energy alone.

It's not always been an easy ride. Some of the difficulties encountered by the RBU collective have included loss of electricity, fire in the building, police raids and confrontations with undesirables. The collective has only grown stronger and learnt valuable life lessons from these experiences. It has adapted to its continuously changing surroundings - for example, the solar power provides a renewable source of energy for the group's needs.

Altogether, despite minor setbacks, an incredible amount of information has been learnt and shared within the local community, and the RBU collective are grateful to ALL the people that have shared in this experience.

The RBU still believes people should come before profit, is still sick of government cuts while MPs and bankers continue to get richer, and is still here to be an empowering autonomous space that people can use to learn from each other, for each other.

See the renovation in action, come join in the cultural hub; still here for this local community.

Any concerns, questions or suggestions are as welcome as ever.

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## Regular Events at the Red and Black:

### Social Centre meetings

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month

Also two weeks later we have working group meetings which discuss specific aspects of the space in more detail. These include: publicity, garden, events.

### Sgwrs Cymraeg

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month

All levels of Welsh welcome, and with a chance to learn for newcomers!  
7pm - Meet for a chat / 8pm - Welsh lesson

### Consensus based meditation

#### Every Thursday at 8.30pm

"Equality for the compassion and openness to contribute with and for each other, an openness that is only possible without hierarchy."  
For more info contact @sageofhappiness on twitter / email [llopril@live.co.uk](mailto:llopril@live.co.uk).

### Sustainable Sundays- renewable energy and sustainability

#### Every Sunday 12pm

Sundays become host to a meeting of people interested in renewable energies, sustainable living and other environmental issues. It is a space for open discussion about issues and ideas, as well as learning about and putting into practice many concepts and designs.

### Bike Workshops

#### Most Sundays 2pm - 4pm

Starting again in late August!

*Feel free to come along to all or anything!*

*We want to start to offer more skill shares and workshops but we need people with the skills to step forward and share them. If you feel like you have something to share then please get in touch or drop by to arrange something.*

*Whether a one-off, or a series of workshops, learning new skills is always empowering, we hope to see you at future free workshops!*

