

# South Wales Anarchists



## So what's Anarchism, then?

Anarchism is a movement that wants a world in which power isn't concentrated in the hands of the few, but in the hands of everyone, as equals! Anarchists look to create

different kinds of democracy based on workplaces and communities, and we reject ideas of reform through political parties and existing structures as we believe it's impossible to reform a broken system. Instead, we look to challenge it, and create new, more democratic forms of organisation through direct action. Why bother with the sham 'choice' given to us every few years, with parties and leaders with virtually identical policies, all attacking ordinary working people?

Anarchism is a vibrant, diverse movement in South Wales. **Why not get involved?** ...*some of the things we get up to:*

**AUSTERITY / ANTI-CUTS** – The government says that cuts are necessary, but in fact it is just an excuse for ordinary people to pay for the inherent problems of the system and the greed of a few.

Austerity is in reality, unfair, unnecessary and unhelpful - instead another world is possible, where each can have equal access to the resources needed to live our lives in the way **we** see fit.

**JOBS** – Are you being messed around at work with your pay, conditions, terms of employment etc? Unions are supposed to help but sometimes they don't and often they aren't there. Anarchists believe that taking direct action on these issues is often the most effective way of dealing with them. If you need support to help organise against any problems at work, please get in touch. How about starting a workers' co-op? We can provide workshops explaining how to do this. It can become a much fairer way of working.



**HOUSING** – Banks and landlords bleed money out of us for our homes, when they belong to us. People are being repossessed while thousands of houses are empty. Squatting is still legal but it has recently been made more difficult. We run workshops explaining the laws. Housing co-ops are another way of achieving affordable housing.

**Want more info or support? Get in touch!**  
**southwalesanarchists.wordpress.com/**



### Some spaces and groups...

**Red and Black Umbrella Social Centre** - redandblackumbrella.squat.net/ @RedBlackBrolly  
Set up as an anarchist social centre in East Cardiff, and host to community events as well as occasional punk and acoustic gigs. A great place to meet, eat, get info, watch films and be part of workshops and classes.

**Cwtch Community Centre** - facebook.com/CwtchCommunityCentre/ @SwanseaCwtch  
A Swansea collective, active in reclaiming commercial space for community use. More to come in the year ahead!

**Welsh Antifa** - welshantifa.org/ @WelshAntifa  
Far-right groups divide our communities using racism for their own ends and we stand against this by organising direct actions against racists, fascism and fascists.

**Radical Wales** - radicalwales.org/ @radicalwales  
A website with considered political analysis of Welsh politics from a wide, radical perspective. Many anarchists contribute to its content and running.

**Cardiff Anarchist Black Cross** - abccardiff.wordpress.com/  
Updated with news and supporting anarchist and class struggle prisoners in the social war.

**Cardiff IWW** - facebook.com/iww.cardiff/ @CardiffIWW  
IWW is a trade union for all workers, organised without the usual Union bosses that generally put their own interests before workers.

**Stop G8 South Wales** - network23.org/stopg8/ @StopG8UK  
The local organising group for the UK's direct action planning organisation against the World leaders' unaccountable meeting in Northern Ireland this year. \*stopg8swales@riseup.net\*

**No Borders South Wales** - noborderswales.wordpress.com/ @noborderswales  
Anarchists in South Wales have organised for freedom of movement and equality for all for many years. Much of the action now takes place in Cardiff and Newport with new initiative CMS Wales.

**Food Not Bombs** - foodnotbombs.net/WALES.html/ @FNBCardiff  
Cardiff and Swansea both have local sections of this international movement that shows that to feed people takes less than all that goes into fighting wars over resources. Come and find the free vegan grub out there once a week and at protests and other events.

**Animal Rights** - cardiffar.co.uk/ swanseanimalrights.moonfruit.com/  
groups across South Wales work against all cruelty to animals with information sharing and promoting an ethical healthy vegan lifestyle.

**South Wales Hunt Saboteurs**  
Local people taking direct action against hunting with hounds in South Wales despite the 'ban'. Email southwaleshuntsabs@gmail.com.

As well as all this, we're often involved in direct action against climate change, workfare, and fighting discrimination against the homeless and other socially marginalised groups...