

Upcoming Events at the Red and Black...

March!

Sun 1st March - Sustainable Sunday 12noon - 2pm

Mon 2nd March - Palestine Film night 7pm - 10pm

Tues 3rd March - People's Kitchen 7pm - 10pm

Wed 4th March - Social Centre Meeting 7pm - 9pm

Thurs 5th March - Consent workshop 7pm - 9pm

Fri 6th March - Acoustic Benefit gig 7pm - midnight

Sat 7th March - Workshops & gig for Yorkley Court

Thurs 12th March - Claimant Solidarity 7pm - 9pm

Sat 14th March - No Borders Hip-Hop 7pm - midnight

Wed 18th March - Social Centre Meeting 7pm - 9pm

Thurs 19th March - Music's role for No Borders 7pm

Thurs 26th March - Infotalk - drug addiction 7pm

For more news and info head to:

<http://redandblackumbrella.squat.net>

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the Red & Black Umbrella



The Red and Black Umbrella is over 3 years old! To continue to build on what we have achieved, we want to invite more people to join in with the activities we run for the benefit of our community, including:

☆ Concerts of various types of music from folk, punk, rock and hip-hop
☆ Tasty, healthy meals for whatever price people want to pay

☆ Educational workshops teaching people different useful skills

☆ Free open talks about important social and environmental issues
☆ Language lessons
☆ Film Showings
☆ Information stalls

☆ A Free Shop where people can take clothes and other things for free.and much more!

We are here because we want to help people in the local area come together and be part of creating a better world based on fairness, equality and co-operation.

We want to help people to learn skills and to be aware of political, economic, social and environmental issues so that we can all be empowered and don't have to rely on other people to do things for us.

We are against everything that the government, and the rich business owners that it works for, have done to ordinary people:

the recession and the cuts to public services that have increased poverty, homelessness and hunger

the racist ideas spread by right-wing politicians and the media to try to make poor people hate each other instead of uniting together against the rich

the destruction of our shared environment through pollution, climate change and the wasting of natural resources by big business.

All of our events are free entry and not for profit. We only ask for donations of whatever people can afford to help us to cover our costs and to raise money for causes we want to support, such as movements against sexism; war; racism; fascism; border controls; environmental destruction; and prisons.

If you want to get involved in what we are already doing, or if you have an event that you want to organise at our space that you think fits in with what we are all about, then please come by and talk to us or send us an email

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.

Police raided the building within the first few days, as they do with most squats, but the legal owner of the property gave permission for the group to use the space, so there has been less police attention since then.

Since the opening of the social centre was announced in our first statement, thousands of people have come into the space to take part in our events, from educational workshops, to dinners, to gigs...

Regular events in the past have included: bike repair skills-learning workshops, musical events, language lessons,

meditation sessions, gardening projects, seed-swaps and sustainable energy workshops.

We have also provided many many people in tough circumstances with a place to sleep for the night, a cup of tea and some company to hang out with.

It has not always been an easy ride. Some of the difficulties we have encountered have included the loss of electricity, a fire in the building, police raids and confrontations with people wanting to attack us and our windows.

The Red and Black Umbrella has only grown stronger as a result of having to learn to deal with these issues. We have adapted to the continuously changing situation, for example by installing solar panels to produce our own electricity and become even more independent from the big polluting companies that we are against.

Altogether, despite minor setbacks, an incredible amount of information has been learnt and shared with the local community, and the Red and Black Umbrella is grateful to ALL the people who have shared in this experience.

Love & rage, always.

Regular Events

We have regular fundraising gigs to raise money for various causes. None of the money raised on any night profits any individuals, musicians usually only get money to cover expenses. We also only keep money for the Red and Black if it is a gig that is explicitly to raise money for us.

We have regular talks on Thursdays and hope to have other regular meetings & events also...if you have a skill that you'd like to share, come to one of our fortnightly Wednesday meetings (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month) or get in touch - whether it's a one-off event, or a series of workshops...this could be a space for you to hold it!

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