



schOUND OFF!

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we'd just like to say...

RECLAIM YOUR MEDIA!

Biggest march against Trident in Plymouth ever!

On the 12 of october, at 12 noon, hundreds (500 estimated total) assembled for another 'Scrap Trident' demonstration and march. It can be safely said that it was the best yet. Everyone waved their banners for a photo at the beginning then set off on the march. There were all kinds of people- life long CNDers, families, unions, ex-miners, peace groups, people dressed in silly

costumes (yay!) as well as the usual SWP.

There was a token sit down with speakers at the dockyard gate where someone climbed the wall and dropped a banner. Then it was on to a party in the park!

It was great, there was music, there was food (even a stall by Veggie Perrins, local veggie indian foodie) and people sat down, chatted and danced in the fantastic sunshine. It was a very peaceful day, no arrests but good clean fun was had by all!

***More 'good clean fun' coming up in November with the approaching International Disarmament Camp (14th-19th November). Come and Block the Dock!**

There will be plenty of affinity group based actions and lots of fun - everyone is welcome to join in a group! You will need sleeping stuff and food is organised communally on a donation basis. It's a drug and alcohol free camp and everyone joins a task group to keep the camp up and running smoothly. It is hoped that we will have international campaigners and activists joining us too - and schOUND OFF! will be there (look out for silly costumes!)

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Media Democracy day in Plymouth!

Media democracy day hit Plymouth on the 18th October. A group of a grand total of (erm) our arrived in Plymouth city centre armed with leaflets, banners and of course the latest ssue of schOUND OFF!

t was a proud day for us with passing Plymouthians walking away with copies of schOUND OFF! as well as leaflets about the corporate media and Media Democracy day. A number of people stopped to talk and to pick up information from the stall set up by the sundial.

But we hadn't reckoned with the authorities - born n' bred Plymouthian Christian said; "Everything was going well until he stall was approached by some red bomber jacketed people who

called themselves city 'hosts'. They informed us we needed a licence to leaflet in town as it was 'corporate space', implying we would also have to pay to be there!"

We continued to chat with the 'hosts' (or 'corporate protection police' as they might just as well be known) until the redcoats retreated to their pillar and stood behind it, apparently getting 'advice'. They never resurfaced however.

We all retreated to the Nowhere Inn ;-)) but we and the info stall reappeared later that evening outside the Capdown gig at Tramps. As there was no room inside (and there really was no room anywhere) we set up outside and showed films for the assembled punk fans. (see review of the gig on the back page)



By the end of the night all the copies of schOUND OFF! were gone - about 100 were distributed in the local area.

Media Democracy Day or 'Reclaim Your Media' was exactly about what we are about-local people, local stories by people who were there, with no corporate interest or capitalist endeavors.

We'd like to do more info. stalls in the future - if you have any ideas of places or events you'd like to see us at, give us a call 07005 802 247 or email us!

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Welcome to the first *Anarchist Youth Network Column* in schOUND OFF! It's basically written by someone involved with the AYN on (maybe) a 'yoof' issue. But this week, it's a 'review' (whatever!) of the Capdown gig on the 18th at Tramps;

My first punk gig! Being newly quite keen on ska but not really into hardcore, I was a bit apprehensive, but all my mates were going and it was Capdown after all! I left the others outside in the cold with the stall and video projector (feeling very guilty) and went into the human generated sauna that was Tramps!

Wow, it was hot and crowded but it all adds to the atmosphere. I ran into my mates in the loos and shortly later the first support band came on. These were the Austrian lot the Anti maniax-how brilliant were they? They were absolutely ace, and they spoke about their ethics and issues and stuff which was cool. And they let me go on stage and plug the info stall, which just makes them cooler. And they liked my t shirt.

Anyway, once they were done Vanilla Pod came on. I felt quite sorry for them because I was too busy talking about propaganda to a guy from the Anti Maniax to listen and what I heard didn't inspire me much, maybe I should have paid more attention!

Capdown didn't come on til midnight and suddenly the crowd got even bigger. My 'friends' threw me into the middle of the mosh pit where I was trampled (too short to mosh, evidently) and had to climb up by clutching other people's trousers. They then threw me on top of the pit to crowd surf, which was better but short-lived. I should apologise here to the tall guy I kicked by accident.

Capdown played some excellent stuff, though, and a lot of hardcore stuff (still doesn't do it for me) but they did play some ska and finished off on the best ska number ever. I had a great time and you know what? I could really get into this...

Birmingham Car Show

The Totnes lot were at it again up in Birmingham at the 'International Motor Show'. Rising Tide individuals and groups joined forces with Friends of the Earth to demonstrate a little climate chaos.

The show was being criticised for its involvement in what environmentalists are calling the irresponsible promotion of Car Culture.

The protesters, wearing wet weather gear marked with tyre tracks, brandished a model globe with a tyre track across it bearing the slogan 'What was that Bump?' at passing representatives of the car industry.

There was also pirate radio- a half hour show broadcasting climate

chaos to the motor fans. The opening coincided with the start in New Dehli of the latest round of international climate talks. Concerned activists called for a localised, foot-based transport future where the car is an (expensive) accessory not a necessity.

The day before the opening about a dozen people (including some who had made the trip all the way from Plymouth) stormed a Birmingham North Relief Road construction site where a bridge was being built over a canal. Protesters climbed the crane which was being used to provide the workers on the bridge with steel. One protester climbed to the top of the crane and locked part of the machinery together. Two of the protesters were arrested for 'depriving a workman of his tools'!

Anarchist Bookfair Coming Up-

The Anarchist Bookfair ('Fast Relief from Authority') was held this year at the Camden Centre in London. (apparently it's a bigger venue than last year, but it was still absolutely packed full of people.)

Some people from Devon went along, and it was great to see people there and a good place to network and exchange leaflets. There were workshops and meetings of various groups, including the AYN, and lots of stalls giving and selling books, as you'd expect, a real propaganda feast!

There was a slight hitch when a suspect package was found and everyone was told to evacuate, but being anarchists, many didn't obey the authority of the stewards, thinking it was a joke -lucky it was a false alarm!

* **Thursday 31st October** - call to action to Stop the War! This year Halloween is 'Don't Attack Iraq' Day. There is a **Stop the War Rally** starting at the Sundial in Plymouth City Centre from 12.30-1.30pm and a Vigil at Charles Cross Roundabout (the bombed church) from 5.30 to 7.00pm - bring banners and placards, flags, costumes and noise! For more info call the **Stop the War Colalition** on **07951 235 915** www.stopwar.org

* **The Rainbow Warrior** is in Plymouth on the **13th November**, and will be open for the public to visit on her tour around the UK. For more info call 020 7226 6059

* Don't forget the Hunting Season starts on the 1st November! Go sort it out - go sabbing! Contact the **Plymouth Hunt Sabs** info@plymouth-hunt-sabs.org.uk

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