



# LONDON INFOUSURPA

Weekly Independent Poster of Social Centers activities **No 13**

**1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of March**

Social center	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4	Sunday 5	Monday 6	Tuesday 7
<b>RampART</b> 15-17 Rampart St. E1 2LA <a href="http://www.rampart.co.uk">www.rampart.co.uk</a> rampart@mutualaid.org 07050 618445	Rhythms of Resistance Meeting and Practice 19:00-23:00 2D Animation workshop 18:00	Free Community cinema 20:00-23:00	Tibetan Buddhism mediation 18:00-20:00	Open day for free software 12:00-20:00	Open visuals jam (Vj's workshop) 13:00-17:00		NoID Screenprinting workshop 16:00-19:00 Yoga class 17:00-19:00
<b>LARC</b> 62 Fieldgate St. E1 1ES <a href="http://www.londonarc.org">www.londonarc.org</a> 02073779088	Open 13:00-18:00 Library 13:00-18:00	Open 14:00-21:00 Library 16:00-21:00 LARC meeting 19:00 Rising tide meet. 19:30	Zapatista group: If you want to get in touch zap06@riseup.net		Open 14:00-21:00 Library 14:00-17:00	Open 14:00-19:00 Queermeeting 21:00	Info-usurpa bring & collect posters and flyers 18:00- 22:00
<b>Freedom</b> Angel Alley, 84b Whitechapel St. E1 7QX - Bookshop <a href="http://libcom.org/hosted/freedom">libcom.org/hosted/freedom</a> - ASS <a href="http://www.squatter.org.uk">www.squatter.org.uk</a>	Open 12:00-18:00  Advisory service for squatters 14:00- 18:00	Open 12:00-18:00  Advisory service for squatters 14:00- 18:00	Open 12:00-18:00  Advisory service for squatters 14:00- 18:00	Open 12:00-18:00		Open 12:00-18:00  Advisory service for squatters 14:00- 18:00	Open 12:00-18:00 Wombles meeting 19:30  Advisory service for squatters 14:00- 18:00
<b>St. Matts</b> Bullivant St. E14 0ER Details contact 07796176833	Falung Gong workshop (meditation) 19:30		Dancing workshops (Release style) 16:30-18:00			Monday to Saturday, Children school. 10:00-17:00	
<b>Tony's Café</b> 34, Broadway Market <a href="http://34broadwaymarket.omweb.org">34broadwaymarket.omweb.org</a>	<b>This place has been evicted twice, but the struggle against gentrification don't stop.</b>						
<b>Pogo Café</b> 76, Clarence Road E5 <a href="http://www.pogocafe.co.uk/">www.pogocafe.co.uk/</a>	Open: 12:30-21:00	Open: 12:30-21:00 London needle exchange 19:00-20:30	Open: 12:30-21:00	Open: 12:30-21:00	Open: 11:00-19:00		Refugee & migrant solidarity café: 15:00-18:00
<b>Dalston theatre</b> 4, Dalston Lane E8	High Court. Thomas More Building, The Strand WC2A 2LL 10:30	<b>If Hackney Council win the case. Resistance for the eviction.</b>					
<b>The square</b> 21, Russell Square WC1	Coffee Bar Infoshop 12:00-15:00 Feminist discussion action group 20:00-22:00	Coffee Bar Infoshop 12:00-15:00	Zero control. Benefit party 20:00-2:00	No borders gathering	Technopolis	Social centre meeting 19:00-21:00	Coffee Bar Infoshop 12:00-15:00 Wombles meeting 19:00-22:00
<b>56 A Infoshop</b> 56 Crampton St SE17 3AE		Open (Fareshares food cop. Archives and info book records shop) 14:00-18:00	Open (Fareshares food cop. Archives and info book records shop) 14:00-18:00	Open (Fareshares food cop. Archives and info book records shop) 14:00-18:00			
<b>St. Agnes Ark</b> 93, St. Agnes Place SE11	<b>Come to support to replace the supplies (electricity &amp; plumbing) that have been damage by the fire. 07890470596</b>						
<b>Crossroads Women's Centre</b> 230A Kentish Town Road NW5						Daily life & resistance of Palestinian women versus occupation 18:30	
<b>CALL IN ON TUESDAYS, from 1pm to 4pm and tell us what you are preparing next week - I.a.r.c / Infousurpa 02073779088 or email <a href="mailto:info_usurpa@riseup.net">info_usurpa@riseup.net</a>.</b>							
For more information check on <a href="http://www.indymedia.org.uk">http://www.indymedia.org.uk</a> - <a href="http://schnews.org.uk/">http://schnews.org.uk/</a> - <a href="http://www.eroding.org.uk/">http://www.eroding.org.uk/</a>							

## To the people of Dalston : ) It's time for us (the people who are occupying the theatre) to tell you why we are here.

And why we decided to do our bit to resist the demolition of these houses, the theatre behind, and the gentrification of the wider Dalston area all around us that for years has been part of your lives. This is our first chance to start to explain how it is that we feel connected to you. We hope to have more time to build among us something precious; trust. From the beginning of this experience, we haven't really had the opportunity to speak or listen to you. Whatever you know about us will be from your own conceptions of us on the roofs and from our banners and signs, or from what the local newspapers and tv made up about what is going on here. careful then... here is our version. First we went in and we occupied the theatre and the houses in Dalston lane. Then the building company arrived and were given orders by the council to force their way in. The police ignored the illegality of this and Hackney council gained entry to the theatre. But we didn't give up, even despite one of us being forced up on to the roof after being blocked in by the builders (our sister). She has remained on the roof ever since while the rest of us are working hard to make this house comfortable so we can invite you in and meet you personally.

Funny how things happen. Like everywhere in the world, and for millions of years, Dalston is a place where in the past, the mix of cultures, customs and everyday living has opened up the possibility for people to come to know each other and collaborate to survive and enjoy each others company. This has been important in creating strong relationships in our neighborhood. As in many places around the world, all this is disappearing. With car culture and shopping centres, supermarkets and decisions made from the top, behind the brand new buildings and brand new people. We spend more and more time rushing, indoors, afraid and/or alone and lonely although we are surrounded by people more or less like us. Who does this really benefit? It separates us from each other and stops us from collaborating and being strong and independent. We depend on them for everything, and so they become powerful and do whatever they like, even though we know that the decisions get made by somebody else in some company or politicians office far, far away. They can and do put what they call 'economic growth' and development above and beyond any sense of real community, now the council have decreed this theatre and our collective memories must be destroyed to make room for a huge project in which money is at the center of any decision and those who have no money get nothing. Where profits for developers mean housing and shops that ordinary people, and perhaps those who have lived here all their lives, can't afford. We lose our memories along with our recognition of our own environment, and the people and things that make it up. We begin to lose our sense of who we are, and fail to recognise the things and the people whose survival we depend on. The planet and dalston is not dying, it is being killed, and those who are

doing it have names, addresses and are in power... funny that they are having their salaries being payed by you too. Ha!

They tried to be clever, leaving the theatre to go to ruin for years so they have an excuse to get money to this or that cause, some of you got hands on the jobs straight away, most of us just looked up and thought... m m m... The most important thing is that we DO, that we don't forget that we CAN DO, something about it all, that we dont follow a prescribed way of going about it, but discovering this way is an essential part of the process. If we lose hope, we depend on them. The group of people who are involved in this occupation are here because we believe that a strong neighbourhood is able to and must challenge any injustice. The direct action we decided to take in occupying the theatre is also a desperate cry to reach out and touch people's hearts. Nobody will change things around us for us, change needs to be effected by us. These local struggles (Tony's cafe, Spirits shop in broadway market, etc ) represent the wider battle fought by ordinary people around the world. Everywhere we turn there is one more "Dalston Theatre" that is in danger of disappearing ( and theres much worse happening ) "Sustainable Development" is a greenwashing farce that is killing the earth and life with her for the benefit of the few. These silent wars are global but they are at their best fought locally and in solidarity with each other. Most around the world don't get the privilege of media attention! They are more likely to be shot in the back.

The resistance you witnessed in this first week is only the beginning of something we want to build with you. Our intention is to open a space where people's dignity is at the centre of it and where everything that has been taken away from our life can find its way back in. We will carry on resisting because it is our responsibility to create the world we want to live in. BY THE WAY!! the baddies dont really like us here, and are taking us to THE HIGH COURT. they think they can silence the cries from our hearts just like that and typically they treat us like fast food, a ready made dinner, a frozen burger, all they give us in the High Courts of Justice is 30 minutes at gas mark 8.

Please do come to show your support. tomorrow Wednesday 1st at 10:30 we will be in room 609 in the Royal COURT OF JUSTICE Thomas More Building, @ The Strand WC2A 2LL and finally, whatever the court's outcome, we attend the public meeting organised by OPEN DALSTON, the campaigning organisation opposing the demolition of the theatre. Also on Wednesday 1st from 7pm @ St Michaels Hall, Colvostone Cres E8 .Come and spend a day for the community. <http://opendalston.blogspot.com>

Thanks for reading, take crritare and hope to see you soon,  
THIS IS A SPECIAL CASE: IF THEY WIN AND WE RESIST THE EVICTION HACKNEY COUNCIL WILL SEND US TO PRISON FOR 6 MONTHS !

