



BRISTOL TATTOO CIRCUS
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OPEN FROM 10AM

THE BRUNSWICK CLUB
BS2 8NX



Welcome to the first ever Bristol Tattoo Circus! This event has been a long time coming - a lot of hard work and planning has gone into it so we hope you enjoy. Everyone has been giving their time for free and all the money raised from this weekend will go to the Bristol Anarchist Black Cross.

We have a lot in store alongside the tattooing so get yourself to a workshop or two and be sure to get down to the after party on Sunday night!

Safer Spaces Policy

Bristol Tattoo Circus (BTC) runs on the understanding that all attendees must be respectful and thoughtful to all other attendees, artists, workshop facilitators, speakers and organisers. BTC is an anarchist event, and as such we want to be aware of and combat all forms of oppression - we aim to create a safer space, where no individual is made to feel uncomfortable by another's use of language, opinions or behaviour. Attendees are encouraged to be aware of their privileges throughout the event, and not make assumptions about others. BTC is a 'dry' event - please don't drink alcohol at the venue.

Oppressive behaviour of any kind is unacceptable and will be challenged. No one should be discriminated against on the grounds of ethnicity, sexuality, gender, gender presentation, class background, appearance, education, language, nationality, age, disability status or occupation.

BTC aims to be a safer space for trans, non-binary and gender-non-conforming people. Please make an effort not to assume anyone's gender identity - unless an individual tells you what pronouns they use, try to use the non-gendered pronouns 'they/them/theirs'.

The artists at BTC hold the right to not tattoo a person without providing a reason, if they feel it's necessary for either their safety or the safety of that person. If this happens, our welfare team will be on hand to mediate the situation.

Lastly, please don't make jokes about the implementation of a safer spaces policy - for those who are consistently oppressed in wider society, the importance of spaces where they feel safe can't be underestimated.

Our response to a transgression of the safer spaces policy will vary according to context and severity, and the wishes of the person affected. Responses may include:

- "Calling in", which would involve questioning someone's view or opinion constructively.
- A quiet one to one conversation with the individual in question.
- Being removed from BTC.
- Being banned from future events if an individual continually compromises the safer space for others, despite being informed of this on previous occasions.

Any participants who experience discomfort at BTC are encouraged to let our organisers know, and our welfare team will work with you to decide on and carry out the response that you feel is appropriate. This includes concerns about any specific individuals attending BTC due to harmful behaviours in the past. We will take any reports of transgressions of the safer spaces policy extremely seriously and you will have our support.

People from the welfare team will be on hand for the duration of the event, and will be recognisable by the armbands they're wearing. If you can't see them, ask at the welcome desk.

About the Brunswick Club.

The Brunswick Club is an old working mens club that has been occupied by artist collectives BEEF (Bristol experimental & expanded film) and CHAMP for the last 2 years. They host a number of different gigs and other events in the space and have kindly let us use the building for this weekend. Please respect their space!

The Space

Ballroom: Stalls, Food and kids space.

BEEF Room (Upstairs): Workshops

CHAMP Room (Groundfloor): Workshops

Basement: All tattooing

Where the moneys going:

All of the money raised from the weekend will go to the Bristol Anarchist Black Cross, a group that focuses on prisoner support as well as forwarding campaigns for prison abolition. So as well as supporting individual prisoners we will also give some of the money to groups in the UK and abroad that are involved in similar struggles.

Some examples of prisoners we support include:

Taylor: Taylor is a trans masc prisoner serving an IPP sentence and he has been subject to physical, sexual and emotional abuse both before and after being imprisoned.

Kevan Thakrar: Kev is an IWW member and miscarriage of justice who has served over a decade in prison. He has worked tirelessly to shed light on the corruption and abuse that happens in British prisons as well as helping other prisoners stand up for their rights.

Some examples of other groups we will support financially from the tattoo circus:

A-fund: The international anarchist defence fund is a structure that provides financial support to anarchists around the world who are persecuted or find themselves in a difficult life situation because of their political ideas or activities.

International ABC groups: There are Anarchist Black Cross groups all over the world and we recognise that it is a lot more difficult for groups in less affluent countries to raise money, and that a lot of the affluence in this country is based on its colonial policies/history. Other countries also have to deal with severe repression from the state and so we regularly support other ABC/anti oppression groups in other countries around the world.

Why Prison Abolition:

Although a world without prisons may be difficult to imagine, we as abolitionists believe that prisons can not be reformed or fixed and that we have to aim to bring an end to the prison system. Prisons are part of a wider social problem caused by inequality and oppression, and abolition involves combating the prison system on all its fronts as well as creating alternatives to the punitive justice system that address the root causes of crime and challenge the oppressive forces present in society. It is a complicated subject matter and many of you will probably have questions you want answering, so please take a look at the wide range of prison related talks/ workshops we have on offer and go find some answers!

Getting a tattoo:

If you want to get a tattoo at the Bristol Tattoo Circus then this has to be organised with the artist directly. For walk-ins please take a look at the flash available – both on the wall in the basement and at the artists individual stations – and arrange a time with the artist your interested in, also please remember artists will only be working from their own designs and pricing is up for the artist to decide. Its frst come first serve so we recommend getting down there early!

Food:

There will be tasty vegan food on offer all weekend with lunch happening at 13:00 Saturday & Sunday and dinner happening at 18:00 at the Brunswick Club on Saturday. Please speak to people on the information desk if you have specific dietary requirements. If you're hungry outside of these times then there are a number of options in Stokes Croft which is 5 minutes walk from the Brunswick Club.

Kids:

Kids are very welcome to all aspects of the tattoo circus apart from the tattooing. There is a kids space if any parents/carers want to get some ink!

Discussion & talks:

Saturday

BEEF Room (Upstairs)

Introduction to Prison Abolition

11:00-12:00 SAT

What is prison abolition? Is it not just a really utopian idea? How will we deal with murderers, rapists, X, Y, Z? This workshop is for folks who are new to the idea of prison abolition and want to understand what it is all about.

End Indefinite Sentences! Smash IPP!

12:15-13:00 SAT

Close to 3000 people are locked in cages indefinitely in England and Wales for minor crimes . Known as imprisonment for public protection (IPP) sentences. Learn more about the sentence and what we can do to fight it.

Conserve and Control Book Reading with Otter Liefte

13:15-14:00 SAT

Otter Liefte is a working class, femme, trans woman in and out of Berlin. Otter's novels, Margins and Murmurations and Conserve and Control, tackle queer incarceration as a central theme. They call us to renew our struggles against oppression and to proudly reclaim the margins that so many of us call home.

ACAB – How to out maneuver the Police and Public Order:

14:15-15:00 SAT

The Activist Court Aid Brigade (ACAB) are a recently formed trans positive group providing invaluable knowledge and emotional support to those facing state repression. At this workshop you will learn about legal powers and limitations of cops during protests, what to do if you get arrested and what happens if you are charged.

Blue Bag Life - Readings on Addiction, Support, Prison, Death & Love

15:15-16:00 SAT

Hear some inspiring, powerful and educational stories from the creator of the online blog Blue Bag Life. Touching on holding down a relationship with someone in prison. There will be an opportunity for a Q & A session.

How Prison isn't the end of struggle

16:15-17:00 SAT

A talk by the filmmaker and friend of Barry Horne about the forthcoming film on his life as an animal liberation activist, prisoner and hunger striker. Barry died in 2001 in prison from the effects of a 68 day hunger strike against animal experiments. The talk will feature a 5min trailer of the upcoming film.

#PrisonStrike2018

17:15-18:00 SAT

This summer, prisoners in the US began one of the largest prison strikes in history. Learn about this movement to end prison slavery from an active organiser in the United States. The talk will be accompanied by a short overview of IWOC activity in England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland including Government attempts to massively escalate the exploitation of prison labour.

CHAMP Room (downstairs)

Read read read together

11:00-12:00 SAT

Shared Anarchist Reading: Shared reading and discussion of some of Angela Davis's texts

DIY Risograph introduction

12:00-14:00 SAT

Learn the basics of how to print with a Risograph. Then put your skills into practice by making postcards to send to prisoners. Hosted by Page Masters, a print collective from London.

Subvertising and Arts Activism with Brandalism Collective

14:00-16:00 SAT

A practical session to demonstrate the tactic of subverting advertising as part of political campaigns.

Creative writing workshop with Otter Liefte

16:00-18:00 SAT

What could a strong, diverse – even utopic – resistance movement look like and how could we create it together? How do we counter the various oppressions we face and how do we build alternatives? How can speculative fiction amplify the voices of marginalised people? In this workshop Otter Liefte will share some of her writing techniques and hold a space for some creative, speculative fiction writing.

Ballroom

Accessibility and inclusivity in Tattooing

20:00-21:30 SAT

Tattoo artists discussing the barriers they and their clients face in the tattoo world, looking at the ways in which the traditional tattoo industry is inaccessible to marginalised people and how we can challenge that including time for questions and answers.

Sunday

BEEF Room (Upstairs)

Presentation and discussion about the repressive operations against anarchists in Italy

11:00-12:00 SUN

We will talk about the repressive strategies of repression used by the Italian State against anarchists, focusing especially on the biggest repressive operations (Scripta Manent and Panico) of the past two years, for which many comrades are still in jail. Their trial is going on, but they have already been in a long pre-trial detention. We hope for a discussion and experience sharing about how to express our best solidarity from the outside.

Prison Island: Prison Expansion in England, Wales and Scotland

12.15-13:00 SUN

Learn about one of the biggest prison building programs in generations. The Prison Estates Transformation Programme aims to create 10,000 new prison places by 2020 through the construction of mega-prisons across the UK. Find out about ongoing resistance to the plans and how you can get involved.

Always Anti Fascist – how to beat the far right and the state in the fight against fascism

13:15-14:00 SUN

From the “Free Tommy” movement to the election of Donald Trump, fascism is on the rise, presenting an ever greater danger to marginalised people everywhere. At the same time, those resisting the right are faced with increasing levels of state repression. Come to this workshop to learn about anti fascism, how you can get involved, and how you can support anti fascist prisoners.

“Honour our Dead and Fight Like Hell for the Living” – Trans Liberation and Prison Abolition

14.15-15:00 SUN

Transphobia in prisons means trauma and death for trans people, particularly working class trans people and trans people of colour. This workshop critiques the systematic harm of those who defy the colonial gender binary by their very existence. Learn how to get involved in supporting trans prisoners, fighting for their freedom, and for the fall of all prisons everywhere.

Repression of Anarchists and Anti Fascists in Russia

15.15-16:00 SUN

Learn about recent repression of anarchists in Russia. On the eve of the presidential election and the World Cup, repressions began in Russia. Activists are being kidnapped, beaten up, electrocuted, forced to sign false confessions. The Russian Secret services are incriminating participation in a mythical terrorist organization called "Network".

The UK Border Regime + An Introduction to Opening Bristols Borders

16:30-18:00 SUN

This workshop introduces a new book on the UK Border regime that describes and analyses the UK's system of immigration controls. It looks at how it has developed through recent history, at the different actors involved, and at how people resist. The aim of the workshop is to help people understand the border regime, and ask how we can fight it effectively. This is also an opportunity to learn about Opening Bristols Borders, a series of events to challenge immigration enforcement and strengthen collective resistance in Bristol.

Music & Performance

The Lost Isle - An Oddersea by Hells Pigeons

19:00 SAT

Hyper-industrialisation hits the fishing village - it's time to take action!
A puppet show for all ages: "support resistance wherever you may find it"

Bristol Tattoo Circus After Party

19:00 Sun

A night of punk, performance and proper banging tunes!
See back cover of this program for lineup & info.

Thank you for coming! It means a lot to all of us and come get involved next time:))!





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AT THE
EXCHANGE
AND
THE STAG + HOUNDS

£5 SUGGESTED DONATION SUNDAY NOV 4TH 7:30 - LATE

SALT BATH, KILLDREN, THE PERVERTS,
LITTLE BABY SHARKS, BOOM BOOM RAKOON
DJ MOONCUP, KRACKPOTKIN, WEDNESDAY & OCTOBER,
CHAMP DJ'S, DJ NORMCORE, HOLLYGRAM

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