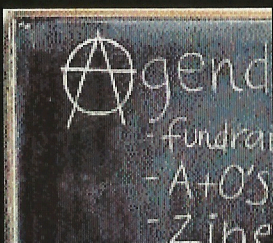
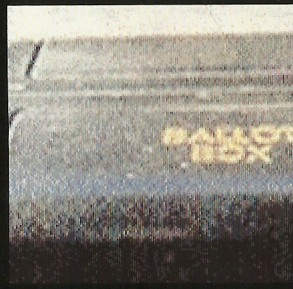
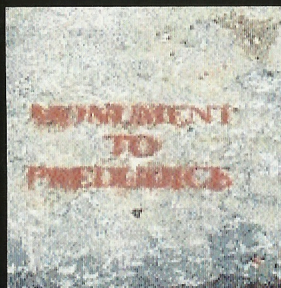
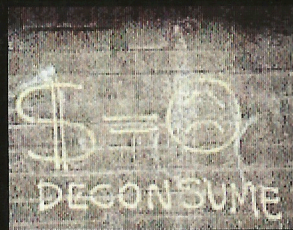
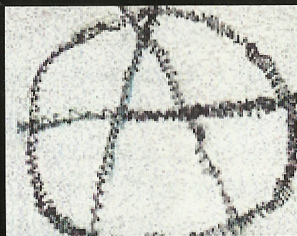


Cork Anarchist Conspiracy

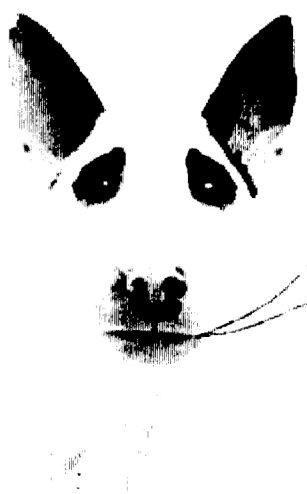


Issue 2, October 2003

Anarchy in Cork

Welcome to issue two of **Cork Anarchist Conspiracy**. We hope some of you enjoyed issue one and appologies to those who never got it. After a dawn raid by (we suspect) the Pure White Irish Brothers organisation, who took exception to the article "Open Minds, Open Hearts , Open Borders," we found ourselves with no print copies and no back up disk, as (conveniently) our old reliable macintosh (that produced such radical classics as Earwig, Rebel Worker, and Insurgent Agenda) crashed for the last time. Please, if anyone can bear to part with issue one, we would be most grateful. However, issue two is here and we have plenty squirrelled away in an unmarked, unknown location. As requested, we are including an article on **what Anarchism is - page 1**. We have focused on primarily privatisation of services: **transportation - page 3**, and the current battle in Dublin and the history of Cork's battle with **refuse charges - page 15**, also on the privatisation of public space **skateboarders - page 13**. Alternatively we've included an article on a collective people's space in Cork the **CAZ - page 5**. To find out more about privatisation go to our **resource pages - 10 and 11**. Cork Anarchist Conspiracy features insightful opinons in every issue this time **bicycles create peace page - 12**. **Crap of the season page 8**. In addition to this, on **page 19 - other pieces**. Finally, we welcome responses to anything in this issues, see **responses to Issue 1 - page 21**.

We welcome the recopying of this zine.



Don't be an under dog
organise
together !



What Is an Anarchist?

An anarchist is someone who rejects the idea that others have the right to tell them what to do. This may seem strange in a society where, from the moment of birth until their death a person is expected to obey their parents, teachers, bosses, politicians, police, judges, etc., often without any good reason. Indeed it is strange! Surely, if someone is telling you to do something they should make clear why they want you to do it and what the benefit is for you or your community.



But, oh no, that won't do in this society, they can't have people making up their own minds willy-nilly; there'd be anarchy. Instead we get ultimatums - do it or else... you'll be smacked, sent to the headmaster, sacked, deprived of facilities, arrested, locked up, etc. Even questioning your orders may result in one of the above reprimands or it may be completely ignored or you'll be answered with a lie that suits the agenda of the order giver. Rarely will you get an honest answer. The unfortunate result of this is that many people spend their lives ducking and diving in an attempt to live a normal life and trying to avoid the punishments mentioned above.

The state is the entity which has control over most forms of oppression. The representatives of the state mostly come from and are elected with the help of the business classes. It is no surprise then that the state passes laws which generally favour those with lots of money (tax amnesties, low corporation and capital gains tax, etc.) and increase the burden on the poorest (bin tax, road tolls, medicine refunds, etc.). Through the educational branch of the state (schools), the media (controlled by extremely wealthy people) and the church (do as we say or go to hell!), we are, from our childhood, surrounded by messages to do as we are told (as well as being told how great our "democratic" system is and how we are all really well looked after, especially if we tow the line and sure, even in prison you're fed and some people might even be better off there than on the street!). Those who object pay the price. It is very difficult to break out of this mould given the constant barrage of propoganda (such as "news") from the selective sources of information most of us have access to. In recent times the internet has given many people easy access to alternative views and ideas although it is still very expensive in this country.

So what do anarchists want? Anarchists want to abolish the state and instead have organisations (yes, contrary to the myths most anarchists believe that organisation is

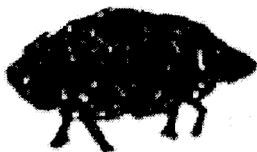
anarchism continued...

not by states) for the people; where everyone's opinion is sought and valued.

Workplaces would be organised by those who work there and they would produce what is needed by the community. The returns on the work would be distributed equally according to hours worked with perhaps a little more for those with particularly demanding or dangerous jobs. If everyone contributed equally, according to their ability and unnecessary jobs were abandoned there would be less work for most people to have to do and more time for socialising and enjoyment. Similarly, communities would be organised by all those who live there. Regular assemblies would discuss whatever issues are of concern and delegates could be appointed to carry out particular tasks. Regional assemblies could be set up between communities where the delegates have a definite mandate and who may be recalled at any time for whatever reason. For anarchists the means justify the end in that anarchists should uphold non-authoritarian principles in whatever we get involved in to help achieve a society based on mutual aid and solidarity.

Anarchists are involved in many campaigns in Cork such as Householders Against Service Charges (should be getting active again soon), Traveller And Settled Solidarity, Cork Peace Alliance, the anti-incinerator campaign, the recent Diversity Day and more. Basically, wherever the rights of the working classes are challenged, there you will find anarchists struggling to maintain and improve those rights. Every interaction between two or more people where all are respected equally and none have power over others and the best interests of the community are minded is an act in the spirit of anarchy. Live Free or Die!

Note: this article is but one interpretation of what it means to be an anarchist and there are many issues which weren't addressed due to space considerations. Other contributors will be penning their ideas and addressing other issues in future issues.



TELL YOU WHAT JIM - THEY THOUGHT IT WAS ALL OVER...

by staff reporter

Gooooooooooooo!!!!!!!

Updating you on the state of play at this season's most eagerly awaited showdown. It's workers verses bosses in the Privatisation Challenge and the action is well underway. The question on everyones lips - which of these contenders will serve the trophies being lined up, Aer Rianta and CIE plus a promised tussle for An Post and Aer Lingus in the next round.

Key Players

For the Bosses the driving force will, as usual, be *the bigmen at the back*. It's not just another game for them, they really want to win this and are always hungry to consolidate their jet setting, high-earner lifestyles. Right-winger *Con Petition* has been like a god for the bosses in recent years, enjoying better press than the opposite number in co-operation. Con Petition is getting a bit old at this stage and the cracks are beginning to show. The men upfront - known to the unforgiving spectators as 'the politicians' - these cheeky customers are as well turned out for the cameras as ever and the years of coaching show in every move they make.

For the workers, low-budget defenders the *Wage-Slaves* are promising to get stuck in and make it tough for their big-money oponents. Central to the workers strategy, the strong partnership of *facts and figures* won't be forgetting recent privatisation challenge lessons from places like London and Copenhagen and will be pushing front-

Once a stalwart, workers' defender - *The Unions*, puzzlingly can't make up their minds which side they're on, or even which side they want to be on. The Workers may soon demand they finally make up their minds.

Tactics

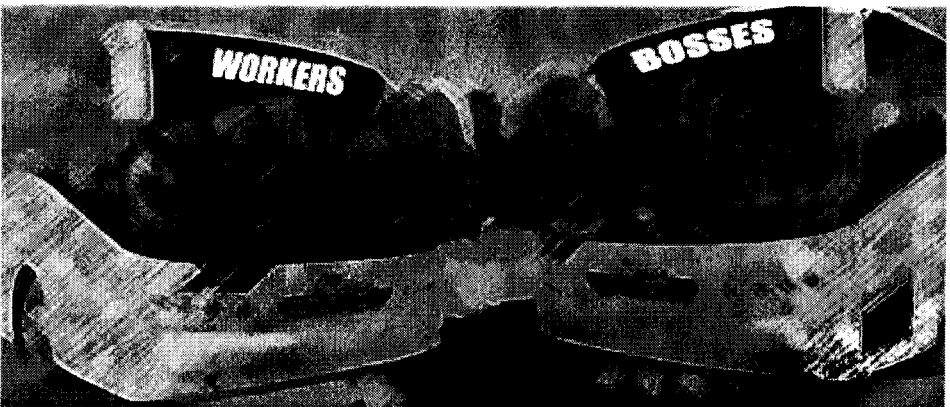
Expect the tried-and-tested approach from the bosses; sugardaddy financing gives this crew that confident can't-be-beaten demeanour.

The workers may have to rely on an imaginative build-up and support for the strike force.

Kick Me With Your Leather Boots

The controversial sponsoship of this event by the state is set to continue, at least into the near future. The state has faced persistent accustations, it has gone down the same road as referee, *The Media* - bought off by the bosses.

Free admission to the game and free trips to the arena have helped get the crowd more involved and this one still has a long way to go into extra-time, perhaps and let's not rule out the possibility of everything ending in a shoot-out!



CAZ ABU... THE CORK AUTONOMOUS ZONE IS TWO YEARS OLD, ASPIRING, YET HOMELESS.. WHERE WILL IT GO, WHAT WILL IT DO?

For the last many weeks members of the CORK AUTONOMOUS ZONE have searched high and low for a new meeting space, rehearsal space, artist's space, music space, info space, library space, dark room space, circus space, gig space, cheap tea and coffee space, comfy space, laughing space, alive space. THE CAZ IS NOTHING NEW TO CORK and while on one hand it has been successful, on the other hand many realise it hasn't reached its full potential. What it could be now, all the things above, it did not near before but examples from cities like Belfast, Oslo and Chicago, to name very few in a list of many, have created useful, varied centres. Will Cork do it too?

BRIEF HISTORY OF CAZ

On Knapp's Square, next door to the CAT Club, the CAZ sat for the last two years. The center developed when some people in different campaigns found themselves tired of meeting in smokey pubs, wanting a better gathering space, started



throwing the idea around. The search began for the perfect spot, after some time somebody stumbled on the not so perfect Knapp's Square location. It was big and cheap and a start. Over the two years many groups and ideas came, LIFE DRAWING in the daytime, the CORK PEACE ALLIANCE, CORK CYCLING CAMPAIGN, CORK ANARCHISTS and others held meetings at night, the second GRASSROOTS GATHERING was held there, BANDS REHEARSED, THEATRE GROUPS PRACTICED, tea drinking, poster making LARGE TIGERS ROARING, all in the CAZ. Though the success delighted everyone, people couldn't help but want more for the place, but also there were many problems with the location, mainly noise from weightlifters above dropping heavy weights on their floor (the CAZ's ceiling) rattling bones and nerves and brains so much that thinking and hearing became a challenge. Other problems like noise complaints about CAZ and unclear insurance issues, kept the place not so open to the public. The space was used less and less. At Knapp's square it wouldn't be able to grow with the desires of it's members, so it had to move or die.

WHO RUNS CAZ?

The CAZ runs under the principle of direct democracy, everyone involved participates.

It's a center run for and by it's users, it isn't a commercial or charity service, it's a collective project with collective input for collective use, so using and leaving the CAZ is not welcomed; all users contribute to the CAZ to make it work. General meetings happen several times a year (depending on what's going on at the time), at the meetings roles and tasks are suggested and people volunteer to take responsibility. No roles are forever, nobody is in charge, rather decisions are made democratically, either in the meeting or in some subcommittee set up by the meeting, to see that the CAZ gets what it needs. No hierarchical structure exists in the CAZ, no seniority; if someone comes along to the CAZ and wants to be a part of it they are just much a part as someone who had been there since the conception. Racist, sexist, ageist, fascist, homophobic or any other hateful behavior is not tolerated.

WHO FUNDS THE CAZ?

Money for the CAZ has traditionally come from subscribers and users. In the Knapp's square location subscribers were generally a small group of people paying about a fiver or tenner a week. For the new CAZ, the Subscriber pool has grown and the amount from each individual has stabilised to a fiver a week, or whatever people can do, and now they can do it by direct debit if they want. The finance committee hopes that by making the pool wider and the amount lower it will ease the burden on individuals and on the groups renting it. The idea being, rent from users shouldn't inhibit using the CAZ and rent paying should be sustainable.

WHAT GOOD ARE CENTERS LIKE THE CAZ?

So much of life leaves people feeling powerless. We have to work to eat, have shelter and some degree of comfort. At work we are told what to do by our bosses or customers etc. and in general neither care about our well being. At this level, life can be disempowering and oppressive and facilitates further oppression. The CAZ is an opportunity for empowerment, for people to organise to have a say. The nature of the CAZ empowers people because each person is able to give her/his input, work together and make decisions together for the center. Now opportunities like that are rare and valuable, but the collective projects can make us stronger to create more opportunities and invite more and more people to participate. If the space was under the wings of some other body providing a service for the rest of us, it wouldn't be empowering, but another place to bide our time and follow others' rules. Having space for artists, musicians, meetings, libraries etc. is nothing new to Cork. Having, autonomous, organized space for those things is new to Cork and extremely beneficial to grassroots organizing and strong community life.

As of the writing of this article, the CAZ is still in a location limbo. The space committee looked at many spots but few have been suitable and if they were, they have been out of the price range. Hopefully the CAZ will be relocated by the end of the year, but until a space is found, people can get in touch at cazcork@yahoo.ie.

Centers Everywhere

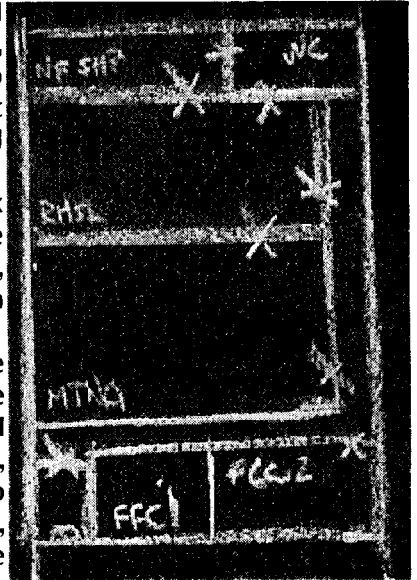
We hope in future issues to feature organised centers in other cities.

This time we're featuring the Azone in Chicago. Many thanks to Esparanza who sent a paragraph on the Azone for her contribution, the rest of the info is from the Azone website www.azone.org, or e-mail azone@azone.org. What the Azone is - The Autonomous Zone is comprised of a number of individuals working together to create a positive environment where social activists and anyone interested can come together to work on projects and share ideas.

The core collective is a group of volunteers and committed individuals who are dedicated to keeping the Autonomous Zone open, coordinating communication and managing the space. We strive for consensus in our decisions and operate on non-hierarchical principles. Membership is essentially open, though they encourage new participants to get to know the Azone before jumping right into the collective. For more info e-mail collective@azone.org

Subcollectives: the various projects and task groups that compose the Azone are computers/web design, library/bookstore, artspace/collective, fundraising, media outreach, work-core, and youth organizing

The Space - Azone has 1600 sq. feet of space for event hosting, a vegan kitchen, an office space used for administrative work and organizing, computers with internet access, art supplies, a radical art gallery, an area to post upcoming events, free or cheap shirts, patches, buttons, magazines, books, a huge radical zine and book library.



"The Azone was started in 1993. It came together out of a punk house called the windchill house which used to put out an infosheet called the windchill factor. Part of this was also published in *lumpen* (left magazine in Chicago) who just celebrated twelve years.

The idea of the azone was born from the first gulf war protests after which people felt that grassroots organizing could grow if given the right space and environment. In those ten years the azone has had six locations. A pitfall. Our current location is next to the Congress Theatre on Milwaukee Ave., just north of the now entirely gentrified Wicker Park. Decisions are based on consensus. However people are not given consensus training when first getting involved with the collective, I wish we were that organized. I wish we had money to be all that we could be. I wish people were more committed and responsible; some folks are. It is hard to orientate people to being involved in a non-hierarchical "autonomous zone." I have been doing this for six years and plan on retiring after our ten year anniversary party next month." Esparanza

The Azone is located at...

2129 Milwaukee Avenue. Chicago IL 60647 USA 001.773.353.375

Crap Job of the Season

by the "step on our toes and we'll cut off your legs collective"

As wage slaves we should be prepared to work for shit pay, under shit conditions until the day we smack our former bosses in the gob and take control of our lives.....

This piece is about working at a restaurant/cafe in Cork city...read and get ready for the revolution!

The place has about 6-11 people working per shift, which means between 3-5 people out on the floor (waitressing) and around 4-6 people in the kitchen.

Work conditions are hectic, there never being time to relax or recuperate, it's non stop working. This wouldn't be so bad if the breaks were during the shift, but no, often the lousy half-hour comes after the shift is over. And, one is expected to cover others' breaks, which means having to stay on after your shift ends without being paid. They also make people do after work chores that may take an additional half hour such as finishing the pots and pans or smashing bottles at the bottle bank. Now, for those of us on minimum wage, 'taking work home' is unacceptable. As is the fact that the miserable bosses even take a



share in the tips. We don't think they're going to give each employee a share in the profits at the end of the year!

The working

conditions of the kitchen-porters (or dish-washers as they should be called-bosses like to give them nice names instead of good pay) are by far the worst. Getting burnt, cut, sweating and slaving - one foreigner even had to stop working because of a rotting skin condition caused by cleansing detergents. And do you think he was given sick pay? Ha! not likely...

Now, when it comes to breaks, the chefs eat seperately and leave most of the cleaning up to everyone else when they are finished cooking. Why is that? Well, as every successful employer knows, comradeship amongst staff must be kept to a minimum if profits are to be kept high. The other main divisive tactic to that end is to treat employees selectively- that is, to pay some better than others. This divide and conquer method uses a ploy which creates what you might call the 'manager syndrome'. Give someone a few extra responsibilities to instil a false sense of importance, tell them a few 'trade secrets' to infer favouritism, pay them an extra fifty or a hundred a week and there you have it - someone who will do your bidding, tell tales on other more junior employees and generally behave in a slavish manner. Extremely clever that.

The cream of the organic vegetarian pudding which isn't actually organic by any stretch of the imagination and only vegetarian if you don't consider the blood of the workers is that this place is one of many now cashing in on the humanitarian, eco-friendly trend that has sprung up again in recent years. It is a decidedly middle class, apathetic niche that is populated by mostly rich types who think that eating more asparagus will change the world, and gladly hand over their not-very-hard-earned cash to "New Age Capitalists" who wouldn't eat a pork chop but don't mind keeping serfs.

As the great revolutionary Phil Collins once mused- "Oh think twice....it's just another day for you and me in Paradise."

**this issue's fat cat is
T.D. Noel O'Flynn**

**awarded for
trampling heavily upon
the all ready trampled
upon for personal gain**



Free Things to Do in Cork

1. take a swim in the Lee (Anglers Rest?)
2. spot your house in the scale model of Cork at the Vision Center
3. swap your clothes at the recycling bins on the Lee Fields
4. attend art openings for free wine and snacks
5. gather friends and kitchen utensils for impromptu marching band
6. create your own free workout (simultaneously boycotting extortionate gyms), climb trees - pull-ups/climbing wall, step-aerobics at City Hall etc.

Please submit further suggestions to -
corkanarchists@yahoo.com

read

between

the

lines...

car. I often wonder how black

www.indymedia.ie

www.infoshop.org

www.zmag.org

dren born in Cork will fare, will

www.struggle.ws/wsm

www.earthfirstjournal.org

www.agp.org

re be any sense of belonging for

www.ainfos.ca

www.corporatewatch.org

www.wtwatch.org

ck Corkonians?. Yes we're

resistance - www.afed.org

(Red Banner) red_banner@yahoo.com

ng screwed by some people who

www.schnews.org

da@direct-action.org.uk

<http://flag.blackened.net>

ie here in the belief that Ireland

(green pepper) <http://squat.net/cia/gp>

www.undercurrents.org

variant@ndirect.co.uk

sott touch and that is appalling

Quote by Neil Prendaville, Inside Cork, July 17th 2003

NOT EVERYONE should be terror

Cycling Stops Wars

What?

Really?

How?

Bleeding Obvious Really. You're not using oil...

But there's a more subtle reason.

In a motor vehicle you are physically confined, financially burdened, stressed, endangered, and poisoned. Add to this your resentment and being cheated because the gridlock you face doesn't match up with the freedoms implied by the car adverts, and you have a soaring aggression level. This feeds on itself because car culture rewards aggression - you get there more quickly if you are a discourteous bullying wanker. You finish your journey

struggling to throw off this burden of aggression and get on with whatever you drove there to do. In short, car culture is a culture of aggression.

Whereas cycling is intrinsically a peaceful activity.

The exercise and

its rhythmic nature induce a calming psychological effect. Aggression is counterproductive - sustained exertion requires an endorphin calm not and adrenalin high. You finish your journey physically and mentally fit, ready to embrace your day at work, rendezvous at the pub, or whatever. In short, bicycle culture is a culture of peace.

Consider two cultures, one where the default urban transport is cars, one where it is bicycles. Which is more likely to wage war? Moreover - modern warfare is waged using motorised vehicles - whoever heard of an armoured bike? So come on! Bikes not bombs! Pedal for Peace!

I'm not suggesting if you don't cycle you are responsible for the atrocities in Iraq, Congo, and scores of other nations. But consider the idea that by choosing advocating and celebrating cycling you might save just one life somewhere.



SKATEBOARDERS...

O
N
C
O
L
L
I
S
I
O
N
C
O
U
R
S
E

From the council who brought you a ban on open air drinking, imprisonment for anti-bin charges campaigners, the biggest housing waiting list in twenty years, spy cameras on every street, comes a ban on skateboarding. Apparently the "city fathers" (and mothers?) have been busily putting together a by-law to ban skateboarders from Emmet Place, which has in recent years become a mecca for the sport. They believe that such problems and evils as "noise", "litter", "vandalism" and "youth loitering" are all a product of this fad as they would see it. The solution they believe is to ban it, with fines and of course, on nonpayment imprisonment. The councillors, who have spent much time discussing the great issues of the day like chewing gum on the city's footpaths or the threat of flyposting to civilisation, have unfortunately not taken in to account the fact that skateboarding is a popular and growing sport enjoyed by large numbers of people and not just the kids they thought they could push around. As word of

WITH CITY COUNCIL

skateboarders have begun to organise. At a meeting in August the Cork Skateboarders Association was founded. Each of the councillors claims against the sport have been rejected in a reasoned and well argued manner.

1. Noise. As compared to traffic and construction in Cork city skateboarding just doesn't rank. Ban skateboarding for noise reasons and everything else that the city does will have to follow.
2. Ground damage. Take this with a pinch of salt, skate boards are incapable of cracking paving stones. The perceived staining comes from spilt drinks etc. not the boards. If anything the wheels collect dirt.

S
P
O
I
L
S
P
O
R
T



3. Grafitti. This is a separate issue, you cannot simply say skateboarding leads to grafitti. People do grafitti not skateboards.

4. Pedestrians. Some people get a shock when confronted with passing through the area, but this is primarily through ignorance of how in control and capable skateboarders really are. This can be countered by education.

5. Litter. Again a separate issue. But as with the grafitti issue the skateboarders concede there is a problem at Emmet Place and wish to encourage people not to indulge in either.

6. Youth Loitering. Well now we're getting to the real deal. The councillors just don't want young people hanging around the place making it look messy. They should be at bible study or on the sports field or at Ogra Fianna Fail or Young Fine Gael meetings, not just hanging around the place.

We all know which way the councillors will fall if it comes to a conflict between business interests and the skateboarders. But it doesn't have to be that way. The skateboarders are well



organised and a determined campaign of direct action by them could render any law inoperable or make its inauguration simply unfeasible and thus more unlikely. I know whose side I'm on and we should all give every support to the skateboarders in their struggle to defend their right to enjoy public space. There is a wider battle going on for the right of people to public space. The Old Head of Kinsale is a case in point, but throughout the country issues of access are becoming more heated, more and more traditional access is being challenged and open areas denied to the people. If they can't charge for it they don't want you using it.

It's Just Rubbish

This September has been the month of the rubbish standoff in Dublin, where the people are for the first time asked to pay to dispose of all the stuff capitalism forces us to take into our homes. While Cork has confronted the bin charge once before, it is far from over down here and we listen to the news hopefully as people in neighbourhoods in and around Dublin dig in their heels, saying collect all the rubbish or none of it. Now people are risking arrest for blocking rubbish lorries. Still it continues and the government argues that though the rubbish has to be collected, the poor little old government does not have the funds to do it. They say it costs too much now because they have to recycle and the sorting is so difficult and expensive, blah, blah blah. So yet again the government creates a new burden for the individual. This just isn't good enough. The odds are stacked against the working class in favor of the capitalists.

History of the Battle in Cork

After the defeat of the water charges in Cork and throughout the country, the campaign against service charges in Cork became dormant. It was revived with the introduction of refuse charges. Because of the success of the anti-water charges campaign, when imprisonment of members of the Householders Against Service Charges for non payment had led to a public outcry and defeat for the council, the council decided not to go down this road again. They instead slowly whittled away at the non payers with low level intimidation (threatening to withhold grants, blocking house sales and other petty annoyances). The council wrote letters to people threatening court action. The campaign had unwisely contested a general election which left the members tired and the campaign in debt. The activism level in the campaign was low with no real local structures. All the fundraising efforts had been expended on the election and there was little activity. Consequently people were picked off.

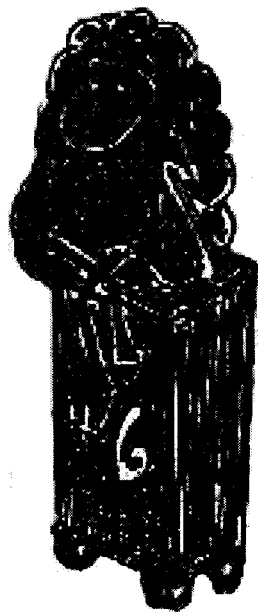
Eventually the the council felt they had defeated the campaign. They believed that resistance was dead. However they were concerned that a large enough number of non payers remained. This core had not been scared by the threats and the numbers were remaining relatively static. The council settled on another tactic **non**

ple in essence they would not collect from non payers. By this stage most of the city had got wheely bins with numbers. The council began issuing stickers for the bins. No sticker no collection. The campaign was immediately kicked back into action. The first tactic was to follow the lorries and throw in the uncollected rubbish. The workers were largely friendly but their collections were abandoned as safety officers declared collections unsafe with HASC activists throwing rubbish in. However the active campaign base was small and the tactic became unsustainable. The Gardai took the names and addresses of members involved and work pressures meant that the work was unsustainable. The non collection had been implemented in a few areas first, the idea was to expand it as more people gave in. The campaign changed tactics and householders began taking their rubbish directly to city hall and dumping it on the steps. The corporation responded by prosecuting people under the Litter Act. Many were fined and refusing to pay, were sent to gaol for 5 days at a time. This proved a huge embarrassment to the council and led to a backlash against them. Faced with a resolute and growing campaign and outrage internationally (e-mails of protest from as far away as Australia and New Zealand) the council backtracked cancelled the fines and agreed to collect all rubbish.

Two weeks after the de-escalation deal the Supreme Court ruled on a case taken by Cllr. Con O Connell stating that the council were obliged under the Health Acts to collect all rubbish. It was stalemate. Seven activists had been jailed and many more fined but non collection had been defeated for the time being.

Current Battle in Dublin

The next round came with the introduction of refuse charges in all Dublin city and county and changing the law to allow non-collection. The Dublin campaign was the anvil on which the water charges had been smashed. A campaign of mass non payment and active opposition to attempts to cut water scuppered the efforts of the authorities to impose the tax. So not unexpectedly those councils were slow to intro



duce the bin charges.

Whilst these were in place across the country for many years Dublin remained free of them. With their introduction a huge campaign of non-payment was organised along the lines of the anti-water tax campaign. Then in September of this year the councils began to introduce non-payment. First Fingal Council in north county Dublin and next Dublin City. Immediately campaigners blockaded lorries, demanding total collection. Hundreds of people are involved directly in the pickets. Gardai have been used in an attempt to intimidate the protestors and court injunctions have been secured against the campaign.

Joe Higgins TD and Cllr. Clare Daly have been gaoled for one month. The battle lines are clearly drawn. The move by the city council to emulate the Fingal non-collection tactic provides fuel for a big confrontation. People power versus the councils, the state and the media.

Rubbish is not our fault.

The government says we make more rubbish now than before. Householders create only a small amount of Irelands rubbish. According to the EPA, in 1998 household waste was 8% of non-agricultural waste, (1.2ish million tonnes out of 15ish million tonnes). Over 80% of total waste produced is agricultural. To link to the EPA report go to

<http://www.epa.ie/pubs/docs/Nat.%20Waste%20Summary.pdf>

Consumer behaviour is not the major problem.

Most people shop in the supermarkets because they are affordable. However, buying a boxed product in the super market often is accompanied by plastic wrap and a plastic tray inside that. A few months ago my partner and I put a note pad next to our bin and noted everything going in and it was almost all plastic by-products from the main products we meant to buy. We are not careless about packaging, but it is hard to avoid. Most of this packaging is not recyclable.

Recycling is not easy in Ireland.

Recycling is possible in Ireland, although not so easy for many people. For people who live in a house or flat with a garden, composting is a great idea. If not where is it piled, and where is it used? With recycling, again space is an issue, where people are living in a large house or flat they probably have room for recycling, people who live in bedsits and small flats probably don't. Beside that, bottle banks are few and far between, often overfilled, and most don't take plastic bottles. Since most bottles are plastic, what is the answer? It is possible to DRIVE your bottles to the city dump BUT if you

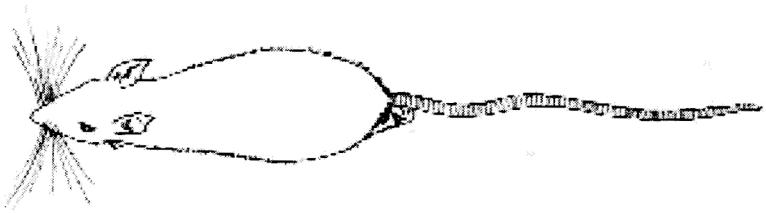
don't drive, what then? It's another attack on people with low income and minimal resources at their disposal, it's not the polluter paying it's the poor paying.

Recycling as it is now, is not ecological or sustainable.

Where does the recycling go? There isn't a plant that processes the glass bottles in Ireland, they go travelling, probably to South America. Is it an environmentally sound choice to send waste half way around the world? I challenge anybody to follow what happens to the recycling once it leaves her/his home.

It is not a small charge for many?

There are a lot of opinions on the stand off in Dublin on the radio these weeks. Some people ring in and say, well I pay my bin charge, and I recycle and why should I have to pay for the wasters? Fair enough, some people consider it a small charge, and they have the time and resources to spend with their rubbish. However, this is not the reality for many and the government attempts to further divide people of different economic circumstances with these sort of measures. For instance someone who makes minimum wage, paying another tax on an already taxed 6.35/hour wage means that 1 hour of one week has to pay for the rubbish that they may never have wanted in the first place. On top of that, there's another few hours a week (outside of work) sorting out recycling and compost, taking it on foot or bike to some over stuffed box and attempting to shove it in. For a single childless person it's difficult, people with children have it doubly difficult. If five euros per week is not too much, what about when it goes up to 10 euros per week or 15? At minimum wage, it would be more that 29% of a days wage before taxes are extracted. People on minimum wage may be eligible for a waiver of fees. However it remains that at five euros a week, it punishes the poorest, at 15 it burdens most and for rubbish that was produced by large careless companies that are becoming richer off us and making us responsible for funding their wasteful habits.





pieces

Old Head of Kinsale

Contrary to claims made by the O'Connor brothers the fight is still on for the Old Head. The campaign to regain access for everyone to the magnificent Old Head of Kinsale has continued throughout the summer with picnic/protests held once a month and a further court case being prepared.

The previous case taken by the O'Connor's established that Bord Pleanala did not have the authority to establish conditions for a right of way on the Old Head NOT that a right of way could not be opened under any circumstances!

The last protest of the year is on Sunday 5th october @ 2pm>

Postering

The Cork city council is attempting to destroy the long standing tradition of political postering. "Litter" they cry, "free speech", "democracy" we cry. Banning posters advertising political events was practiced extensively in Hitler's Germany, Mussolinis's Italy and Stalin's Russia. Perhaps the councillors

CORK PEACE ALLIANCE PROUDLY PRESENTS

PERFORMANCE, PUPPETRY, POETRY.

CHAOS

SURPRISES!
CIRCUS, MUSIC,

THE REVOLUTIONARY CLIMAX BALL

PUNCH BEER WINE BAR

€5 FANCY DRESS/UNWAGED
TIG FILL
MC CURTIN ST.
THURSDAY 9TH OCT.
9PM SHARP!
€7 WAGED/ ON THE DOOR

pieces continued...

The Ringaskiddy Insinerator The oral hearing on a proposal to build a toxic waste incinerator by Indaver to An Bord Pleanala will not be considering health, environment or transport issues (in relation to toxic waste). An Bord Pleanala say it's the Southern Health Boards area, they say it is the Environmental Protection Agency's problem, and so goes the bureaucratic roundabout. Neither the Navy or the CIT Marine College (both state entities) put planning objections forward. I wonder which side the government is on? Carnsore Point was once the proposed site of a nuclear power plant, the people of Ireland decided to have, Irelands largest rural action, to protest and play against the nuclear power plant. Hopefully in 20 years time we will also tell the story of why we have no toxic waste Incinerator.

Diversity Day

Diversity Day took place for the second time last Sunday 28th September. The sun was blazing down in the morning as the Peace Park was being set up. There were stalls by Traveller Visibility Group, Congolese Irish Partnership, Cork Peace Alliance, Amnesty International, anarchists, surrealists, Gay and Lesbian association, etc. Activities included juggling, Indian puppetry, dreamcatcher making, henna tattoos, chilling in a teepee and music from a range of performers mostly from different parts of Africa and a flamenco guitarist. In-between performers there was good tunes from DJ's Ian and Malte. Unfortunately there was a rather heavy shower at about 5.30pm which caused the sound system to be shut down and from which it didn't recover. Diarmuid Ó'Dálaigh seized the opportunity to occupy the fountain (scaring the shit out of the confused looking fella who spent the afternoon wandering around inside the fountain) and deliver a rendition of his latest poem to the receptive audience and effectively wrapped things up. There were loads of people from Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia resulting in, as the man said, "...much diverseness"! Hopefully there will be some continuity with this event through the year to build up to a bigger event next year. Anyone interested in getting involved can write to the CAC e-mail address.

TASS traveller and settled solidarity

TASS was formed in response to the critical situation created for travellers this year when Cork City Council started to implement the trespass act of 2001, using garda powers to evict travellers while having reneged on their commitment to provide suitable accomodation under the housing act of 1998.

Unnotified evictions and general harassment continue to seriously affect traveller health and education with families being shunted back and forth between county jurisdictions and vans and trailers (i.e. their homes !) impounded.

Several settled people decided that they needed to act alongside travellers to counter this persecution. TASS have organised pickets at the district court and housing department, a Saturday information stall on Patrick St. and a popular settled and travellers social event with drama, music, chat and fortune telling (another comming soon). Further plans include submissions to the city development plan and a concert with traveller musicians. For more information contact Joan 021 4509967, Eugene 021 4553026

Letters...

Dear Cork Anarchist Conspiracy,
Being elderly and a little dyslexic, I was initially disappointed to find that I had brought home your offering on anarchy in Ireland (I have been a lifelong practitioner of archery!) but was soon engrossed. However, I remain somewhat puzzled, where was any mention of violence, bomb making, riots, and chaos, all your activities—

sound very orderly and peaceful! I loved the recipes and especially enjoyed the article entitled Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Borders. Please could you give a simple introduction/explanation of anarchism in your next issue?

Perplexed

Dear CAC,

Respect. I really enjoyed Issue 1, especially the article about the backhanders to the councillors. It's great to see that stuff printed, names and all, even though we all know it goes on. It would be good to see them locked up over it but I won't hold my breath - it seems as if only people with principle get to feel the full weight of the law like the anti-war and bin tax protesters. Anyway looking forward to more good stuff.

Regards,

Some Head In The Hard East Area of Douglas

PS Love the acronym

CAC says - thanks SHITHEAD

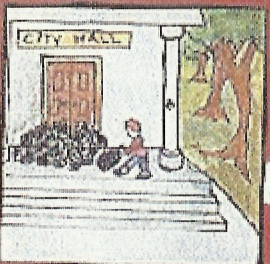
Please send us letters!!!

Unfortunately we have no postal address for the minute but you can e-mail us at corkanarchists@yahoo.com



The adventures of Alowilla and Penelope available soon, get in touch at alowpen@yahoo.ie

Ideas & ACTION



Public
Meeting

Saturday

October 18th

1pm - 5pm

Metropole Hotel

TOPICS:

Direct Action

Debating Anarchism &

Marxism

Workers Solidarity Movement



cork_wsm@yahoo.com