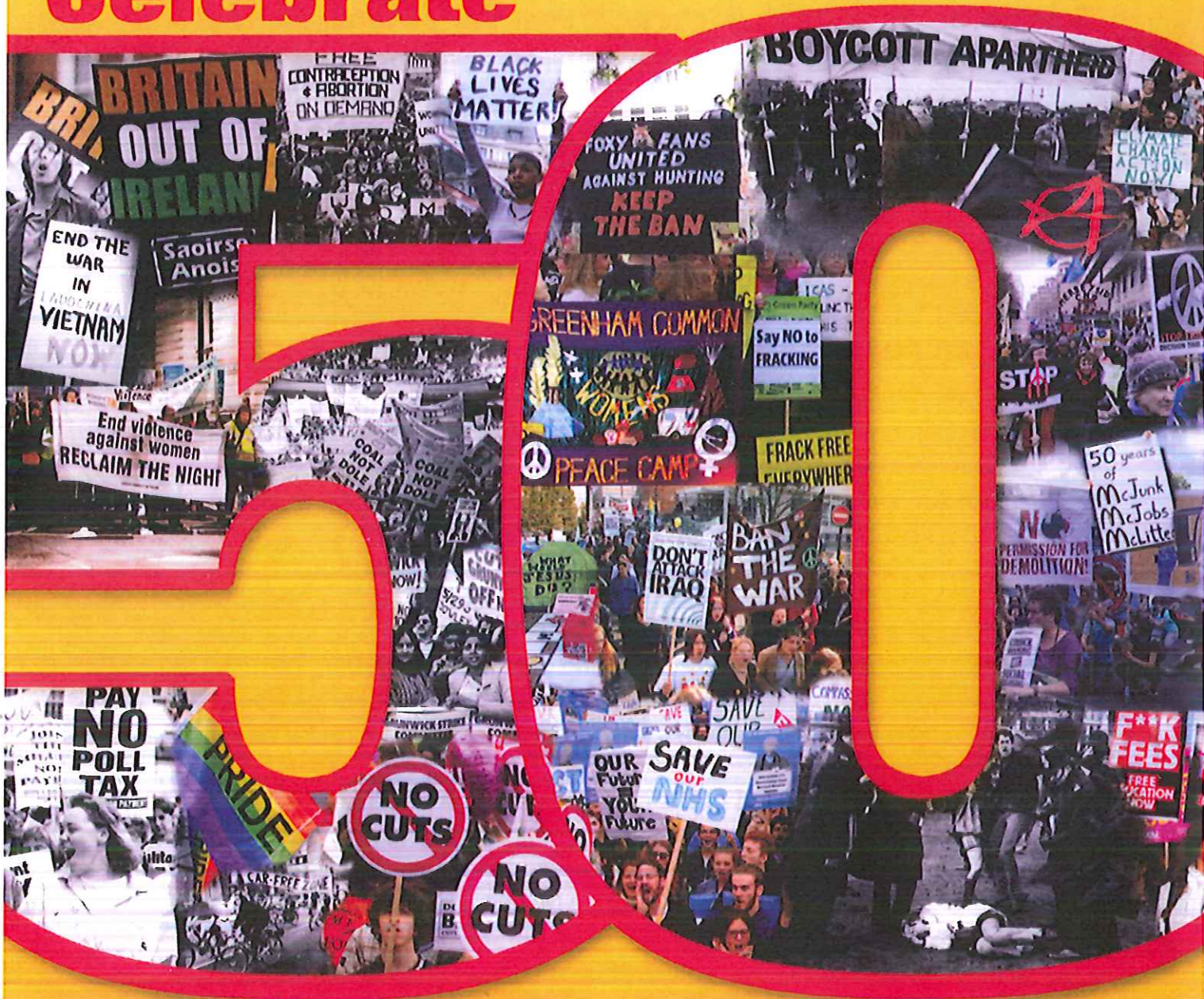


Celebrate



years of resistance

despite 50 years of police spies and repression

SATURDAY 7th JULY, 1pm Roll Call/Rally
Grosvenor Square, London W1

SUNDAY 8th JULY, 10-4pm Conference/Exhibition
Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1

Part of a weekend of London events and week of activities around the UK
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1968-2018

A Celebration of 50 years of Resistance, Campaigning and Alternatives for A Better World

- despite 50 years of police opposition, spying and repression

MOVEMENTS FOR A BETTER WORLD GROW – POLICE REACT WITH REPRESSIVE TACTICS

In 1968, following demonstrations against the Vietnam War in London's Grosvenor Square, the police set up a Special Demonstration Squad (SDS). Since that time, 50 years ago, over 1,000 groups campaigning in the UK for a better world have been spied on, infiltrated and targeted by political policing. Their protests and demonstrations are also subjected to ongoing police opposition and control to try to limit their effectiveness.

This targeting has included groups campaigning for equality, justice, the environment and international solidarity, for rights for women, LGBTQ, workers and for animals, for community empowerment, and those campaigning against war, racism, sexism, corporate power, legal repression and police oppression and brutality.

Such groups have represented many millions of people throughout the UK who want to make the world a better, fairer and more sustainable place for everyone. Yet almost any group of any kind that stood up to make a positive difference has been or could have potentially been a target for secret political policing. We now know this because of campaigners' recent efforts to expose and challenge the SDS and other similar secret units, and their shocking and unacceptable tactics.

Individuals within those campaign groups have been spied on, subjected to intrusions in their personal lives, been victims of miscarriages of justice, and many deceived into intimate and abusive relationships with secret police, ie people that who were not who they said they were.

In July 2015 we succeeded in forcing Theresa May (now Prime Minister) to set up the current Undercover Policing Public Inquiry, which was tasked with getting to the truth by July 2018, and insisting on action to prevent police wrong-doing in future. Now, 3 years on, the public inquiry has achieved very little due to police obstruction.

When the SDS was formed they aimed to 'shut down' the movements they were spying on. But despite disgusting police tactics, movements for positive change are still here and growing, and have had many successes on the way.

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF CAMPAIGNS AND STRUGGLES, VISION, RESILIENCE AND SUCCESSES

These planned events are in support of those campaigning for full exposure and effective action at the Undercover Policing Inquiry, and against police attempts to delay and undermine it. We aim to encourage more groups to find out about the Inquiry and how they can get involved and support each other, and to unite the many different groups and organisations who have been victims of our police state because of their efforts to improve society.

July 8th 2018 – Conway Hall

GATHERING / CONFERENCE / EXHIBITION / INQUIRY

Plus discussions, films, food, information, history walk

STALLS Event info/programme etc in foyer; Spycops campaigns info; Radical history 1968-2018; General info table for any relevant literature etc people bring; Food tables

MAIN HALL

10-10.30am Arrival. Visit stalls, read Programme. Parents/kids room behind stage til 4pm.

10.30am Welcome. Background and setting the scene.

11am 5 decades of inspirational movements and campaigning.

Split up around the hall into discussion groups for each of the 5 decades.

Share experiences/views/discussion about what's been achieved in each of the decades.

12.30 – 1.15pm Lunch break -----

1.15pm Welcome back.

1.20pm Peoples' Inquiry into Undercover Political Policing.

A taste of what a real Inquiry could look like. Includes realistic theatre and audience participation.

3pm Plenary: Where are we now, and what can we all do to successfully achieve social change?

- The Spycops inquiry and campaigning
- Movements for change / The Future

4pm End. Help clearing up welcome...

SMALL HALL

10-4pm Exhibition: 50 years - some historic campaign posters, flyers, photos, badges, artifacts

11.15-12.15pm Spycops - who are they, and what can we do about them? Workshop/discussion

1.20-2.30pm Venues for change.

The importance of running our own spaces (bookshops, social centres etc). Sharing experiences.

RUSSELL ROOM (at the back of the ground floor)

11-3pm Film Programme: 50yrs of organising and fighting back. Inspirational and informative short documentaries, about some key movements and events of the last 50 years. Host: Reel News

RADICAL HISTORY WALK – 'Disturbance of the Publick Peace'

4.15pm Meet front door. Fascinating guided tour of local sites of historic radical groups/events

1968-2018: 50 years of resistance/campaigns/alternatives

A very incomplete/sketchy Timeline of some UK struggles, campaigns, movements, events...

[Note: this is a 'snapshot' list prepared by an individual. Apologies for any inaccuracies, omissions, and vagueness]

Pre-68:

- 60s movts, New Left, CND, Spies for Peace, anti-fascism (62 Group), industrial action, Counterculture (international times, hippy scene, UFO etc), Notting Hill Carnival

1968/69:

- Anti-Vietnam War campaign, March/October demos
- Northern Ireland Civil rights Movement
- Student occupations UK – beginning before 68: LSE, ULU, Hornsey, Guilford, etc
- Equal pay for women – Ford Dagenham strike
- Racism - Powell Rivers of Blood speech
- Squatting movement begins London
- Troops go into Northern Ireland

1970s:

- Gay Liberation Front. First Pride March 1972
- Womens liberation movement conferences, groups, papers, actions
- Workers eg the rise of powerful workers TUs and shops stewards, Ford workers, dockers, etc, control over workplaces
- Industrial Relations bill – resistance and industrial action eg Dockers, Pentonville 5, Shrewsbury pickets
- Factory occupations – Bryant, UCS, etc
- Black action groups and the Mangrove Trial,
- Community campaigns – law centres, advice centres, womens centres, playgrounds, local radical papers, claimants unions, residents associations
- Rise of NF / anti-fascism. Death of Kevin Gately/Red Lion Square 1974
- Free festivals, communes, alternative lifestyles and management of housing and workplaces etc
- Angry Brigade actions
- Ireland – Free Derry, internment, dirty protests
- 1972 miners strike
- Cleaners Action Group strike
- Schoolkids strikes 1972
- 1972-3: prison strikes, PROP,
- Housing Finance Act movement 1972
- 1974 – miners strike
- 1976 – punk
- Hull prison uprising
- Grunwicks strike and mass picketing
- Trico factory occupation
- Feminism in late 1970s - Reclaim the Night
- Gay Activist Alliance late 1970s
- Hospital occupations 1977-85
- Solidarity movements: Anti-apartheid, anti-colonial struggles, Troops Out Movt
- Anti-NF, antiracism/anti-fascism: Lewisham 77, Wood Green 78, ANL, Rock Against Racism, East End, Asian Youth Movt etc, Southall, Blair Peach
- 1978-9 Winter of Discontent industrial action and protest, Lorry drivers strike



1980s:

- Unemployment and rise of unemployed/unwaged groups
- 1980 steel strike
- 1980 Bristol Riot
- Ireland H blocks hunger strikes
- 1981 riots – Brixton (April), summer across UK
- 1982: Falklands War
- 1982 nurses strike
- GLC, rate-capping, fights against cuts,
- CND revival (marches of over 300,000), anti-bases mass blockades, Greenham Common
- Growth of radical feminism
- Early 80s anti-racist movts: Bradford 12, Newham 7 etc, police repression. Colin Roach, Hackney cops

- Miners Strike 1984-5
- School strikes and demos 1985
- Riots 1985: Handsworth, Brixton, Broadwater Farm
- Anti-fascism, 1980s – AFA, Cable St Beat
- Printers dispute Wapping 1986-7
- Anti-trade union laws, secondary picketing
- AIDS activism – Act-Up etc
- Section 28 anti-gay laws, and resistance movement 1987-88
- Fight the Alton Bill, abortion pro-choice movement
- Claimants activism in 1987 during dole strike
- Rave Culture 1988 – squat raves, illegal parties
- Anti-Poll Tax movement 1987-92, including mass protests (locally throughout the UK and 250,000 in Trafalgar Sq) and defence campaigns for those harassed, arrested and jailed
- Hillsborough 1989 and the resulting campaign
- Strangeways/1980s prison riots

1990s:

- [Many of the above movements continue to flourish]
- Gay activism – OutRage etc, 1994 age of consent movement
- first Gulf War 1990-1 anti war movement
- Over 100,000 on Coal Not Dole demo
- BNP and revival of racism 1991: racist attacks in SE London, Thamesmead, Stephen Lawrence, Isle of Dogs, Welling 1993, ANL revival
- Anti-roads movement 1992. Twyford, Claremont Road, etc
- Ireland IRA ceasefire (1994) and Good Friday Agreement (1998)
- Criminal Justice Bill and movement against it
- Hyde Park Riot 1994
- McLibel case and campaign
- Racist policing and deaths in custody, rise of family justice campaigns
- Reclaim the Streets occupations of roads 1994 London and elsewhere
- 1999, Carnival Against Capitalism, anti-capitalist protests/movt, plus Maydays, anti-summit (G8 etc)

2000s:

- [Many of the above movements continue to flourish]
- fuel blockades
- rise of Friends of Parks movement
- War on Terror, Afghan war, Iraq War, schoolkids demos, 2003 2 million anti-war march and 100,000 in Glasgow, Prevent, DSEI arms fair
- Earth First! and Climate Camps mobilizations
- queerupion
- Immigration detention protest: Campsfield, Harmondsworth, Yarl's Wood, anti-deportations.
- Defend Council Housing
- International solidarity eg Palestine and Gaza, Syria,
- Cleaners and other precarious workers movements, migrant workers, new unions
- 100,000 on Tamil Rights demo

2010s:

- [Many of the above movements continue to flourish]
- ESA protests 2010
- Up to 1 million march against public service cuts with protests and campaigns all over the UK
- Student anti-cuts demos and occupations 2010-11
- Occupy 2011
- Sisters Uncut
- Anti-blacklisting protests
- August 2011 urban riots around the country
- Anti-fracking movement
- New feminist waves, queer scene, trans-activism
- New climates of racism and nationalism, Scots Referendum, EU referendum
- Housing – Focus E15, Sweets Way, Barnet, Radical Housing networks
- Grenfell Tower fire
- Windrush generation controversy
- #MeToo movement

July 7th 2018 – Grosvenor Square 1968-2018 ROLL CALL / RALLY

Personal testimonies from groups - looking back, and celebrating successes

GROUPS, MOVEMENTS AND EVENTS SPIED UPON

We set out below a list of progressive organisations and campaigns infiltrated, spied upon or reported on by undercover police units. These are the ones we know of / confirmed. The police have been forced to admit that over 1,000 such groups were targeted and we are calling for **all** their details to be released.

The groups are listed in chronological order of when they were **first** targeted, as far as we know. Some were spied upon for many years (continuously or from time to time). Where national organisations are named it may be that a local branch or branches were targeted. Some group names and dates revealed by the police may be inaccurate or vague. Those without any dates are added at the end...

1968-69

Vietnam Solidarity Campaign
Independent Labour Party
International Marxist Group
International Socialists
Irish Civil Rights Solidarity Campaign
Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association
Revolutionary Socialist Students Federation
Sinn Féin (London)
Tri-Continental (magazine?)
Dambusters Mobilising Committee
Vietnam Solidarity Group
British Communist Party
Irish Solidarity Campaign

1970s

Anti Apartheid Movement
Banner Books
Stop the 70s Tour
'Black Power movement'
Irish National Liberation Solidarity Front
Operation Omega
Socialist Workers Party
Workers Revolutionary Party
Young Haganah
Young Liberals
Women's Liberation Front
Big Flame
Communist Party of England (Marxist-Leninist)
Troops Out Movement
Anti-Nazi League
Direct Action Movement
Revolutionary Communist Tendency



ABOVE
Mounted police
clash with the
demonstrators
in Grosvenor
Square in March
1968.

'Anarchist groups'
Anarchy magazine
Zero magazine
Freedom Press
Spartacist League of Britain

1980s

Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
Greenham Common Women's Camp
Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group
London Pacifist Action
Moleworth Peace Camp
Partizans campaign against zinc mining
Revolutionary Communist Party
Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist/Leninist)
Revolutionary Communist Group
Hackney Campaign Against the Police Bill
South London Animal Movement
Stoke Newington and Hackney Defence Campaign
'Hunt Saboteurs'
London Greenpeace
Animal Aid
Badgers animal rights group
Campaign Against Police Repression
Campaign Against the Arms Trade
Federation of Local Animal Rights Groups
Housmans Bookshop
Islington Animal Rights
Peace News
Peace Pledge Union
Sea Shepherd Conservation Society
Veggies Catering Campaign
War Resisters International
Animal Liberation Front
RATS (?)
Animal Liberation Front Sheffield trial
Anti-Fascist Action
Broadwater Farm Defence Campaign
Winston Silcott campaign
City of London Anti-Apartheid Group
Hackney Hunt Saboteurs
Lee House residential occupation
National Union of Miners

1990s

Anarchist Communist Federation
Class War
McLibel Support Campaign
'Anti-Poll Tax demonstrations'
Newham Monitoring Project
Action to Resist the Roots of War

Brixton Hunt Sabs
London Boots Action Group
Wayne Douglas campaign
Communication Workers Union
Fire Brigades Union (FBU)
Kingsway Anti-Fascist Group
National Union of Students
National Union of Teachers
Unison
Action to Abolish the Grand National
Animal Rights Coalition
Anti-Fascist Action
Leyden Street Chicken Slaughter House campaign
Revolutionary Internationalist League
London Animal Action
London Animal Rights Coalition
London Anti-Fur Campaign
Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians
121 Bookshop and Centre
Animal Liberation Investigation Unit
Arkangel animal rights magazine
Blair Peach Campaign
Brian Douglas campaign
Brixton Hunt Sabs
Colin Roach Centre
Earth First!
Essex Hunt Sabs
Hackney Community Defence Association
Independent Working Class Association
JJ Fast Foods Strike
Legal Defence and Monitoring Group
Live exports protests at Shoreham, Brightlingsea
and Coventry
Reclaim The Streets
Red Action
Republican Forum
Shark Protection League
Socialist Party
South London Animal Action / Animal Aid
Family and Friends of Trevor Monerville justice campaign
Youth Against Racism in Europe
Movement Against the Monarchy
Building Workers Group
Movement for Justice
Brian Higgins Defence Committee
Consort Beagles campaign
Oscar Okoye justice campaign
Sengul Family, Must Stay Campaign
West London Hunt Sabs
Free Steve Lewis Campaign
Save the Hillgrove Cats

Stephen Lawrence Justice Campaign
 Student Fees Campaign
 Rettendon protest camp
 Justice For Ricky Reel Campaign
 Delroy Lindo Justice Campaign / Police Crimes Against Civilians
 Harry Stanley family campaign
 Save Gorse Wood campaign

2000s

All London March Against Racist Police Frame-up and Murder
 Anti-GM (Genetic Modification) campaigns
 Big Green Gathering
 Disarm DSEi Arms Trade Fair
 Earth First! Summer Gatherings
 Radical Dairy Occupation
 Reclaim The Streets
 WOMBLES
 Globalise Resistance
 No Platform / Antifa
 Nottingham Anti-Fascist Alliance
 Nottingham Hunt Saboteurs
 Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty
 Sumac Centre Nottingham
 Uist Hedgehog Rescue
 Worthing woodland campaign
 Bedford Animal Action
 Direct Action Against War Now
 Norwich activists networks
 Palestinian Solidarity Campaign
 Peat Alert!
 Save Titnore Woods / Protect Our Woodland
 Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp
 Campaign Against Climate Change
 Disobedience Against War
 Nottingham Group against Refugee Detention
 NukeWatch
 RAF Fairford Campaign and coaches
 Save Newchurch Guinea Pigs
 Stop the War
 Trident Ploughshares
 Anti-Metrix / RAF St Athan Defence Academy
 Block the Base / Menwith Hill Peace Campaign
 Camp Bling road protest camp Southend

Camp for Climate Action
 Cardiff Anarchist Network
 Clandestine Insurgent Rebel Clown Army
 Cowley Club Centre Brighton
 Dissent!
 Eat Out Vegan Wales
 European Social Forum
 Gwent Anarchists
 KTS Autonomous Centre
 Leeds anti-fascist group
 Leeds Action for Radical Change
 Leeds Social Centre
 Milford Haven anti-LNG pipeline.
 No Borders
 No Borders South Wales
 No To NATO
 No to NIRAH Bedford Aquarium Research Lab
 Oxford Animal Protection
 Pembrokeshire Anarchists
 Radical Routes cooperatives network
 Reinstate Steve Hedley Campaign
 Rising Tide
 Smash EDO Arms Factory Brighton
 South Wales Anarchists
 Swansea Animal Rights
 The Common Place social centre Leeds
 Trapeze - Taking Radical Action through Popular Education and Sustainable Everything
 Yorkshire CND
 Zapatista coffee distribution
 Cherry Groce campaign
 Northampton Hunt Sabs
 Saving Iceland (UK)
 UK Action Medics
 Oxford Animal Protection
 Activist Tat Collective
 Antifa
 Anti-G20 protests
 Ratcliffe-on-Soar climate change action

Family justice campaigns known to have been spied upon, but no dates yet confirmed:
 Jean Charles de Menezes campaign, Joy Gardner campaign, Michael Menson campaign, Roger Sylvester campaign. Rolan Adams campaign

SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGNS AGAINST UNDERCOVER POLITICAL POLICING

Please support the work of the following organisations: publicity, donations, affiliations, general help all welcome.

Campaign Opposing Police Surveillance: www.campaignopposingpolicesurveillance.com

Police Spies Out of Lives: www.policespiesoutoflives.org.uk

Undercover Research Group: www.undercoverresearch.net

Network for Police Monitoring: www.netpol.org

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