

Nottingham Unemployed Workers Club and Universal Jobmatch

Notts Unemployed Workers Club were out leafletting both the Station Street and the Lower Parliment job centre this morning.. Getting positive reactions from both those signing on and job centre workers as we handed out_information_relating to Universal Jobmatch. Nottingham Unemployed Workers Club JSA claimants are being told that they_'must' use the Universal Jobmatch to look for jobs and create an account in it. However, there are increasing worries about this system.

Monstrous confidentiality problems...

The Jobcentre reassures you that your details and CV, if put on the UJM, can be only accessed by 'authorised employers'. This sounds safe, but is it? Anyone who is an 'authorised employer' can access your details: they may include neighbours, present or future landlords,_abusive ex-partners etc. And how are those who sign up as 'employers' authorised before they are allowed to see your details? This is a good question. We tried registering ourselves as employers and were authorised automatically! In fact, Jobcentre Plus does not even claim to be able to guarantee security:_ 'We... cannot guarantee that people or organisations without permission will not gain access to this database'.

Will it happen?

Probably yes: the business which runs the UJM is none other than Monster Worldwide, an online recruitment company with a long record of scandals for monstrous data losses! In 2009 hackers snatched personal details of 4.5 million jobseekers who had put their CVs and other information in Monster's hands, and was reported in the Guardian: 'Hackers steal jobseekers' details from Monster recruitment website' Channel 4 news online revealed that a fake job ad posted by a group of hackers seeking to draw attention to the security flaws was able to harvest the personal details of over 70 jobseekers, including passwords and scanned passport details!

Techno surveillance...

Besides issues of confidentiality, you may be worried about potential IT surveillance. With the government's new smart idea that job seekers should be job seeking for 35 hours a week, your activity within the Universal Jobmatch could in principle (and in the future) be monitored, plunging you into an Orwellian nightmare.

Cuts to services and staff...

Last but not least, the Universal Jobmatch is the government's latest attempt to make the service 'leaner' through the inconsiderate use of IT, and is an attack on both claimants and Jobcentre workers. The service will have less staff you can speak to face to face, and, at the same time, more workers will themselves end up on the dole. If you are a keen Jobcentre adviser, and do your best to convince (or force) people into joining the UJM, please think twice: the UJM can eventually make you redundant!

What to do? Worried about confidentiality? We have received reassurances that joining the Universal Jobmatch is not mandatory and that you_can discuss_alternative and effective forms of job search_with your adviser. Only if you are obliged through a formal order called 'Direction' can you be sanctioned for not joining the UJM. Do you want a job and don't want to miss out on something? You can always use the Universal Jobmatch_anonymously as a job search engine. You can type a list of skills and the machine will match them with jobs: you do NOT need_to create an account for this service. You do NOT need to use the UJM to store or circulate your CV. You_can apply for any job by contacting employers directly._ However, we have tried out the UJM and found out that its job selection is not great. Other job search engines may give you more of a chance!

Who are we?

Nottingham Unemployed Workers Club meets every thursday afternoon between 11 and 2 for cups of tea and coffee, some lunch and sharing of ideas. We meet at 245 Gladstone Street, Forest Fields. **email us at nottsunemployedworkersclub@riseup.net**

Lies and fabrications from Morton Hall Prison Guards An independent monitoring board has stated that the activities of Morton Hall IRC detainees over the Christmas period were exaggerated by both prison guards and their union the POA. Original claims by the POA stated that a large number of prisoners had violently protested and attacked guards working at the immigration removal centre. Yet Rod Booth, who chairs the Independent Monitoring Board, has said he had looked at CCTV footage and the POA's version of events had been exaggerated.

The claims made by the prison officers union have been made following numerous complaints made by Morton Hall prisoners regarding their treatment over the last twelve months. The most recent of these was a peaceful protest in response to the shutdown of the water supply before Christmas. Detainees were left without running water,

working toilets or cooked food for a number of days.

In July 2011 as many as 100 detainees went on hunger strike due to their treatment by the authorities. Two detainees scaled the centre's rooftops and threatened to jump within less than 24 hours of each other. The detainees, a Palestinian and a Malaysian were protesting at the 'disrespect' and 'inhumane' treatment they claim to be experiencing, including being detained for prolonged periods.

According to the Nick Hardwick, the chief inspector of prisons, speaking last month, some immigration detainees have "simply been forgotten". One Somali migrant has been held for 9 years after he completed his prison sentence. No Borders Nottingham2_activist Geoff Bates said "The allegations made by the prison officers union appear to be an attempt at distracting the public from the violent acts they are committing on behalf of the UK Border agency3. The indefinite detention of migrant detainees is an act of violence by the state on vulnerable members of our community".

"The recent fabrications by Morton Hall prison guards are a further attempt to demonise those imprisoned by the Border Agency who are trying to escape the economic, military and environmental effects of global capitalism."

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At the Polling Station

Walking past the Wiverton road polling station this morning we were suprised to see that some people had already made their vote for police and crime commissioner. And here was us thinking nobody gave a fuck.

As the percentage of voters is optimisitcally estimated to be around 10% of the Nottingham population, it seems that most people recognise that whoever gets elected will have absolutley no effect on the behaviour of the goverments first line of defence. They'll continue to enforce the racist, sexist and classist policies of the goverment, and all under the guise of safety, security and protection of the community. The same community they harass on daily basis.

Another day at the polling stations pretending democracy works = another day where nothing changes.

Anti-Fascist Review of 2012

We've had an interesting first year here monitoring fascists across the East Midlands. In many ways it's been a dreadful year for the far right with the EDL and BNP in dire straits and none of the smaller groups looking capable of "uniting the

right" either. There have been many enjoyable fascist misadventures, failures and outright catastrophes making 2012 a year they'll want to forget. The far right will be trying to start 2013 on a more positive note and it is up to anti-fascists to make sure they don't even leave the starting blocks.

EDL

The EDL started 2012 with a demo in Leicester_against a "two-tier justice system"_that is prejudiced against whites apparently. Funnily enough, theirclaims that the Crown Prosecution Service is a left-wing conspiracy_to let Muslims off fell to shreds on closer inspection. On the day,_an estimated 400 turned up_to trudge around the deserted streets in the snow. Although they can only dream of getting those numbers now, at the time it was their lowest turnout for years and EDL activists were overheard complaining that "We can't organise shit anymore".

The dwindling numbers have meant that only hardcore lunatics and racists are left in the flagging street movement. We exposed EDL membersadvocating nuclear war and genocide_(Lee Tams, Leicester EDL),_calling all Muslims "stinky dirty goat shagging bastards"_(Ian Humphries, Leicester EDL),stringing up George Galloway by his bollocks_and smashing his head in with a nailed baseball bat (Mark Dunn, Leicester EDL),_calling Abu Hamza a "paki"who deserves waterboarding (Andy Catchpole, Hinckley EDL),_threatening to "wipe out" an independent media site_(Jay Clarke, Nottingham EDL),_calling Leicester a town full of Pakis_(Jack Stevens and Richard Carroll, Nottingham EDL) and_making jokes about leaving dead pigs in a swimming pool_running Muslim swimming sessions (Keith Finch & Ed Coates, Leicester EDL). We exposed nasty pieces of work like Newark_EDL organiser Chris Conroy, a violent racist misogynist,_EDL poster boy Glen Warren_and Northants

EDL'slove of Nazism.

One of the most tragic figures we've come across is Nottingham's Tony Curtis, formerly big buddies with the EDL leadership and a regular speaker at demonstrations (although_not known for accuracy or truthfulness),_ he wasunceremoniously booted out_in September after a misguided attempt to "unite the right" backfired. Curtis had been getting cosy with Bill Baker's New Patriot Alliance but then decided they were racists. When he was then kicked out of the EDL as well he was left in the wilderness with only his Facebook "plastic patriot" friends for company. How the mighty have fallen!

Local EDLers managed to rack up an impressive number of

convictions for racist attacks and violence in 2012. Two Derby EDL fans were sent to prison for their part in a racist attack on a taxi driver, a Northants EDL member was remanded for racist abuse, a Lincoln EDL member was banned from football games for 3 years after involvement in violence at Lincoln City games and being photographed giving a Nazi salute, two Bulwell EDL supporters were jailed for racially abusing an Asian family and Leicester EDL activist, James Elliot was convicted of drunkenly assaulting an anti-fascist.

The EDL spent the year desperate to find a cause that would get some traction with followers who were rapidly abandoning them. They tried to latch onto the manufactured phenomenon of Muslim grooming gangs in a bid to “save” (white) girls, but failed to ditch their own misogyny and casual sexism, making us think they were only in it for the racism. They made a late bid to “defend the gays” against a phantom army of Muslim homophobes, without ever questioning their own homophobia. Most recently they have been attempting to insinuate themselves into anti-immigration protests in Boston and the Fens, evidently having given up on “peacefully protesting Islamic extremism” and going for a more old school racist vibe. None of these efforts has done much to save their failing organisation.

At the end of 2012, the EDL is in a desperate position. Their leader is on remand in the nonce wing, looking at some considerable jail time for charges of mortgage fraud, assault and travelling with false documents, the numbers at their demos have dwindled to a tiny handful and Kev Carroll, who is flailing at the helm for now, has been doing a good job of alienating the few remaining activists who have stayed loyal. Only a miracle will bring back their former strength.

BNP
The BNP began the year still reeling from the mass exodus of activists caused by Nick Griffin’s chronic mismanagement, abuse of finances and absolute dictator leadership style. More major splits have occurred since then, most recently Andrew Brons and his supporters leaving, but it does look as though the worst may be over for the severely battered BNP ship. All the more reason to give them a hard time in 2013.

Locally, the BNP began the year with a hilarious personality clash in Derbyshire between rival factions of the Heanor group. Councillor Lewis Allsebrook threw his toys out of the pram, leaving the party whilst using various blogs that no one reads to slag off Heanor’s other BNP councillor, Cliff Roper, and his hapless Mrs, Emma. Ironically, not long before Roper had resigned the party whip in protest against

Griffin whilst Allsebrook remained loyal, but Roper is still clinging in there in true opportunistic fascist fashion. The infighting didn’t do the Heanor Hitlers much good, resulting in them losing both their seats in the local elections.

Perhaps even more of a joker than those two was the Dictator of Derbyshire, Paul Hilliard. Clearly seeing himself as a bit of a player in nationalist politics, Hilliard spent the year engaging in activities he clearly saw as statesmanlike. He tidied up the atrocious fashion sense of his comrades by getting them all kitted out in black shirts, admitting a admiration for Mussolini’s fascist foot soldiers, and invested in the local answer to the BNP’s Lie Lorry, the Blackshirt Buggy. But funniest of all, he started a Facebook group called “Nationalists Must Unite as One to Achieve Victory” in yet another thwarted attempt to unite the right. Infighting between rival fascist groups and factions within the BNP has been rife on his page leading to some very Stalinist purging of his rivals by Hilliard. One of his main beefs seems to be any suspected support for the Jews, which he smothers with paranoid conspiracy theories. Even Hilliard doesn’t win the crown for most crazed local activist. Nottingham’s organiser, Bob Brindley, must surely win that title with his barmy Twitter feed barking out paranoid rants and racist nonsense. Brindley seems to hate everyone who isn’t white, but has a particular hatred of anti-racist campaigner Doreen Lawrence and Nelson Mandela. He is quite keen on Jimmy Savile though. Brindley sometimes attempts a lone leafletting session in Nottingham city centre but has been chased out of town by locals.

With this bunch of lunatics as his local organisers, it’s no surprise that East Midlands organiser, Geoff Dickens, had a hard time pressing the dwindling band of pensioners that still turn up to BNP meetings for more cash for Griffin this year. Even his spine-chilling ghost stories about cultural Marxism haven’t been enough to keep the party going. As a result, the BNP have faced the mass defection of former stronghold, North-West Leicestershire, to the English Democrats, as well as Wellingborough organiser and author of the Northants Patriot, Rob Walker, in the same direction. Indeed, there has been an extremely high drop-out rate of former activists and organisers within the local party over the past few years. They have not contested many elections in the region this year, but did badly in Towcester, Sileby and Corby.

Like the EDL, the BNP have had their share of censure for racism. Lincoln BNP candidate, Dean Lowther, was investigated by the police after racist and fascist posts from his Facebook site came to light. Former BNP councillor for

Coalville, Graham Partner, was censured “in the strongest possible terms” by Leicestershire County Council after writing a racist leaflet. And Lincolnshire’s BNP’s “Reverend” Robert West had a hissy fit when the Church of England banned its clergy from joining racist organisations such as the BNP.

Like the EDL, the BNP have been eager to latch onto what they think will be populist causes in order to recruit and spread their fascist ideas. They expressed crocodile tears over child abuse, but only when Muslims were the perpetrators and suddenly became animal welfare advocates when locals expressed their anger over a halal slaughterhouse in Skegness (whilst munching on factory farmed sausages). 2012 was another bad year for the BNP, without a doubt, and locally they are relying on the dregs of the barrel to keep the party running. However, with the demise of the EDL there are a lot of new far right activists looking for a home whose energy the BNP could leech off. There are signs that the party is getting more confident again, and will be looking to revive itself in the new year. It is our job to turn them back.

Our conclusion
Year of the infidels? Pfffft!
The far right is floundering, riven by infighting and held back by the incompetence of its leaders. It will take a long time for them to regroup and do anything of consequence again and we will see them trying to start that process over the next few months. But make no mistake, the rise of the EDL and BNP drew thousands of people towards reactionary politics. The organisations may be collapsing but racist and divisive attitudes remain for many of those whom they blighted and those people could get behind a more successful fascist organisation in the future. There is a lot of work ahead for anti-fascists.

New Police Commissioner meets members of BME community at emergency meeting.

On Dec 11th 2012 at the Unison offices Sherwood Rise, an Emergency Community Consultation Meeting was called and chaired by Glenford Green with Paddy Tipping (Notts Police and Crime Commissioner), Alex Norris (Nottm City Councillor) on the panel. The subject was concerns over Police, their use of stop and search powers in Nottingham, and its affect on the BME (Black and Minority Ethnic communities). Former Notts Police Superintendent, David Walker, now Head of Vanguard Plus, a city council funded project to end gang and youth violence in Nottingham, arrived with Tipping and Norris. Those present looked

forward to discussing his policies and strategies in his former and new role but he disappeared within a few minutes not to return. This was interpreted as showing his obvious unwillingness to held accountability by any members of the affected communities. Lack of accountability came up numerous times.

About 20 people turned out from the African Caribbean and Asian communities. Tipping had announced that he wants to recruit more BME officers and invite bidders to undertake a ‘new’ consultation with the BME community. This idea was chanted down by many in the audience and it was stated that his predecessor, The Notts Police Authority Chair and Leader of Nottm City Council Jon Collins, had been fully aware of extensive evidence of disproportionate levels of stop and search targeting the BME community. This issue had been raised with Collins numerous times in his own St. Anns council ward surgery. St. Anns is where some of the worst stop and search abuses are taking place. The unlawful use of racial profiling for stops, physically threatening and harassing minors, shows a police force seriously out of control. Tipping was told that recruiting a few more black officers and wasting public money on another consultation will not win him support. Tipping was keen to claim he’s a friend of the black community and ‘bigs up’ his supposed role in setting up the MacPherson Inquiry after the murder of Stephen Lawrence, whose parents Doreen and Neville, have campaigned tirelessly for justice and addressing institutionalised racism within the Police Service. Tipping said he recognised that the ‘usual suspects and gatekeepers’ of both the African Caribbean and Asian communities needed to be removed. Andrew Campbell, Tyrone Browne, Toby Neal and highly discredited former councillor Hassan Ahmed were names often raised by the audience. Tipping could only acknowledge that many had done well from being seen as the channels to BME communities. Police, City council and other regeneration organisations funds have all supported their personal financial, community and business activities whilst they have actively stifled the community’s genuine alarm and dissent.

There was a steady stream of questions and advice from the floor. Two members of the Youth Parliament made an important plea to the panel to get young people involved in this change as opposed to only dealing with them as the problem. Another attendee stated that over the last decade his organisation had done race equality, stop and search training with Notts Police. He believed that it wasn’t all about training but seeing benefits to breaking the culture of institutional racism. Others said they felt that Tipping was

the man for the job and given a little time he could make a difference. The meeting closed with Tipping being told that only when he sacks racist police officers will people feel that he will be deserving of our respect.

Post Script: Following this meeting Glenford Green was stopped and searched en route to Radford.

A few practical steps we can take to help protect ourselves:.

1.Knowledge is power. Read, read, and then read again the PACE Act 1984.

Online here

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/60/contents>

Or get this free app <http://www.adv.co.uk/iphone/pace-codes-of-practice-lite>

2. Keep a stop and search bust card, many versions are available from Sumac Centre, Forest Fields.

3.If stopped, Please keep all receipts from stop and searches or jot down the badge number of officers involved.

4. Use your phone to collect video evidence of stop and search (only can be refused by officer claims if anti-terrorism operations).

5. Facebook : Campaign to reduce abusive policing. (CRAP) will inform about future meetings in your area.

Anti-Social Police Hand out ASBOs

A young lad has recently been made the subject of a Criminal Anti-Social Behaviour Order (CRASBO) meaning he cannot enter Forest Fields or associate with some of his mates for the next three years. The law says Anti-Social Behaviour is: “Acting in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons.”

The cops are asking for you and every other person in our neighbourhoods to grass on this young lad if we see him walking through Forest Fields or spending time with his friends. They are also asking us to call them every time there is anti-social behaviour.

This comes shortly after it was reported that the Police were conducting a “Stop and Search” on Gladstone Street on the evening of Thursday 29th November at around 19:20. This seemingly random act of harassment turned out to be due to a burglary in the area, which the youth had had nothing to do with. Bust Cards (explaining your rights when stopped and searched, arrested and making complaints against

police) were handed out so that these young people will be better informed next time the police decide to cause them harassment, alarm or distress.

It begs the question: Is this helping? One of the reasons we have youth who are insolent and rebellious is because they feel excluded and marginalised from society. So is “[pushing] him to the peripherals” really the answer? This exclusion has been going on for a long long time, but now we have the Council and Police driving the law to criminalise these disenfranchised youth. The behaviour of the police does nothing but reinforce the exclusion and criminalisation that these young people are experiencing. The solution to the problem of youth exclusion is not clear, although creating some positive steps towards engaging with youth has always proven to be more successful than not.

New Years Eve Prison Noise Demo

On New Year’s Eve around 30 people turned up outside the gates of Nottingham prison to make some noise and show solidarity with the people being held inside. We toured the perimeter of the fence with a sound-system, banging pots and pans against the side of the fence, chanting and shouting, whilst fireworks were set off and thrown over the walls.

A parent of one of the prisoners had this to say afterwards: “Thanks very much for doing this. My son says it’s fucking amazing and when he heard the shouting he said it made him smile. Too many working class boys are in prison and it’s all because everything is unequal and the rich ones are taking the piss. But it’s great that you did that and that people inside heard. Love and respect to all of you”.

This was just one of many prisoner solidarity demos that happened around the world on New Year’s Eve (<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2013/01/505180.html>). The prison system is a brutal and violent means of repression and control by the state that needs to be challenged and resisted in our struggle for freedom. Noise demos are just one small way of breaking the isolation that prisoners are subjected to, letting them know that they are not forgotten. Prisons destroy people. They destroy families, friendships and communities too. Putting somebody in prison is an act of violence which contributes nothing real or positive and only brutalises those who are already struggling. We don't believe that prison is the answer to any questions we have ever asked.

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Solidarity is our weapon.

Our passion for freedom is stronger than all prisons.

Prisons are the embodiment and reinforcement of the white supremacist, patriarchal and classist society we live in. They protect property and capital whilst attacking those who are oppressed and marginalised by the dominant structures of this society.

Prisons are racist - Black prisoners make up 15% of the prisoner population compared with 2.2% of the general population.

Prisons destroy people - The suicide rate in prisons is almost 15 times higher than in the general population: in 2002 the rate was 143 per 100,000 compared to 9 per 100,00 in the general population.

Prisons are an attack on the poor - 37% of people are unemployed at the time of imprisonment - around 7 times the national unemployment rate. 13% are unable to work because of long-term sickness or disability.

The prison-industrial complex is growing - The current UK prison population is around 100,000. Thirty years ago it was half of that. New Labour created one new imprisonable offence for each day they were in office.

Prisons reinforce the abuse of women - Over half the women in prison report having suffered domestic violence and one in three has experienced sexual abuse.

Notts police hand themselves to IPCC in London for racial discrimination against a family who was brutally attacked by the police in Forest Fields.

In 2010, PC’s Natasha Smart, Williams, S King, Matthew Grant and others are placed ‘Under Management Report’ for brutally attacking a black man in Nottingham. The judge in this case threw the officers’ allegations and statements out of court stating ‘The officer’s statements were un-believable’.

Within a year August 2011, the above named officers attacked a black family outside their home in Forest Fields. Special Constable Corbyn Passey, Special Constable Charles Edwards (he also switched roles with blonde female wearing a fluorescent jacket) lied in court. Special Constable Passey stated in court that there were “10 riot vans in all containing 20 plus officers in each van and armed response at the top, middle and bottom of the road with weapons drawn”.

One eye-witness present on the street asked an armed response officer ‘What the hell was that?’, Armed Response officer replies ‘We were in town, and we were bored, we heard the radio call and turned up’. The abuse of position wasn’t just limited to the Police. In court the Police Prosecutor, Mr Fawcett was swearing, using the F-word. He also very arrogantly stated that ‘Macpherson isn’t here’. Referring to the inquiry of Stephen Lawrence’s death in 1993.

Nottingham District Judge Cooper stated ‘In my opinion I do not believe Nottingham Police are racist. Racism only exists in the Metropolitan Police Force’. We beg to differ. Notts Police Authority(not just Notts Police Constabulary) chaired by Jon Collins, Simon Clarke and every individual who sat on this unelected committee are responsible under “The 2000 No Secrets” document- that all agencies must respond correctly when an abuse has been pointed out to them.

WHO DO YOU REPORT TO WHEN THE ABUSER IS THE STATE?

Stop and search has always and forever will be a race hate crime. Have they still not learnt these lessons yet? The National Black Police Association (NBPA) are fully aware of all the abuses from 2008 onwards that this family has been through. The Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Dept of the NPIA (National Policing Improvement Agency) was developed after the institutional failings in the racist murder of Stephen Lawrence. These failings lead to the development

of 67 recommendations to be immediately implemented in part or in full to address behaviour verbal and non verbal of officers as institutional racism. Dr Richard Stone, Doreen and Neville Lawrence, Dr Marie Stewart, Alfred John, Trevor Phillips etc strove hard for these changes.

Notts Police's conduct towards black people and this family has brought a range of investigative teams looking into their conduct. Notts Police Authority, under the leadership of Jon Collins (also Leader of Nottm City Council, Leader of Labour Group, Chairman of Nottm City Police), has failed to ensure the safety and safeguards of black people from abusive policing by not implementing any of the 67 recommendations of the Macpherson Report. He also has failed to ensure that Notts Police follow their own 2010 Equality, Safeguarding and Best Value Policies. Or Is it another question of lesson's not learnt?

Black people are dealing with insight and foresight, whilst the Police's ex-chairman and now Paddy Tipping are dealing with hindsight, Paddy Tipping has made two very disturbing comments which confirms seem to be more of a throwback to the racist 1970's- 'I admit the police can be over zealous' and 'The youth are hostile towards police'

These comments are identified by black people as disrespectful and very concerning. Black people are not hostile towards the police without reason. 40 plus years of a law that has abused your grandparents, your parents and now you. You only become hostile to an environment to which you are presented with; (1960s Sus Law, Sec44, Sec60, Stop and Account etc). Any attempt to take DNA, fingerprints or any visual footage whilst Stop/Search is against your civil and human rights.

Also the use of the phrase 'Over zealous policing' is a way to excuse the intimidation, the abuse, the violence, the threat of an arrest/incarceration and the de-humanisation of black men. Again this has been going on for 40 plus years- Same old racist conversation, always wanting to blame the black man.

Psychological damage to the self esteem of the black community constantly being identified as gang members, gun crimes, drug dealers etc and living under Nottingham's reich of 'suspicion'. In a public meeting held September 2012 at the Irish Centre attendees talked about the psychological damage to the black community due to Stop/Search policing tactics. Black men in their late 40s stated that they are afraid to support their women and their children for fear of reprisals from the police.

Since making a complaint in 2008, this family has practised non-violent resistance and non-violent protest. They have only ever been met with racial terrorism, violence, propaganda, lies & police corruption. To destroy evidence of an on-going case is a Criminal Offence!

Can we accept this for ourselves and community?

Attack on G4S van reported on the internet

It was reported on indymedia that on January the 11th two G4S vehicles had their tires slashed, paint stripped and windows smashed.

The claim for the action stated "We did this as signal of solidarity to our friends in Nottingham HMP"

Those who did this stated that "G4S are a global corporation which profits from the torture and caging of the working class throughout the world. They imprison and torture in order to maintain the capitalist order of things, and in our view should be attacked at every opportunity. The men and women murdered by G4S and the industrial prison complex it is inseparable from increases every day. The numbers whose lives are ripped apart by G4S every hour. Our hatred for G4S and our love for our brothers and sisters increases every second. Our gesture on Tuesday night was small, but it was repeatable, and we will repeat it and others like it."

This is not the first attack on a G4S vehicle we at Forest Fields Fire have read about over the last 6 months, a number of such things have been reported to have happened in Nottingham. Check out the nottingham indymedia website for more details.

Kids Street Play

Its been going on throughout the winter on cedar road. Adults and kids are welcome to join in the fun as we continue throughout January and February. Every Saturday at 11am.

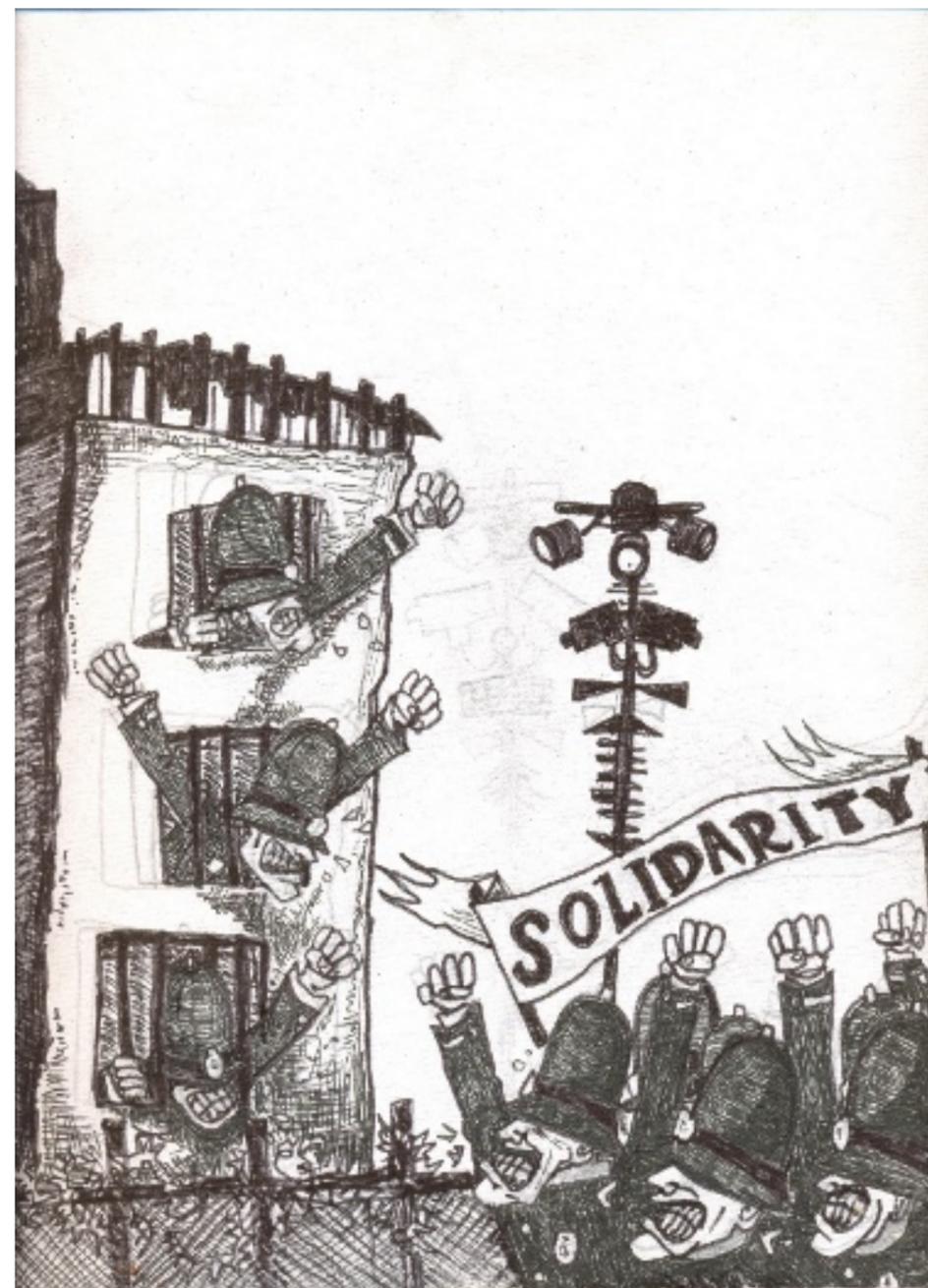
NG7 Food Bank

The Food bank has continued at the Sumac centre, remember this a community response to a community problem. People are going hungry in our neighbourhood due to the policies of the government and the actions of the richest coporations. If you want to donate some tins of food then drop them off to Park House, 20 Bentinck Road, Nottingham NG7 4AD

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Cops protest at number of cops in prison!



The Forest Fields Fire recieved a document listing over 200 hundred cops who have been sent to prison in the last couple of years. Most of them for abusing their powers as cops. This does not suprise us at all, to want to become a cop, and to stay a cop you need to be keen to bully and abuse women, young people and any minority group.

Some of the worst from Nottingham include: Robert Kirk 23rd October misconduct jailed for 18 months. PC Simon Jones 10th August 2012 Having sex with vulnerable women Jailed fortwo years. Inspector Russell Drew 21st November 2011 Sex with 13 year old girl jailed for six years. Det Sgt Trevor Gray Raping a mother in her own home jailed for eight years. PC Tim Allat August 30th 2011 Common Assualt jailed for three months. 4th December 2010 Sgy Andrew Barber Corruption in public office jailed for 12 months. 2nd July PC Darren Lawson indecent assualt on children jailed for six years. These are not bad apples, but cops being cops to the best of their ability.