

PROGRAMME				
Date	Time	Event	Venue	Price
Mon. 5 th Apr.	8pm	Us Now Popular Democracy And The Internet	The Cube	£3/4
Sat. 10 th Apr.	2:00pm	The Chartists And Their Legacy	New Chapel	Don.
Mon. 12 th Apr.	7:30pm	Mills & Bone Subverting Democracy	The Stag & Hounds	Don.
Wed. 14 th Apr.	7:30pm	Thomas Spence The Forgotten Revolutionary	Scout Hut	Don.
Thu. 15 th Apr.	7:30pm	How Protest And Riot Won Working Man The Vote	GW RSA	Don.
Fri. 16 th Apr.	2-4pm	Opening The Archives	Central Ref. Library	Free
Mon. 19 th Apr.	7:00pm	Suffragette!	Hamilton House	Don.
Wed. 21 st Apr.	7:30pm	'Every Cook Can Govern' From Athens To Westminster?	GW RSA	Don.
Fri. 23 rd Apr.	7:30pm	Leon Rosselson And Robb Johnson The Liberty Tree	The Thunderbolt	Don.
Sat. 24 th Apr.	2:00pm	Bristol Radical History Walk	Central Ferry Landing	Don.
Sun. 25 th Apr.	7:00pm	Mock Election Bonfire Night	Boiling Wells	Don.

The Cube - Entrance on Dove St. South, BS2 8NQ. The Cube is a membership cinema and you will have to pay a £1 lifetime membership if it is your first visit.

The New Room (Wesley Chapel) - 36 The Horsefair, BS1 3JE.

The Stag & Hounds - 74 Old Market Street, BS2 0EJ.

The Scout Hut (Benjamin Perry Boat House) - Near the entrance to Redcliffe Caves on the waterfront between Redcliffe Way and The Ostrich pub. Opposite the Severn Shed and The Thekla.

GW RSA - Just after the entrance to the Commonwealth Museum on the left as you walk up to Temple Meads station, BS1 6QQ.

Central Reference Library - College Green, BS1 5TL.

Hamilton House - 80 Stokes Croft, BS1 3QY.

The Thunderbolt - The Olde Turnpike, 124 Bath Road, Totterdown, BS4 3ED.

Central Ferry Landing - Next to the waterfall in-between Anchor Road and Broad Quay.

Boiling Wells Project - St. Werburghs City Farm, Watercress Rd., St. Werburghs, BS2 9YJ. Note that this is beyond the main farm site and past the self-build houses on Mina Road.

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Monday 5th April

Us Now: Popular Democracy And The Internet

The Cube Microplex. 8.00pm. £3/£4 (though no one refused entry due to lack of funds).

Panel: Tom Arclight (Indymedia), Chris Chalkley (PRSC), David Goldblatt, Alice (Trapese Collective), Roy Norris (The Bristolian)

A public debate about the impact the Internet has had on the struggle for popular democracy. Has the web opened up opportunities for new forms of political activity or has it forced us into impotent behaviour, divorced from the real world?

The evening includes a screening of the film *US NOW* that tells of the online networks whose self-organising structures threaten to change the fabric of government forever. In association with Bristol Indy Media.

Saturday 10th April

The Chartists And Their Legacy

The New Room (Wesley Chapel). 2.00pm. Donation. Speakers: Dorothy Thompson, Owen Ashton, Les James

The Chartists' demands for the vote, secret ballots and the end of property qualifications rocked the British establishment to the core. We bring together a panel of renowned historians to discuss the origins, achievements and the significance of the South West's Chartist Movement.

Dorothy Thompson is a world-wide authority on the Chartists. Owen Ashton is Professor of History at Staffordshire University and an expert on Chartism in the West Country. Les James is a community historian whose work celebrates the Newport Chartist Rising.

Monday 12th April

Mills & Bone: Subverting Democracy

The Stag and Hounds. 7.30pm. Donation.

Speakers: Steve Mills, Ian Bone

Steve Mills and Ian Bone relate their experiences of contemporary interventions into the electoral process including 'The Alarm' the Swansea based forerunner of 'The Bristolian', the legendary anarchist tabloid

Class War and the Vote Nobody campaign of 2001. These two renowned local troublemakers will also provide their own searing critique of the upcoming General Election.

Wednesday 14th April

Thomas Spence: The Forgotten Revolutionary

Scout Hut. 7.30pm. Donations.

Speakers: Steve Poole, Keith Armstrong

Thomas Spence was a leading English revolutionary whose tracts were among the most far-reaching radical statements of the late 18th Century. Keith Armstrong of the Thomas Spence Trust considers Spence's ideas and their contemporary relevance.

Steve Poole, UWE lecturer, traces the fate of this alternative current in English radicalism. Spenceans argued that without the common ownership of land the electoral franchise would remain open to manipulation by the economically powerful.



Thursday 15th April

How Protest And Riot Won Working Man The Vote

GW RSA Club, Temple Meads. 7.30pm. Donation.

Speakers: Roger Ball, Dave Cullum

There were three main phases of extension to the male franchise in the 19th Century. The 'Great Reform' of 1832 was preceded by a period of intense unrest in Western Europe. Roger Ball considers the impact these various social and political movements had upon the British ruling class and the first extension of the franchise. Dave Cullum analyses the popular pressure which led to the later Reform Acts of 1867 and 1884.

Friday 16th April

Opening The Archives

Bristol Room, Central Reference Library, College Green. 2.00-4.00pm. Free.

Your chance to view primary source material related to the struggle for democracy in the Bristol Room of the Central Reference Library. Hosted by the knowledgeable and helpful archivists Dawn Dyer and Jane Bradley.



Monday 19th April

Suffragette!

Hamilton House. 7.00pm. Donations.

Speakers: Dawn Dyer, Anny Cullum

They Fought for it, They Starved for it: THE VOTE: Using visual sources Dawn Dyer charts the struggle for Women's Suffrage in Bristol and the South West. Votes for Ladies: *The Suffragette Movement 1903-1914:* An examination of the established view of the struggle for votes for women. Anny Cullum critiques the composition and outlook of this iconic movement from a class perspective.

Wednesday 21st April

'Every Cook Can Govern': From Athens To Westminster?

GW RSA Club, Temple Meads. 7.30pm. Donation.

Speakers: Dan Bennett, Tony Dyer, Dave Cullum

Cheerleaders for parliamentary democracy often hark back semi-legendary 'golden ages' as a foundation of the modern electoral process. Do these myths have any basis in reality and what relevance do they have today? Dan Bennett and Tony Dyer follow an histori-

cal path from ancient Athens via Anglo-Saxon participatory democracy through to the French Revolution. Dave Cullum poses the question, is representative democracy necessary for modern capitalism to exist?

Friday 23rd April

Leon Rosselson And Robb Johnson Present The Liberty Tree - The Life, Times And Writings Of Tom Paine

The Thunderbolt. 7.30pm. £6 adv/ £7.

Legendary protest singer Leon Rosselson celebrates his fiftieth year in music with a special performance with songwriter/activist Robb Johnson. *The Liberty Tree* is an evening of contemporary songs reflecting the revolutionary ideas of Thomas Paine, which had a huge impact on the struggle for modern democracy. Supported by Bristol-based singer/songwriter Eirllys Rihannon. A must-see event for anyone inspired by the power of popular song.

Saturday 24th April

Bristol Radical History Walk

Meet: Next to the waterfall inbetween Anchor Road and Broad Quay. 2.00pm. Duration approx. two hours.

About 1.4 miles of walking that takes in scenes of radical activism in Bristol. Discover why a man on a donkey in Corn Street and a theology geek who stayed at the Seven Stars Pub had such an impact on the world, why a mob burned down Queen Square in 1831 and who ate all the pies in 1832. Join us to find out about Thomas Clarkson, James Nayler, St. Wulfstan, Dorothy Hazard and various Bristol Riots.

Sunday 25th April

Mock Election Bonfire Night

Boiling Wells Site, St Werburghs City Farm, St Werburghs. 7.00pm. Donations.

Come and stick two fingers up at electoral politics in 2010. Discover our dark and funny tradition of mock elections. Write a manifesto, bring and burn an effigy of your most despised public figure. Seditious toasting and acoustic music from The Blue Sequoias, Who's Afear'd and the Surfin' Turnips by the flickering flames of our pyre of politicians.