

We Rise

Hyde Park Book Club, 15 April

12:30 – 2:10 A world in which many worlds fit

BASEMENT

We'll be exploring three big ideas for a world that works for us all, not just the 1%:

The case for open borders. Borders are a form of global apartheid. But can we really imagine a world in which there is free movement for all?

Radical cities - Barcelona and beyond. Across the world, cities are reinventing themselves based on principles of democracy, feminism and shared wealth. What can we learn from these new experiments?

Revolution, Zapatista-style. 24 years ago, Chiapas, Mexico, was liberated by the revolutionary Zapatista movement. What inspiration can we draw from their ongoing struggle?

With Aisha Dodwell (migrant rights campaigner, Global Justice Now) // Bertie Russell (coordinator, Cities of Change) // Tamara Hopewell-Barreda (youth activism coordinator, Global Justice Now)

2:15 – 3:30 Workshops

WORKSHOP ROOM 1 / Migration: fighting the 'hostile environment'

Since 2012 the government has been implementing a cruel new approach towards immigrants that involves denying them their basic needs, such as housing and healthcare. How can we fight back?

With Richard Tavernier (Racial Justice Network)

WORKSHOP ROOM 2 / Taking on big pharma

The pharmaceutical industry is the most profitable industry in the world, with drug companies charging runaway prices for essential medicines. Millions around the world are denied access to the drugs they need – including here in the UK. How can we challenge the power of big pharma?

3:30 – 4:00 BREAK

4:00 – 5:10 Activist skillshare

BASEMENT / The power of ideas – creating your own political education

To create a different world, we need to create forms of education for ourselves that challenges dominant ideas and enables us to see the world in new ways. Join Isaac Rose (Greater Manchester Housing Action and Salford Community Theatre) for an exploration of how to create empowering political education.

WORKSHOP ROOM 1 / Direct action training

Direct action is a vital tool for challenging power - whether through blockades, occupations or other tactics. Join Maia Kelly and Coralie Datta of Reclaim the Power for a lively workshop on how to organise exciting, powerful direct action yourself.

WORKSHOP ROOM 2 / Campaign strategy

To build a powerful campaign over time, we need strategies and plans. Building on the previous session on big pharma, use our toolkit to plan a successful campaign against big pharma at a university campus.

**N.B this is not just for students! It's about campaign skills you can use in other contexts*

5:10 – 6:00 What next? + Live performance

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A closing discussion on next steps for global justice activism and ways to get more involved. Followed by a live performance - spoken word from AKT III and sounds by Giorgos Kravvaritis

Stick around for music and drinks at the end of the event!

