



Newsletter : March 2013

Welcome to the latest from www.alt-sheff.org "The guide to Sheffield's radical, alternative and ethical business and groups". Special welcome to people who have recently subscribed.

Sheffield has become very radical!

Not surprising, in view of the government's "austerity" programme. As well as protests, there is a lot of intelligent discussion about inequality and the financial system, and activism happening on cycling, feminism, gender, sexuality, peace, the environment and climate change, animal rights and far more. It's only thanks to pressure from people that things change, and Alt-Sheff will continue to encourage and publicise activism around the city.



Budget day lobby picture from Sheffield Anti-Cuts Campaign on Facebook

Alt-Sheff progress

This is the first newsletter since last summer, but that doesn't mean we've been inactive. We've consistently kept the website updated for over the last year. And we've had some nice feedback from various people and organisations. Also **Now Then** magazine continues to feature a monthly Alt-Sheff column called LocalCheck. Current and back issues are available to read at www.nowthenmagazine.com



Fact Totem on Devonshire Green picture from www.facttotem.com

Various plans are under discussion, including a possible benefit gig to fund-raise. As you probably know, Alt-Sheff is run by volunteers, so the only costs are website hosting and publicity. We've spend little or nothing on this, but had some great help in being allowed to display Alt-Sheff posters at a cut-price rate on the **Fact Totem**. This is the new, big round billboard display for Sheffield small businesses/organisations. The first one is on Devonshire Green as a trial run, and there should be more to come, see www.facttotem.com

Alt-Sheff is now recruiting help with inputting events. If you may be interested, and can spare a couple of hours a week, please get in touch to find out about the role.

Ding-Dong! The Glitch Is Dead!

There have been a number of technical improvements behind the scenes so the website's running really well. Had problems trying to submit an event for listing? That glitch is fixed! Please feel free to list suitable events, by clicking "Submit event" - top left of the homepage.

Out of touch with what's going on?

Here's a sample of things happening in March 2013, in addition to various groups' regular meetings. See our "Events" listing for full and daily updated details of these and far more.

Seminar: Challenging Racist Myths about Grooming Mon 4th March
Amnesty International charity pub quiz Mon 4th March
Talk: "Breaking Their Will .. Religious Child Maltreatment" Tue 5th March
Film: "How Long is Indefinite?" Tue 5th March
Performance: "Asylum Monologues" Wed 6th March
Gig: Global Grooves II Thu 7th March
Film "Climate Refugees" Tue 7th March
Talk: "Crossing Borders and Health" Fri 8th March
Lecture: "Global migrants, local cultures" Fri 8th March
Sleep-out in aid of ASSIST Sat 9th March
Course: Frame Basketmaking Sun 10th March
Pedal Ready Women-only Bike Ride Sun 10th March
Film: "They Go To Die" Mon 11th March
Nicaragua and Sheffield: A Latin American Perspective Tue 12th March
City of Sanctuary Sheffield Refresher Conference Thu 14th March
Talk: "Fixing our Broken Economy" Thu 14th March
Feminist Friday Fri 15th March
Sheffield Friday Night Ride: "Edgelands and Ghost Streets" Fri 15th March
Gig: Ki Himayat (Bluebell Wood fundraiser) Fri 15th March
Course: Walking Stick Making Sat 16th March
Sheffield Zine Fest Sat 16th March
An Evening With Estelí Sat 16th March
Conference: "Unite the Resistance-The Fight Against Austerity" Sat 16th March
Workshops: Fruit tree grafting Sat 16 & Sun 17th March
Course: Intro to Basic Greenwood Craft Wed 20th March
Pecha Kucha: "TOWiE - The Only Way is Ethics" Thu 21st March
Farm Kitchen Gourmet Evening Fri 22nd March
Introduction to Veganism: "Sheffield Vegan Approach" Sat 23rd March-20 Apr
Dinner: Fundraiser for ASSIST Sat 23rd March
Talk: "The Limitations of Psychiatric Diagnosis" Mon 25th March
"Positive Money" meeting Mon 25th March
"Peace in the Park" open meeting Wed 27th March
"Critical Mass" Fri 29th March

That's all for now

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