



## LIBERATION NOT STARVATION

We were inspired last month when London Makhnovists squatted the mansion of a Russian oligarch. One of their messages for Putin and his friends was, "You occupy Ukraine, we occupy you." The plan was to make the building a home for refugees from all over the world. Unfortunately, the Metropolitan Police evicted the protest from the privately owned house worth millions of pounds. The Met on the wrong side of history as usual!

London Makhnovists are named after the Ukrainian anarchist revolutionary Nestor Makhno. They are planning a summer of action so keep an eye out.



All the state wants to provide is police to abuse and arrest us and strip search our children. Everything that we actually need, they take away. The media says we're having a 'cost of living crisis'. What we're actually having is a greed crisis. The rich are hoarding all the things we need - even houses! The energy companies are making billions in profit but doubling our bills because they can and their friends in the government won't stop them.

They tell us to get jobs but there aren't jobs that pay enough to live on or that have secure contracts. Again, this is a choice by greedy employers and bad bosses.

If we go out on the streets, the Government wants to be able to arrest us for protesting!

All we have is each other, so come down to The Field on Thursday afternoons for a free cuppa and a chat, or stop by Peckham Library 2-3.30 Tuesdays or Deptford Square 3-4.30 Thursdays. We also do gardening at the Field most Sunday afternoons. It'll be great to meet you!

### FUNDING NEWS

In March we got awarded £304 from the *Help Brighten a Million Christmases 2021* campaign after someone at Sainsburys nominated us. This will keep us going for 2 weeks and is much appreciated! If you want to fundraise for us - see below.

### GET INVOLVED

Everyone at Pie N Mash is a member of the community and shares their time freely. The more people involved the more we can achieve.

To learn more or get involved, fill in the application form on our website, or contact us.

### DONATE

We always welcome financial support - we'll take cash or you can donate via our website or this QR code:





## CONGRATULATIONS TO SHERMAN!

Pie N Mash member Sherman has been nominated for an award for her volunteering in Lewisham including her fabulous contributions to PnM! Well done Sherman!



## SPRING SALADS

We are lucky to be based at The Field social centre which has a terrific garden. On Sunday afternoons we've been planting, making compost and learning how to grow food. You can now get salad from us for a donation or free. And all are welcome to join the gardening crew on Sundays.



## THE FIELD BOOK CLUB

All are welcome to The Field on Thursday 21 April. From 6pm there will be a community meal and from 7pm we'll be discussing *We Are 'Nature' Defending Itself - Entangling Art, Activism and Autonomous Zones* by Isabelle Fremeaux and Jay Jordan. Resources can be found at: <https://piemash.org.uk/the-field-book-club>



## BENEFIT GIG 30 APRIL

Come listen to music and hang out at Avalon Cafe, Surrey Canal Road on Saturday 30 April 8pm to 2am. Music from Small Car NRG x YCO including recent hyperdub signing Aya. The gig is a benefit for Pie N Mash and The Field.



## HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

The Household Support Fund helps people on low incomes with food, utility bills, and water rates. You can get a voucher from the Council for this if you are:

- Families with children receiving free school meals;
- Families with children not receiving free school meals but receiving housing and/or council tax benefit;
- Single people/couples without children receiving housing and/or council tax benefit.
- Care leavers and special guardian carers.
- People who would be made homeless by rent arrears

Contact [CWGS@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:CWGS@lewisham.gov.uk) or **020 8314 3111**

## ABOUT US

Pie N Mash began as a squatted cafe in Deptford and has branched out to become a neighbourhood-wide organisation that has provided food for many across south-east London through the Covid crisis. We run food distribution stalls in both Peckham and Deptford each week, as well as providing a delivery and collection service from our base at The Field for those struggling to make ends meet. We also host reading groups, gardening days, and exciting community events.

## ABOUT MUTUAL AID

Mutual Aid is the idea that, in a world of competition, co-operation is the key to our survival. Instead of relying on charity, we are people from our local neighbourhood coming together to meet our immediate needs in a non-hierarchical and directly-democratic way. We do so to build relationships that allow us to explore and challenge the structures that oppress us, and build and create toward better futures for everyone.



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