

Manchester Anarchist News



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PISS OFF, TONY! AND TAKE YOUR MATES WITH YOU!



Manchester welcomes the Labour Party for their Party Conference. Apparently, "conference" means to "come together to consult". "Consult" used to mean "to ask for somebody's advice". Going by what is happening inside GMEX, it's changed its meaning considerably.

What is happening inside the Labour Party conference has got nothing to do with consultation; nothing to do with asking for advice; nothing to do with democracy. Inside the four walls of GMEX, heavily protected by their forces of law and disorder, the Labour Bosses are en-

gaged in a piece of Showcase Theatre whilst the delegates are either busy backslapping or busy trying to turn back history to a time which never existed.

Disagreement is not permitted within "New" Labour. Don't like the policies? Then piss off. They take the same attitude to us. "Don't like the idea of killing people for no good reason? Piss off. Don't like the idea of having to pay thousands of pounds to get a qualification that will put you on the dole anyway? Then piss off. Don't like the idea that your local school will soon refuse to take your children because they don't fit the school image? Piss off. What about the idea that people are entitled to a decent pension? Piss off. OK, surely the idea that hospitals shouldn't be competing with each other to become "Foundation Hospitals"? Piss off. It's enough to make you see red (about the closest the Labour Party has ever come to that particular colour!).

What's worse is that the Labour Party have completely hoodwinked huge sections of the public. "Oooh, they're better than the Tories! Look at that Maggie Thatcher! She privatised the NHS, introduced student loans, took us to war in the Falklands for no good reason (other than to get re-elected), smashed the unions, screwed the pensioners, whacked us with the poll tax and had us all queuing up to sign on." To which we say, Foundation Hospitals, Student Fees, War Against the Iraqi People, treatment of the Firefighters, refusal to guarantee the rights of people to a decent pension, Council Tax and the fact that more people than ever are on temporary contracts which offer no real rights to them. Tory / Tony. It's all the same.

So, what's the alternative? Conservative? LibDems? Nazis? Arthur Scargill's bunch? Only if you want to waste your time and effort. None of that sorry lot are going to get anywhere and, even if they did, there wouldn't do things at all differently anyway. Politicians do what they are told or at least what is good for their friends in business.

We think that anarchism is the only way out of this mess. So, what is anarchism? It's the belief that we would be a damn sight better off if we took control over our own lives. Instead of giving all the power to the likes of Blair, Blunkett and Brown, anarchism means that we don't let anybody push us around. Instead of the decisions being made by people who are a million miles away from where we are, we make all the decisions ourselves. Anarchism is all about doing, rather than talking. And we can start by doing *now*.

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Young Anarchy

Oh great, Labour are coming to town! And what have they done for us? Jack shit. That's what. They've started "a war". More like a massacre. And they haven't done anything to do with any "Weapons of Mass Destruction". More like "distraction" from what really matters. Us. They just lick the US's arse. I knew there was a reason there was shit coming out of their mouths!

It's as if Blair has been distracted from back home. I've seen no changes. Have you? Didn't think so. No skate parks, no place to hang. It's shit. And we're the next generation.

And with students money, the wankers. Don't they care that we're gonna be broke in a couple of years. If they can afford to have a war, surely they can afford to pay the wages instead of scraping it out of us. I'm sure Mr. Blair has enough dough in his wallet to pay for them. it out of us.

And don't think the Liberal Democrats, Conservatives, BNP etc will be any better. They are all the same!



Does the Labour Party do it for you?

Follow this simple questionnaire and see where you fit into the world picture.

1. Are you happy with your life?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Only when I'm out of my head.
2. Do you argue with your boss?
 - a. No, I'm too busy sucking up to him.
 - b. Sometimes
 - c. Yes
3. Are you happy with the state of the world?
 - a. Yes, I have everything I want so everyone else can f**k off.
 - b. No but I've joined the SWP
 - c. I want a world with plenty, peace, creativity, harmony and healthy lives.
5. Do you have enough free time to do the things you want?
 - a. Got the money but not the time
 - b. Got the time but not the money
 - c. The things I want are illegal
6. What do you think about the Royals?
 - a. They promote the country well to tourists
 - b. Their screwing antics give us all a good laugh
 - c. They are a waste of space and should be treated the same way as other rich bastards.
7. What would you do about religious leaders?
 - a. Follow them blindly

- b. Put them on a desert island and let God sort them out.
- c. Put them up against the wall when we make the revolution
8. What should we do with top civil servants, police, bankers and company directors?
 - a. Give them a pay rise and a knighthood
 - b. Treat them as human beings
 - c. Treat as human beings those still alive after the revolution
9. Do you think, given the chance, you could run your own life?
 - a. No, I rely on Tesco
 - b. Yes, as long as my mobile phone lets me.
 - c. I've been practising in secret for years
10. Do you think, if given the chance, you could run the world any better?
 - a. I've joined the Labour Party so Tony does it for me.
 - b. I've joined the SWP so the Central committee do it for me
 - c. I'm a DIY anarchist I do it for myself.

SO HOW DID YOU SCORE?

All answers a
Get a life

Half a and half b
There's a little hope for you

Half b and half c
*Try telling your boss/old-fashioned parents to piss off.
You never know what might happen*

All answers c
You are a budding rebel, pissed off with life and politics. Contact Manchester Anarchist Federation immediately at:

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Join the A Team (continued)

Anarchism in this society means building up networks; offering support to our workmates, our neighbours, our class. It means standing together when the bailiffs come; it means resisting the fascists; it means fighting against the political parasites; it means rejecting the police and all other forces of repression; it means standing shoulder to shoulder with the workers of the world and understanding that nationality, skin colour, sex, sexual preference, religion etc are all smokescreens. Black, white, Somali, Scot, gay, hetero, Muslim or Mormon, it doesn't really matter – we all get shafted by the likes of the self-serving politicians and their friends in business.

To make anarchism work, people need to get involved. You can't expect anybody else to free you from the chains of debt or to fight your battles. You can only ask that when you start to fight back, somebody will be there to back you up. That's what anarchism is all about. Compare it to Blair's alternative: he'll pick the fight and then send us off to fight and die. Need back up? You know the answer to that one...PISS OFF!



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