

RADICAL IMAGINATION PROJECT

A year long process of workshops, events meetings culminating in a two day power event informed by:

There is an alternative out there. An alternative to lots of things. Alternative ideas to the present systems and attitudes to economics, parliamentary politics, value systems, education, governance, health, history, philosophy, art, ecology and a whole lot of other things.

But. These alternatives are invisible to most people.

We continually talk about building from the grassroots, from the ground up, organising in the community, building solidarity, but most of the time ignore these things in practice.

Strategies for change don't last, unless those they will affect most are included in forming the questions that shape them. They can not be helicoptered in, no matter who presents them. If they are to last, they need to be created by the deep base building work needing done right at the heart of the community.

The elephant in the room, would seem to be the lack of political connection with the very people that need to be connected if we are to implement institutional change. If we can not engage with the many who are disengaged in the building of alternative power, why should we expect to succeed?

Whether we agree or not. Is it not at least time for reflection. Time to look at vision, of who we are and want to be. Not just as a protest movement, a hackneyed version of a political party, advocates of endless process, social network activists, but as human beings.

Basically, asking. What are the principals that guide our activities? Why are we so busy, when many are redundant? Who's boot is on the accelerator deciding how fast we need to go? How do we energise our communities from a prolonged period of instability and fear to a politics of courage.

How do we make the alternative visible and in a form that is useful to ordinary people? And ultimately to ask the question. Why do we find it so difficult to do it together?

The Radical Imagination Power Event. A year long process of workshops, meetings, events. Hopefully they should be as much about looking at ourselves, as examining that which is in conflict with our interests. Looking at ourselves in the context of our place in the movement and what that movement should represent, collectively. The workshops over the year will inform what we tackle at the main two day power event.

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Peace, if you are willing to work for it.

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