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You can add some HTML to your site that means that articles published on Anarkismo.net will appear on your site as soon as they are published. This feed can be for all articles on Anarkismo.net or you can restrict it to a particular language and/or topics and/or regions. It is very simple - see the Syndication link for details on how to do this.

***Other ways you can help us at this stage include:***

Comment on articles. We want this site to be dominated by serious discussion and debate of anarchist communist ideas so we need you all to help generate such discussion. Make sure someone in your organisation is delegated to submit articles it publishes to the site. The editorial collective will seek out articles as well but maintaining the site will be a lot easier if organisations submit their own material to it. If you delegate someone to do this (the same person could be an editor) we will give them a password so that they can publish in html and approve the articles themselves.

The site is multi-lingual and we hope this will encourage people to translate articles on it from one language to another. You can help out if you understand more than one language by translating an article on the site in one language and then publishing it on the site in another. This will greatly improve the flow of information between groups around the world. If you are going to translate an article just leave a comment under it saying you are doing so to avoid the work being duplicated.

Anyway this is a quick introduction to the site. Feel free to ask questions and we will try and answer them or suggest improvements. Most improvements will not be things we can implement straight away but over time they will be implemented. And above all else start using the site, submit articles, make comments. And we also hope you will comment on the site to let us know how you think it can be improved.

**The Anarkismo.net Editorial Collective****A GUIDE TO*****About Anarkismo.net******WHO WE ARE AND WHY WE DO IT***

Anarkismo.net is the product of international co-operation between anarchist groups and individuals who agree with our editorial statement (see below). It is intended to further communication, discussion and debate within the global anarchist movement.

Our intention is to build this site into a resource that is truly global and multilingual. We intend to work closely with the anarchist movements that exist. All of the editors are either members of anarchist organisations or part of collectives that are seeking to form organisations.

***Editorial statement***

We identify ourselves as anarchists and with the "platformist", anarchist-communist or especificista tradition of anarchism. We broadly identify with the theoretical



base of this tradition and the organisational practice it argues for, but not necessarily everything else it has done or said, so it is a starting point for our politics and not an end point.

The core ideas of this tradition that we identify with are the need for anarchist political organisations that seek to develop:

- ★ Theoretical Unity
- ★ Tactical Unity
- ★ Collective Action and Discipline
- ★ Federalism

Anarchism will be created by the class struggle between the vast majority of society (the working class) and the tiny minority that currently rule. A successful revolution will require that anarchist ideas become the leading ideas within the working class. This will not happen spontaneously. Our role is to make anarchist ideas the leading ideas or, as it is sometimes expressed, to become a "leadership of ideas".

A major focus of our activity is our work within the economic organizations of the working class (labour organizations, trade unions, syndicates) where this is a possibility. We therefore reject views that dismiss activity in the unions because as members of the working class it is only natural that we should also be members of these mass organizations. Within them we fight for the democratic structures typical of anarcho-syndicalist unions like the 1930's CNT. However, the unions no matter how revolutionary cannot replace the need for anarchist political organisation(s).

We also see it as vital to work in struggles that happen outside the unions and the workplace. These include struggles against particular oppressions, imperialism and indeed the struggles of the working class for a decent place and environment in which to live. Our general approach to these, like our approach to the unions, is to involve ourselves with mass movements and within these movements, in order to promote anarchist methods of organisation involving direct democracy and direct action.

We actively oppose all manifestations of prejudice within the workers' movement and society in general and we work alongside those struggling against racism, sexism, [religious] sectarianism and homophobia as a priority. We see the success of a revolution and the successful elimination of these oppressions after the revolution being determined by the building of such struggles in the pre-revolutionary period. The methods of struggle that we promote are a preparation for the running of society along anarchist and communist lines after the revolution.

We oppose imperialism but put forward anarchism as an alternative goal to



think it is important that people see an article, you can post a summary and link to it either as 'Other Libertarian Press' or 'Non-Anarchist Press'.

This brings us rather neatly onto how you submit an article. Basically the site is for articles written by anarchist communists - both individuals and groups - where those articles are compatible with our Editorial statement. We want news of local struggles, analysis of these struggles, historical articles, theoretical articles, reviews, interviews etc. We plan to republish everything that is published in print by anarchist communist organisations who agree with our guidelines but to make the site really successful we also need lots and lots of additional writing both by members of those groups and by individuals who are not yet in groups.

Submitting a story is easy; you just click on the Submit Article link and follow the instructions. If this is an article that you have written for the site it's a good idea to put 'Written for Anarkismo.net' at the bottom of the article so we realise this. Once you have submitted a story, an editor will look at it and if it is suitable publish it on the site. In most cases this should be less than an hour or two after it is submitted but be patient as some times there may be no editors online who understand the language your article is written in.

We want to build up a large group of writers each of whom will commit to writing at least one article a month for us. If you're willing to do this then contact us.

***Tell others about the site***

Anarkismo.net should become a showcase for the anarchist movement as well as a vital source of news and information for anarchists. So tell your friends about the site. In time we will add PDF files of posters, flyers and stickers, which advertise the site that you can distribute locally.

Something very simple you can do now is to put the URL of the site <http://www.anarkismo.net> into your email sig file so that all future emails you send will also be telling people about Anarkismo.net.

***Link to the site***

If you or your organisation has a webpage then put a link to Anarkismo.net on that webpage. You don't have to link to the front page, you can also link to a specific topic index or region or language. Or even a combination of all three. A link to <http://www.anarkismo.net/gender/italyswitzerland/it> for instance will bring people to the index that shows articles in Italian, on Gender that are relevant to Italy or Switzerland. A link to <http://www.anarkismo.net/religion> on the other hand will show all articles on religion no matter where they are from or what language they are in.



decide to featurise an article and every couple of days we will probably add one or two new features to the top of that column.

Events get special treatment as they not only have their own listing sorted by time but those events which are happening in the near future are listed in the left hand column of almost every page on Anarkismo.net. However they do not appear in the newswire.

The bulk of articles we publish will be in agreement with our Editorial guidelines. In addition to this we will publish some debate pieces. But we know that there will also be many other articles in both the mainstream press and other libertarian press that you may want to draw people's attention to. There are two categories we have created for these sort of articles where you can publish short summaries and links to articles.

One is called 'non-anarchist press' and is for mainstream and general left articles. The other is called 'Other libertarian press' and is for libertarian articles from outside the anarchist-communist perspective. Note we use the word libertarian in its original and current European meaning - not in the rather odd right wing use of the term found in the USA. Articles published in these categories do not appear in the newswire but do appear in menus of their own on the front and some other pages.

## *How you can help us*

### ***Join in the discussion***

First and foremost you can help by joining in the discussion on Anarkismo.net and contributing in a friendly, concrete and useful manner. As we want useful discussion on the site we will be deleting trolls. If you're unsure about your comment check our Editorial guidelines first.

### ***Contribute articles***

We want lots of new articles, in particular reports of events, written by anarchists for this site. Articles from anarchists that are compatible with our Editorial statement will be published. We are not really interested in articles that are 'cut and paste' from other sites unless they are from anarchist communist organisations. However if you



nationalism. We defend grassroots anti-imperialist movements while arguing for an anarchist rather than nationalist strategy.

We recognise a need for anarchist organisations who agree with these principles to federate on an international basis. However, we believe the degree of federation possible and the amount of effort put into it must be determined by success at building national or regional organisations capable of making such international work a reality, rather than a matter of slogans.

## *The Goals of this Site*

### ***WHY WE RUN THIS SITE***

Anarkismo.net is an international anarchist-communist news service. These are our aims for this project.

#### ***The purpose of the site is to:***

1. Collect and distribute the news and analysis produced by anarchist groups and individuals all over the world who are influenced by the "platformist", anarchist-communist or especificista tradition of anarchism.
2. Facilitate fraternal debate and discussion between anarchists of this tradition.
3. Provide a space where other anarchists, socialists and anybody else can learn about the activities and views of this anarchist tradition and engage in constructive dialogue with them.

#### ***Why we think this is important:***

Capitalism is today, more than ever, organised as a global system. Anarchism too needs to be global. The Internet can be a powerful tool to help us organise globally. Although, this is a small step, we believe that an international anarchist-communist news site can play an important part in this task, by:

1. Improving communication between "platformist" organizations and individuals, which is a vital step on the road to achieving greater unity on an international level.
2. Winning people to anarchism, in particular in areas of the world where the move-



ment is weak or non-existent

3. Convincing people who desire social change that the sort of approach outlined in the 'Anarchist Platform' is the best one.

4. Aiding the formation of new anarchist-communist groups and collectives and encouraging people to join the existing ones."

## *A Quick Guide to Anarkismo.net and how you can help this Site*

The site comes about through the extended collaboration of anarchist communists in Europe, North and South America, Africa and Australia. We are only getting going and still have a lot to sort out so please feel free to make suggestions.

### **Current limitations**

As you will probably have already noticed, the articles on the site are in a number of languages but the interface is in English. This is a limitation of the current software but one we hope to overcome in the near future. Right now the process for putting up articles that are not in standard roman script is also complex - another software limitation we want to overcome in the future.

Anarkismo.net has been in development amongst a small group of mostly European anarchists for a number of months. While we hope you will find what exists useful we are also very aware of the limitations and hope you will recognise that we intend to develop the site from what now exists. This is not a final form. So please do suggest improvements.

The site will basically carry news and analysis from the anarchist-communist movement and discussion of that news and analysis. It will be every couple of hours and indeed the discussion can develop minute by minute. So we would like you to bookmark our front page or even better set it as your start up page.

### **Selecting a language**

If English is not your first language you might prefer to bookmark a page that just shows articles in your language. This is very easy. On the front page



<http://www.anarkismo.net/> on the right just below the top bar you will find three pull down menus. If you click on the one that currently says 'All Languages' and select 'Italiano' from the list that pops down, the front page will change to show you only the articles in Italian that are on the site. You can bookmark the new URL (in this case <http://www.anarkismo.net/index.php?topic=&region=&language=it> ) and this will always show you only the Italian articles. If you want to link to this index or email the link to it you can shorten it to the simpler <http://www.anarkismo.net/it>

Right now the range of other languages available is limited. But as articles in other languages are added to the site and as we gain editors who can understand these languages then more will be added to it. If you want to publish an article in a language other than those listed you can do so - for now just select other as the language.

### **Selecting a region or topic**

The pull down bars with which you can select languages also provide quick ways to select articles on the site by region or by topic. Selecting 'religion' from the bar that says All Topics will show you all the articles on religion on the site. Or selecting 'Italy/Switzerland' from the list will show you articles on or from Italy or Switzerland. You can combine these searches to show just articles on 'Religion' in 'Italian' from 'Italy or Switzerland'. As the site is only starting up most such triple combinations will return no results for now.

All of the items in these menus will have over time according to what articles come onto the site and the needs of the anarchist communist movement in the regions listed. Right now for instance the 'regions' reflect the fact that most of the editors are in Europe (not all, some are African and South American). More logical ways of grouping countries may become apparent as people from those countries get involved.

### **Article types**

Articles posted to the site are also separated into a number of different types. The type is first selected by the original poster and while some choices have only minor effects others change where the article will be listed on the site.

Most of these selections result in the article appearing in the newswire that is found in the right hand column of most pages. Articles are listed here in the order they were first published.

The centre column of the front page contains articles that the editorial collective has decided to draw attention to by turning into a feature. Only the editors can