

GET INVOLVED!

We can't list all the active groups in Haringey - here are some we think are doing good stuff or need support.

Haringey Housing Action Group is a self-help group who meet three times a month and support each other with housing problems and take action for better housing in Haringey. haringeyhousingaction.org.uk

Haringey Independent Cinema show monthly films that are sometimes challenging, always thought provoking and usually rarely shown. haringey.org.uk/hic

Haringey Friends of Parks Forum is a network of 40 local Friends groups who are protecting and improving our parks and open spaces. haringeyfriendsofparks.org.uk

Haringey Federation of Residents Associations connects about 180 residents' associations in Haringey who are improving their local areas. haringeyresidents.org

Haringey Justice for Palestinians is a broad based movement campaigning to end the illegal occupation of Palestinian land. hjfp.org.uk

Radical History Network is a Haringey based group which holds open meetings on issues still relevant today, celebrating the history of struggles and learning from the past. radicalhistorynetwork.blogspot.co.uk

Wards Corner Community Coalition has so far prevented demolition of the multi-cultural market area in Seven Sisters and has a viable alternative plan. wardscornercommunity.org.uk

Haringey Solidarity Group Workfare Campaign organise local actions against companies using forced unpaid labour, and support the national Boycott Workfare campaign. haringey.org.uk

Haringey Private Tenants Action Group meets regularly for individuals to give and receive support on housing problems and campaign for better housing. haringeyprivatetenants.org.uk

Tottenham Rights aims to challenge racism, fight oppression and build community through holding public events and campaigning for

greater public inclusion and accountability. tottenhamrights.org.uk

Our Tottenham is a network of local community groups standing up for the interests of people in Tottenham, especially concerned with 'regeneration' issues. ourtottenham.org.uk

Haringey Needs St. Ann's Hospital is a campaign to save Haringey's last hospital and its site - again under threat from developers and NHS sell-off. facebook.com/HaringeyNeedsStAnnsHospital

Defend Haringey's Health Services Coalition is an alliance of local groups and individuals campaigning against cuts and privatisation of our healthcare services. defendharingeyhealthservices.org.uk

Defend the Whittington Hospital Coalition was set up to oppose proposals to close the A & E Department and to stop the closure, privatisation and run-down of NHS services. dwhc.org.uk

Haringey Defend Council Housing is a part of a national campaign for investment and improvement in council housing, and against rent and service charge rises. defendcouncilhousing.org.uk

Haringey Migrant Support Centre provides a drop-in service for migrants, offering advice and reducing social isolation. haringeymsc.org

Tottenham Chances is a popular venue hosting a wide variety of performing arts and other events. facebook.com/tottenham.chances

North London Community House is a Turkish/Kurdish run community centre near Bruce Grove which supports community projects and local campaign groups. 22 Moorefield Rd, N17 6PY tel: 020 8885 0899

SLR Radio is a live internet and FM radio station; on Tuesdays 10.30pm till late - discussions around politics, local community and health issues presented by Find Your Voice. myspace.com/slrradio

Sustainable Haringey Network links up green groups and projects throughout the borough. sustainable-haringey.wikispaces.com

WHO WE ARE

Formed in 1991 we are a non-hierarchical group, unlike political parties. We believe in organising collectively, fighting back against injustice and getting rid of a system which puts profit before people.

Many of us are also involved in

local residents', community and campaign groups. We support claimants and workers in dispute and campaigns against public service cuts, are active on environmental and housing issues, and resist oppressive policing and state controls.

If you would like to learn more about HSG, then befriend us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter @hsg__, contact us at PO Box 2474, London N8, phone 08452235270 or info@haringey.org.uk or come to our open monthly meetings.

TOTALLY INDYPENDENT

Newsletter of
Haringey Solidarity Group
www.haringey.org.uk

"If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal" - Emma Goldman

VOTE FOR NOBODY

LOCAL COUNCILLOR THINKS ELECTIONS ARE A SCAM

In a recent interview, Haringey Council Member Mr Tyranny Dogeatdog told Totally Independent that elections are a complete con and voting is a trick to make people think they have a say in decision making.

Democracy?

We vote every four years in local elections. So-called "democratically elected" local politicians then decide on everything from selling off council housing and public land to privatising schools and services. Complain, and what do we hear? "Well, that's democracy - you voted for us."

Out of a job

We put it to Councillor Dogeatdog that people would be better off organising themselves. Worriedly, he said "I hope not. If people make decisions collectively about their lives, I can't tell them what to do. Then I can't tax, exploit or manipulate you, and my boss and landlord friends can't make a whacking profit out of you. And I'll be out of a job. Sod that."

Then he said, "If we left it to you lot to run things, the country would be in a right mess". We laughed and said, "What about the banks failing, businesses going to the

wall, thousands of people being laid off work, people having homes reposessed, local services run into the ground.....?" For the first time in our lives, we saw a politician go quiet and blush.

Sobbing like a child

We asked Councillor Dogeatdog what gave him the right to decide things for the people of Haringey. "Er...I was voted in." But we all know very few people trust politicians, hardly anyone votes because they realise politicians don't help us, and even fewer put an "X" next to his name. "I know," he whined, "but I'm milking it while I can". As he ran away we asked him which party he was with. "Why does that matter?" he responded. "We're all the same anyway. All I wanted was the power."

Vote for Nobody

Whoever wins this election, the effects will be the same. All political parties say one thing then do another. Their names may differ, but the rubbish they peddle is much the same. So we have our own candidate - Nobody.

So, in the coming elections vote for Nobody as Nobody will carry out the wishes of local people. Nobody will abolish poverty and hardship and make sure we all have what we need. Nobody believes in you. If Nobody is in power, won't it be better for all of us? By organising together, with Nobody leading us, we can change our world for all of us.

