

## **UK National Squatters Meeting**

Last weekend, around 100 people from around the UK gathered in Leeds for a squat network gathering. Discussions included 'what to do next with the network' and gender issues in the squat scene.

A decision was taken to aim for two squatters gatherings every year, Manchester will host the next. There will be a network newsletter - send news to [325collective@hush.com](mailto:325collective@hush.com) and [squatmeetup@googlemail.com](mailto:squatmeetup@googlemail.com) to join a general email list. The network aims to build support in fighting evictions, coming together for mass action, and sharing skills.

The network will respond to the international callout for 'days of action for squats and autonomous spaces' with local actions. The call out is for the 11th and 12th April and came from squatters who met from 25 different countries across Europe:

**[april2008.squat.net](http://april2008.squat.net)**

Discussion also covered 'drugs in the squat scene' and 'safe spaces for children'. Other topics included lifestyle V's political motive V's necessity, resistance culture, plumbing, breaking out of the scene, blags and scams, health and safety, and skipping.



## **Actions against Israeli Apartheid**

Gaza is under a total siege, imposed by Israel, which has created a humanitarian crisis, destroyed the economy and violates the basic human rights of the Palestinian civilian population, particularly the right to decent living conditions, health and education.

This month saw a week of action against Carmel-Agrexco, the 50% state owned Israeli export company, the largest exporter of fresh produce from illegal settlements in the West Bank. On Valentine's Day pickets and info stalls were held at London's two major flower markets urging people not to buy flowers from apartheid Israel.

In London, 'Architects and Planners for Justice in Palestine' and 'Jews for Boycotting Israeli Goods' picketed Lev Leviev's new store (an international diamond merchant, responsible for developing illegal settlements on Palestinian land in the West Bank) while activists in the US targeted Levievs' New York branch. 180 Palestinian organisations and unions, in response to Israeli onslaught, have called for a campaign of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Apartheid Israel.

Protest on Saturday 23rd February 5pm, opposite Downing Street, Whitehall.

[palestinecampaign.org](http://palestinecampaign.org)

### **Indymedia London welcomes your involvement:**

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