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## ***RampArt Eviction(s) update***

RampART Creative centre is finally facing eviction after almost 4 years of providing a non-commercial venue for a wide range of activities. In December the social centre and the squatted houses in the street were all served with notice of court proceedings. On the 20th, the case was heard and a possession order granted from the 3rd of January and the owners can now get a warrant to enforce the order and book bailiffs for an eviction. However, the occupation has continued and the social centre is open as normal.

When the possession order was granted for the block in Rampart Street a new building was squatted on new years eve as a backup venue. Only a short walk from the RampART, the new building(RampArt2) was also a commercial premises with three floors, but with a basement and a yard. Despite all it's potential, the place was a mess; the owners had completely trashed every floor. Wiring had been cut, light switches smashed, false ceiling and lights pulled down, partition walls torn down or holed, and the only toilets in the building had been smashed to pieces. The owners have full permission to knock down the building and build a six story block of apartments in it's place!

RampART2 enjoyed it's second courtroom reprieve on Monday March 3rd. The first time the claimants failed to turn up at the hearing and Monday they admitted that they had failed to correctly serve notice on the defendants, so it was thrown out of court.

Whether it will be RampArt or RampArt2 which gets evicted first remains a neck and neck race. A new building is being sought. If you have suggestions please contact the collective via [rampart@mutualaid.org](mailto:rampart@mutualaid.org). **rampart.co.nr**

## ***Harmondsworth Four Acquitted***

The four migrants accused of *conspiracy to commit violent disorder* during the Harmondsworth uprising in 2006 were found not guilty. Relying on a clearly insufficiently indoctrinated jury, the attempt to single out and punish a few individuals with violent criminal convictions and long sentences has been thwarted. Of course, all four have already served one year and three months in prison, on top of varying times in immigration detention. Now they will have to resume their struggle against the immigration system, which imprisoned them for seeking refuge in the first place, and will most probably be dispersed around Britain's detention estate until their cases are 'resolved'.

On February 22nd the Support the Harmondsworth Four Campaign held a protest outside Sodexo's London headquarters. There had been a solidarity protest outside the court every Monday.

A demonstration was called for Tuesday 4th March, to be held outside the Court of Appeal(Royal Courts of Justice) as it prepares to hear a case brought by Liberty asking for a judicial review of the government's refusal to hold a public inquiry into the disturbance at Harmondsworth in November 2006.

[noborderslondon.blogspot.com](http://noborderslondon.blogspot.com)

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## ***Police Harass Brixton FoodNotBombs***

South London's very own Food Not Bombs project - the Brixton-based Reclaim Your Food collective - faced their first intervention by the Metropolitan Police on Sunday 17th Feb.

Police demanded names and addresses and suggested that the small stall was, in fact, an obstruction of the highway. When the legitimacy of this application of the Highways Act was challenged, Health and Safety was cited, then they tried Public Order, and the supposed Public Order offence rapidly transformed into an excuse to use Anti-Social Behaviour law, allowing them to place a Dispersion Order on the group. Names and addresses were taken under threat of arrest, and backup called for. The Collective were ordered to disperse and prohibited under threat of arrest to re-enter the Dispersal Zone covering Brixton town centre, for the next 24 hours.

In the short time that Reclaim Your Food have been operating in Brixton (every Sunday from 2pm) they have enjoyed growing support and participation, with people from many different walks of life expressing positive sentiments about the project.

It is hoped that this project will not only continue, but grow in the face of repression by the state. In a society where property is sacred and profit divine, the Police have once again demonstrated whose side they are on.

And Sunday 2nd March there were two arrests as some refused to 'disperse'. One policeman argued that a free food stall would attract drug dealing back to the square, but he insinuated that other activities would not - so a bike workshop was set up on the same spot!

## ***FITwatch Meeting Saturday 8th March***

LSE (Connaught House, Aldwych) Room H103  
Everyone welcome

Fit Watch are a fluid group who have come together to resist and oppose the tactics of the Forward Intelligence Teams (cops who harass protesters). With the aim to act in solidarity with each other, supporting campaigns by being at meetings and protests, making it harder for the police to film and gather intelligence and harder for them to photograph and intimidate us, by getting in the way of their cameras, taking photos of them and publishing as much information as possible about them on a blog:

[fitwatch.blogspot.com](http://fitwatch.blogspot.com)

## ***Occupied London Benefit Gig 10th March***

The Cross Kings (York Way, Kings Cross)

A benefit gig for *Voices of Resistance from Occupied London*, celebrating its first year. With live bands: Crazy Arm, Little Flags, and Clay Pigeon. Copies of *Occupied London* #1 and #2 (and possibly #3) will be available.

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

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