

# SETTING UP LOCAL

## NETWORKS

- RLC London + SE. Set up after (is) RLC 2014
- Use LARC for meetings. Social centre used by other Rad. groups
- Keyholder access to LARC for RLC. RLC SE + LON send a rep to the monthly meetings for the Social centre.
- Gather once a month alternating between weekdays + weekends.
- Meetings are like a mini version of RLC national
- Set agendas at each meeting
- Issues - Is the space as safe as it could be? Trying to deal w/ this by varying who is involved w/ tasks such as chairing etc. Want to avoid having an 'organising/leadership committee'!
- Time consuming aspects: Writing up minutes
- Meetings vary in length. Weekday evening ones tend to be shorter
- Visits from people like library freedom project → meetings longer
- Building use is free, but donations are encouraged for LARC building upkeep.
- Radical Cataloguing Party - RLC SE + LON catalogued LARC library
- London + SE activity feeds into national activities

- RLC LDN + SE can seem bigger + more formal than it actually is through twitter
- Most time consuming aspect was setting up group + arranging to use LARC initially.
- How sustainable is this network? How do we keep getting people involved?
- There has been uptake for new attendees over the last year, e.g. UCL / City Students
- Lots of channels to reach people - not the twitter bubble!
- RLC OXFORD!
  - Feminist library event - RLC reps there, encouraged
  - Oxford Action Res, its location, but currently don't have keyholder status
  - People in Oxford seem to be quite frightened of the 'radical' - it's been hard to set up the group but it has been worthwhile.
  - Attendees are growing.
  - MANAGERIAL SPIES !!!
- Meet every other week. Arrange dates by doodlepoll
- Socials instead of meetings in the formal sense.
- Mailed a flyer to Oxford libst + encourage people to come.
- Safe spaces important - some people will only attend @ARC meetings rather than socials
- Communication is really important
- Background of precarious work environments
- Collective decisions - gather comments rather than give 'official stances'
- ~~At~~ Birmingham - efforts made to start something but no take up. - more informal approach? Socials?
- Other radical events to find other radical people?
- The more local groups, the better the national gathering will be?

- Spaces - Places with no radical spaces/accessibility/ethics - how do you get round this?
- Radical Spaces are often precarious spaces
- Yorkshire Collective rather than Sheffield/Leeds etc?
- Compromises - Accessibility most important, then ethically - commercial spaces need consideration.
- Responsibilities for space can sometimes fall onto the same people for time/personal reasons. This is not always ideal.
- Pre RLC survey - biggest barriers
  - time
  - Venue issues
  - Not feeling confident to take the lead → Start something.
- Identify regional connections in the plenary.