

ANIMAL RIGHTS GATHERING 2010 –ITALY PROGRAM

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| THURSDAY | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| 20.00 | DINNER | | | | | |
| 21.00 | Welcome to the gathering and introduction to the Italian movement | | | | | |
| 21.30 | Short presentation of all countries | | | | | |
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| FRIDAY | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| 8.00 | BREAKFAST | | | | | |
| 9.00 | Morning meeting | | | | | |
| 9.45 | The Revolutionary Implications of the Animal Standpoint | Fighting the vivisection industry: Shac and monkey suppliers campaigns | How to start a group and bring activism into your everyday life | (IT) Introduzione all' ARGathering 2010 | | |
| 11.30 | Repression against the animal rights movement | Basic computer security workshop | Dealing with the emotional impact of seeing animal abuse | (IT) Attivismo: Dall'approccio Iniziale Alle Fasi Organizzative | | Practical climbing workshop (IT+E) |
| 13.00 | LUNCH | | | | | |
| 14.30 | The Importance of Prisoner Support | Identifying farms | Vegan campaigning | General security workshop | Computer design drop-in session | |
| 16.15 | The Animal Liberation movement and direct action in the USA | Investigations and grassroots campaigns | (IT) Open rescue | Civil disobedience | | |
| 18.00 | Communication, Conflict & Critics within the Animal Rights Scene | News on the Austrian Animal Rights trial | Dealing with the media I | Smash your own cages! | Computer security drop-in session | |
| 20.00 | DINNER | | | | | |
| 21.00 | General presentation of recent investigations in different countries | | | | | |
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| SATURDAY | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| 8.00 | BREAKFAST | | | | | |
| 9.00 | Morning meeting | | | | | |
| 9.45 | Panel discussion on investigations | Anti-fur movement and globally coordinated campaigns | Activism for life | (IT) Disobbedienza civile, teoria e pratica | | Practical climbing workshop (IT+E) |
| 11.30 | A personal account on the history of direct action | How to organize an investigation | Dealing with the media II | (IT) La nascita dell'azione diretta e la sua storia in Italia | Computer security drop-in session | |
| 13.00 | LUNCH | | | | | |

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| 14.30 | Preventing and dealing with trauma, physical and mental. | Getting access to farms and slaughterhouses | Aspects of the Australian Animal Rights Movement | Abolition of meat | (IT) Spazio pratico sulla sicurezza informatica | Tree occupations as a way to save forests and halt construction projects |
| 16.15 | Going one step forward | The Fur Farm Intelligence Project | The use of hidden cameras | Not just vegan – resisting vegan consumerism (IT+E) | Computer design drop-in session | |
| | RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES: | <i>Football world cup</i> | <i>Volleyball world cup</i> | <i>Lock-on contest</i> | | |
| 20.30 | DINNER | | | | | |
| 21.30 | The history and the ideas behind Open Rescues, a debate. | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY | | | | | | |
| 8.00 | BREAKFAST | | | | | |
| 9.00 | Morning meeting | | | | | |
| 9.45 | Animal Liberation and Moral Progress: The Struggle for Human Evolution | How to take photos | (IT) investigazioni | Dealing with dogs by knowing their language | Computer security drop-in session | Practical climbing workshop (IT+E) |
| 11.30 | Where are we going and how? Strategies debate part I: | | | | (IT) Spazio pratico sulla sicurezza informatica. | |
| 13.00 | LUNCH | | | | | |
| 14.30 | Where are we going and how? Strategies debate part II: | | | | | |
| 16.45 | The importance of antispeciesist vegan campaigning | Campaigning against repression | Alarms. Recognizing different kinds of alarms and how to avoid them or deal with them | (IT) Azione diretta e movimento di liberazione animale negli Stati Uniti | | Activist Self-Defense |
| 18.30 | What went wrong: tales from the frontlines | How to film | (IT) Combattere la vivisezione: presentazione campagna contro Green Hill | Environmental struggles and repression | Computer design drop-in session | |
| 20.00 | DINNER | | | | | |
| 21.30 | “Skin Trade” European Premiere | | | | | |

*(IT) means the workshop is in italian language

*(IT+E) means the workshop is in italian and english at the same time

WORKSHOPS DESCRIPTIONS:

MENTORING: Design Drop-In

Each day, experienced designers will be available for a couple of hours for anyone with questions about designing campaign materials (leaflets, newsletters, posters, websites, etc), questions about using design software (Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, Flash, Dreamweaver etc), or any other design-related questions. We will also be bringing all the necessary software with us for distribution and installation onto people's computers.

MENTORING: Computer security drop-in

Basic security advice for using PGP, TrueCrypt, and GnuPG. We will be available to show you how to use these programs for email encryption, file encryption, creating encrypted hard drives, shredding files, and encrypting your whole computer. We will be there with all the software ready to install onto people's laptops, or to distribute for people to take home.

MENTORING: Climbing and civil disobedience actions

Each day experienced climbers will teach you how to use ropes and harnesses to go on trees or buildings, how to be secure during banner drops and plan inventive and visible actions. Different methods of civil disobedience actions, like lock-ons, will be ready to use and practice on site. (English and

The Animal Liberation movement and direct action in the USA

Activist and former animal liberation prisoner Peter Young will discuss experiences and lessons from 15 years in the animal liberation movement.

An outspoken supporter of those who work outside the law to achieve animal liberation, Young offers the hows and whys of working underground for animal liberation in the U.S., success and failures of the A.L.F., and his personal experiences moving from mainstream activist, to midnight raids, prison, and beyond.

Young will discuss A.L.F. history, government persecution, defeating fear, activism stories, and direct action strategy, and more.

The Fur Farm Intelligence Project

The Fur Farm Intelligence Project was an attempt to map the entire U.S. fur industry, from farms to research labs. For two months, Peter Young traveled the backroads of the U.S., visiting farms taking notes and compiling the largest

collection of fur industry addresses to date.

Young will discuss the why's and how's of the Fur Farm Intelligence Project, giving useful insight into mapping any animal abuse industry. Discussed will be investigative tactics, anecdotes from the road trip phase, and why the first step

dismantling any animal abuse industry is knowing the addresses that make up its architecture.

The importance of antispeciesist vegan campaigning

Society and the media generally have confused ideas about our movement. In some countries they consider us to be environmentalists, and usually they assume we support reforms of animal treatment (welfarism). Although our campaigning should challenge these positions by stressing the meaning of Animal Rights, it is sometimes difficult to find ways to do effective antispeciesist and vegan campaigning. During the talk we will stress the importance of veganism and show some examples of how to address speciesism and veganism in our work.

Steve Best: The Revolutionary Implications of the Animal Standpoint

Historians and social theorists have looked at human reality from various perspectives, but rarely from the "animal standpoint," which examines social, cultural, and psychological dynamics in terms of how humans relate to other animals. Without this perspective, however, we have little chance of finding the solution to the present social and ecological crisis if we cannot even raise the proper questions.

Steve Best: Animal Liberation and Moral Progress: The Struggle for Human Evolution

We live in dark, disturbing times: we are witnesses to wars, genocide, predatory global capitalism, rampant militarism, unparalleled political repression, a phony war on terrorism that fronts for attacks on dissent, and planetary ecological crisis. This is a difficult moment to be arguing for the notion of progress, and one is tempted to reject it as one

of many legitimating lies of a dominator system. But this would be a mistake, for the concept of progress has subversive potential and critical worth. We can indeed forge a better world than this one, but this new concept of

progress must take a quantum leap beyond humanism to grasp the crucial need for vegan ethics and animal liberation.

Aspects of the Australian Animal Rights Movement - Roy Taylor

The presenter is the Public Officer of Vegetarian Victoria, an executive member of The Coalition for Protection of Racehorses, and a team leader for The Coalition Against Duck Shooting.

This presentation will discuss the most notable animal issues in Australia (Factory farming, Kangaroo culls and Live export). There will then be an overview of the movement in Australia, and will highlight some of the problems experienced by activists working in such a vast country, and current opportunities within the movement.

The second half of the presentation will describe in detail campaigns that have seen significant activity in the past couple of years. Amongst these will be a report on the campaign against steeplechase racing by The Coalition for Protection of Racehorses, and a report on the work of The Coalition against Duck Shooting to stop 'sport' shooting of native waterbirds.

History of direct action

A look back at the use of direct action in the animal liberation movement over the years, starting in the UK with the Hunt Saboteurs in the UK in the 1960's, the beginnings of the ALF in the 1970's, to the massive upsurge in actions in the 1980's and early 90's, and the different groups and tactics which developed. How direct action spread to more and more countries in the late 90's and into the 21st century, to where we are now a growing worldwide movement.

What went wrong – tales from the frontlines

Did you ever hear about people being arrested during liberations, direct actions or demos? What went wrong in those situations is something useful and sometimes funny to know about. This workshop will mix fun and seriousness, history and actuality, inviting everyone to share their stories with the rest of the world. If there is a good thing in your mistakes it's that everybody can learn from them.

The Importance of Prisoner Support

It is vital that we as a movement support those who are arrested, detained and imprisoned as part of the struggle. This workshop looks at the various ways to support the prisoners, keeping them in touch with the outside world, and providing practical and financial support for all their needs throughout their sentence. If you haven't had any prisoners in your country yet, chances are you will in time, so it's important to know how to deal with these problems now.

Going one step forward

In an imaginary country in Europe in the nineties: 10-20 fur farm raids are done every autumn, thousands of mink being released. According to radical zines, there are hundreds of activists ready to fight animal abuse. This is true. The movement talks about independent ALF cells with no communication with each other doing the raids, and if the police arrest one, more will come up. This is a lie. One group did them all.

We do have hundreds of activists who are ready to participate in actions and campaigns, but for some reason find it hard to come up with their own ideas and make them happen. In many groups few individuals end up being the ones who take most of the responsibility, while others more like follow their initiative. This way we lose lots of potential. Also, democracy within the movement suffers from this situation.

This discussion deals with getting forward in activism, becoming someone who can organise things and take initiative.

Skin Trade's European Premiere (with an introduction by Peter Young)

European premiere of a documentary about the Fur Industry directed and produced by Shannon Keith (US animal rights attorney and director of well known 'Behind The Mask'). Hundreds of hours of interviews with insiders, designers and 'celebrities' compiled in a heart punching documentary, to understand what makes this cruel 'fashion' industry still active. This film lends a voice to the the voiceless whose skin is ripped them in the name of fashion.

Where are we going, and how? An open debate on strategies.

An open debate on strategies, campaigning, public awareness, goals of the movement.

A lot of us in the last ten-fifteen years have evolved, have changed their communication methods, have refined strategies and sometimes changed attitude towards the public, the media, working on laws and so on.

It is undeniable that the european grassroots movement had a different attitude and face some years ago and that some activists are still maintaining a grassroot attitude but work on different projects, more national and mainstream.

The idea of this debate is to try and find where are we going, which are our realistic goals to save as many animals as possible, and how we want to get there and which we think is easiest and fastest way to get there.

The debate is divided in two parts:

Strategies debate part I

Activists from Austria, Spain, Italy, UK and Finland, with similar backgrounds but different projects and different methods/strategies, will have 20 minutes each to express their approach on activism, the developments of the campaigns and groups they have been involved in and the results seen with different attitudes and approaches towards the public, the media or companies.

Strategies debate part II:

The same activists will have an open debate involving all the other attending activists with the aim to go back home with refreshed or new ideas and inspiration to evolve as a movement and go in the most successful and satisfying road for all of us.

Fighting the vivisection industry

International launch of a new campaign targeting Mazor Farm in Israel, (which supplies monkeys to vivisection laboratories worldwide, including the UK, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Italy and the USA), and their main supporter, the Israeli airline El Al, (which transports the monkeys from Mazor to the world's vivisection labs). *Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC)* workshop covering the latest news from the campaign to close down Europe's biggest and most exposed animal testing laboratory, Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS). The workshop will cover the latest developments in HLS' ability to stay open, latest financial information, tactical campaign approaches and discussion of how to move forward and finish them off once and for all. Everyone is welcome!

Basic computer security workshop

A basic workshop covering how to use TrueCrypt and PGP, using full disk encryption, information about autosave ('problems' with using computers / encryption) and other general computer security advice.

How to start a group and bring activism into your everyday life

A workshop explaining how to: start a group, organise protests and other events, maintain campaigns even with small numbers, network with other groups, deal with the media and police, run a website and mailing list, and a brief discussion on the benefits of both varied issue and single issue campaigns - as well as tips on how to bring activism into your everyday life.

Communication, Conflict & Critics within the Animal Rights Scene

Being active for animal rights poses a lot of challenges for individuals and groups: most participants of society are ignorant of the exploitation of animals and go on with their bloody habits; campaign work can be hard and seemingly everlasting and if it is effective the state often counters with repression. Beside the impacts of certain conflicts with speciesist society, there is another threat to a positive ongoing of personal & group activism: the way 'we' deal with conflicts within the animal rights/liberation scene. Going through the experience of repression seems to be nowadays a daily part of political work: repression and how to deal with it, is a frequent, necessary and popular topic at gatherings and meetings, in scene magazines, internet discussions and literature. Although the states and animal exploitation enterprises answer (repression) to activism and campaigns can destroy (and has destroyed) the life of individuals, there may be also some positive aspects for the whole movement: the shown solidarity & encouragement brings 'us' more together, new people are motivated to get active, there is a bigger media attention which can be used for 'our' goals, scene intern arguments are layed aside...

But escalated conflicts within the scene have at least the power to make personal lives way much difficult, and at most to paralyse a whole movement by withdrawing energy and time and creating a permanent state of frustration. Facing the fact that repression cannot bring us down, but the way we deal with each other can easily, it is about time to make this a topic, 'we' all should pay attention on. If a social movement wants to implement categorical changes in society, not dealing with issues like communication, conflict and critics can be a vital threat, but much more a chance for learning a non violent, positive and sustainable way to get along with each other.

This workshop wants to start this needed discussion and discourse, but won't give general solutions.

A Theoretical approach to communication, conflict and critics will be presented, the interconnection between those 3 concepts and also some practical strategies shown. Furthermore there should be space for small group discussion, in which ideas and thoughts can be collected, that will be hopefully shared at the end of the workshop with the rest of 'us'.

Preventing and dealing with trauma, physical and mental.

As animal rights activists we often put ourselves in potentially violent situations, we witness horrific cruelty, we face arrest and court cases all of which impacts on our lives, saps our strength and causes some activists to retire.

Working

out how to cope with both physical and psychological trauma is essential to us remaining effective and sustaining us as we continue to fight the subjugation of life on earth.

This workshop intends to explore how we can support one another, how to deal with violent situations which arise from facing both police and animal abusers, how to fight our own oppression and how to carry on fighting sustainably avoiding burnout.

Environmental struggles and repression

The presence of repression is not uncommon or unfamiliar to us. We are all aware of it, be it from personal experiences, situations experienced with comrades or what we glean from our own methods of communicating such events amongst our collectives and social groups.

The techniques of surveillance, intimidation and preventative arrest administered by the police, security forces, the state and the organisations influencing the state are not new tactics, however their application to social movements and action groups which fight for the freedoms and liberation for all beings, from all forms of restriction and slavery through insurrection, resistance and liberation, is one of escalating repression. The state seeks to find justification in applying terror and conspiracy laws. They seek to promote condemnation of those that refuse to lay down, from a pampered electorate whose ignorance is fashioned by the state puppeteers. The demonisation and alienation of those that look to secure the freedoms for all beings from imprisonment through state control, is plain to see.

Our commonality in experiencing repression can maybe galvanise our resolve to find common ground in our struggles and to acknowledge that our differences have their place. Our individual successes threatens their control but as individual and isolated successes the state manages its response and has the resources to divide and isolate participants, combatants and comrades. By singling out groups or individuals the seeds of fear are sewn amongst us and our effectiveness is undermined.

The purpose of this is not so much to pose a question of the how, for we already have the tools to achieve this, our combined experiences in resistance, solidarity, communication, infrastructure is generations old, we have the skills and passion amongst us to fashion a collective response to repression. It is more a proposal of how to make what we have stronger, more supportive and more effective against a common enemy and in doing so lighting the torches of collective resistance that puts fire to the repression that imprisons our minds and our comrades.

Activist Self-Defense

Workshop begins with exercises on how to protect ourselves from getting hurt and moves on to find out where the power in our bodies comes from.

Next we look into how to actively defend ourselves against various types of opponents. In the end we'll look for ways to control the opposition and how to get out of the situation safely. "

Tree occupations as a way to save forests and halt construction projects

Forests and pristine areas are destroyed every day to make space for roads, highways, airports, industries or even farms, slaughterhouses and animal research facilities. The radical environmental movement has been fighting in many ways these projects during the last decades. Tree occupations have been one of the many tools in the box, one of the most important ones, useful both to halt construction and to build communities and share experiences among activists. This workshop will look at the theory and strategy behind a tree occupation, but will mostly cover the practical aspects on how to do it, how to start the tree-camp and resist evictions.

Activism for life

A talk about how to manage to stay active your entire life without losing yourself, how to get the most out of your activism without getting burned out. Tips will be given about how to stop procrastinate and how to be more efficient. For a healthy and unstoppable animal liberation movement!

News on the Austrian Animal Rights trial

13 activists charged of forming a big criminal organisation since 1988 to put pressure on animal industries are on trial in Austria since 2nd March 2010. With little to no evidence of criminal activity, the trial is criminalising a whole social movement. Legal demos and opinions on internet debates are the primary evidence debated in court. The trial is expected to last till next year.

Campaigning against repression

Effective movements and campaigns face state repression. Some argue that this is a given that one has to take and withstand, and those, who are hit, have to go to prison while the others keep on going. Others say that repression needs to be handled with care and fought. Don't put your head through a brick wall, but raise public sympathy for your cause as well as for your campaign methods, and build a bridge of solidarity with other social movements. What has the campaign against repression in Austria achieved so far?

Repression against the animal rights movement

A look at how repression has been increasing in some countries where specific laws target animal rights activists or there is the visible intent to dismantle a movement.

*United States: Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act and the so-called Green Scare will be discussed

*UK: Draconian laws target animal rights activists in this country, seen by many other countries police forces as an example on how to deal firmly with radical activists.

*Austria: the austrian trial against 13 animal rights activists is a scary precedent that needs to be known, discussed and fought.

Civil disobedience

A mix of practice and discussion regarding the use of civil disobedience as a tool for social change in the animal rights movement. Learn everything from blockades to lock-ons, protest camps and more. Whether you're a first timer or have done similar actions before, there is something for everybody to either input, share advice and learn.

Anti-fur movement and globally coordinated campaigns

A look at the fur industry now and in the past, thinking of how to find its weak links and fight it at best, or how to help each other with international campaigns.

Global campaigns against german company Escada and the italian Max Mara will be explained and discussed.

Not just vegan

Culinary practices to resist the deception of consumerism.

Vegan campaigning

What are the methods and ways we use to promote veganism in the public, politic and economy? How does fundraising work? Where can we get the money from? What can we do as a big vegan organisation, as a grassroots group or on a individual level to promote veganism? The workshop consists of a short presentation with suggestions and different ways of vegan campaigning on different levels. After that first impuls further ideas are collected, shared and discussed (audience is asked to contribute)."

General presentation of investigations

- a) Swedish investigation on pig farms
- b) Finnish investigations on pig farms & fur farms
- c) Norwegian investigation on fur farms
- d) Spanish investigations on pig farms, fur farms and slaughterhouses
- e) Danish investigation on fur farms
- f) USA investigation on fur farms

Panel discussion on investigations

Investigations are one of the most effective tools we have to reach the broader public. How do we avoid the public debate turning into a debate on reforming welfare laws? Can we use existing laws and regulations as a tool towards banning animal industries? Is a coherent abolitionist message the only sound choice when dealing with the media and public debates? The panel debate will cover experiences from different countries.

How to organize an investigation

Goals and strategies for the investigation, background work like establishing protocols & security guidelines, biosecurity, creating investigation groups.

Investigations and grassroots campaigns

Organising a grassroots campaign related to an investigation: how it can support the investigation, how to build it and examples of actions.

Identifying farms

Various farms, how to identify them geographically, find the owners, get information from the government and organize all that information.

How to film

Proper use of videocameras and lightning equipment in different circumstances. Examples of good and bad footage.”

Hidden cameras

From using button cameras and video recorders, to installing motion sensor cameras & wireless cameras and recording phone calls or conversations. Including examples of good and bad footage and some basic security tips.

How to take photos

A good photo can help someone to stop using animals. Learn how to take photos of animals, learn the differences among formats (raw, jpgs), how to use a GPS add-on in your camera plus all the basic knowledge you'll need. Examples of good and bad photos.

Getting access to farms & slaughterhouses

Sometimes it's possible to film with the permission of the exploiters. Laws applying to filming under false pretensions in different countries. Examples of footage obtained in farms, lorries, slaughterhouses & fur farms.

Dealing with the emotional impact of seeing animal abuse

Group dynamics in the investigation, dealing with the emotional impact of seeing animal abuse, handling stress and fear.”

Dealing with the media I

In an age where animal rights activism is disregarded in the media, how to use it as an effective tool to get your message out there to the masses. Will include details on TV, radio and newspaper interviews, public debates and how to be the media ”

Dealing with the media II

Being a spokesperson, preparing for media work, doing interviews and facing debates and difficult questions in front of the camera

Open rescues

In addition of helping specific animals, open rescues can be used to raise awareness and educate the public on animal exploitation. A review of the history of open rescues, from 1992 to 2010, including a video of it's pioneer Patty Mark (Australia). Questions + answers.

General security

Security culture and basic security to keep yourself, other people and your group safer from repression.”

Alarms. Recognizing different kinds of alarms and how to avoiding them or deal with them

How to recognize different kinds of alarms (motion sensor, beams, magnetic ones) and how to deal with them.

Dealing with dogs by knowing their language

Activists have to deal with dogs in many occasions, both on a rescue side of it, helping in shelters or rehabilitating individuals from abusive owners, and also those commonly looked as “guard dogs”. How many times did you encounter dogs you didn't know and you could not understand if they were dangerous or not and you had difficulties to deal with? This workshop is aimed at giving you some insight in the communication of dogs, their language, and how to interact with them using their same communication and how to react in case of problems.

The movement for the abolition of meat

The idea expressed by the movement for the abolition of meat is that we must now work explicitly towards the legal banning of the production and consumption of animal flesh. It was born on a conference for animal ethics in France, in 2005. In 2010 the movement is international and claims dozens of actions a year, in Italy, France, Switzerland, Germany, South Africa, Portugal, Bolivia, Brazil, USA, Ireland, England and India!

The presentation aims at explaining why such a movement is necessary, how it is currently organized and handling towards its goals, how and why the required measure is possible to obtain, without waiting for a revolution in the way of thinking or the organisation of our societies.

It will highlight how activists can act for the movement and how the federation of the actions can make have attention drawn on it. The inspiring history and strategies of the movement for the abolition of human slavery will be described as well. A following discussion will offer the activists the possibility for to exchange ideas and plan actions.

“Animals should not be harmed or killed unnecessarily”: throughout the world, this precept is part of common morality.

Throughout the world, the consumption of animal products for food is the main reason why humans harm and kill animals, unnecessarily. The aforesaid precept is not without consequence: some people refuse to consume products of animal

origin, others reduce their consumption of meat, still others choose products from farms that offer some guarantee on how the animals are treated; some countries pass laws protecting farm animals. But this is not enough to reverse the trend: the number of animals raised and fished in the world is growing inexorably, whilst industrial farming becomes the norm. It is illusory to wait for laws protecting animal welfare to finally ensure decent living and dying conditions for the billions of animals eaten every year: it is difficult for farmers to decide to place the well-being of their animals before the profitability of their farm, and there is neither enough space nor a big enough workforce to properly care for so many animals.

Recognising the fact that the production of animal flesh has a disastrous environmental impact will not necessarily lead to an improvement in the allotted fate of animals: if the animals' interests are not taken into account as such, this recognition may, on the contrary, lead to more intensive farming. The contrast between the obligations that humans recognise having towards animals, and the way in which they actually treat them, does not imply that their declared good intentions are just hypocritical. What we learn from this contrast, however, is that spontaneous changes in consumer behaviour are not sufficient to put an end to the butchery. There are reasons for this. The situation is familiar: the problems of road safety, pollution, human poverty or child abuse cannot be solved just by relying on the capacity of each person to modify their habits to remedy the situation, even when they are generally acknowledged to be wrong.

To bring to an end the hideous fate reserved for animals that are eaten, the question should also be asked on the political level. A process must be begun which will finish by laws being passed to ban predation (hunting and fishing) and production (farming) of animals for human consumption. Public institutions have also a role to play in the retraining of workers whose incomes depend on these activities. This process begins by the public expression of the demand for the abolition of meat.

DESCRIZIONI DEI WORKSHOP IN ITALIANO

Introduzione All' Ar Gathering 2010

Introduzione all'incontro internazionale di liberazione animale e ai motivi che spingono tant* activist* ad incontrarsi ogni anno.

Da diversi anni activist* per la liberazione animale di tutto il mondo sentono l'esigenza di incontrarsi, confrontarsi, dibattere e fare il punto della situazione sulle lotte in corso. E' un momento da vivere insieme per analizzare risultati positivi e negativi e per ribadire l'impostazione di un movimento basato sull'agire in primo piano e non sul delegare le proprie idee. Verranno forniti suggerimenti su come si articolerà il programma durante i 4 giorni, informazioni utili sulle linee guida dell'evento e su cose essenzialmente pratiche come il cibo o l'utilizzo dei servizi a disposizione.

Salviamo I Cani Di Green Hill

Uno sguardo attento alla campagna antivivisezionista lanciata da qualche mese da activist* coinvolt* in altre campagne passate.

Gli obiettivi, i risultati che si vorrebbero ottenere e quello che è successo fino ad ora. Verrà fatto il punto della situazione e cosa sta suscitando al momento una campagna del genere all'interno del movimento animalista, dove sempre più in maniera evidente la gente vuole cercare di lottare in primo piano per arrivare a risultati concreti: la chiusura della fabbrica di cani Green Hill, situata a Montichiari (BS) e la totale messa in discussione della pratica 'vivisezione'.

Spazio Pratico Sulla Sicurezza Informatica

Momento pratico di condivisione e suggerimenti su alcuni programmi di sicurezza informatica.

Spesso sottovalutiamo quanto controllo possa esserci dietro la tecnologia, ancor più verso chi ha deciso di lottare per qualcosa di profondamente ingiusto come la lo sfruttamento animale e della tecnologia deve comunque farne uso.

Esistono dei 'rimedi' per essere meno controllati e più 'sicuri' di non essere costantemente spiati. Esistono suggerimenti per evitare di essere totalmente in balia di chi vorrebbe controllarci e tenere sotto controllo quello che più abbiamo a cuore: le nostre idee. Attraverso suggerimenti e spunti daremo uno sguardo a programmi informatici che ci garantiscano più 'privacy' o che ci permettano di proteggere i nostri dati, le nostre conversazioni, le informazioni che cerchiamo su internet.

Attivismo: Dall'approccio Iniziale Alle Fasi Organizzative

Passare da persona che partecipa alle iniziative ad una che... prende iniziativa, impara dai propri errori, migliora ed evita i guai!

Con uno sguardo su quelle che sono le usuali pratiche di chi si vuole porre in maniera attiva per combattere lo sfruttamento animale verranno analizzate le varie tappe che portano tutti noi a cercare di essere più attivi, a cercare di evitare guai, a come reagire se qualcosa non va nel verso giusto e come comportarsi di fronte alla repressione sempre in agguato.

E' importante cercare di essere il più coinvolti possibile ma è altrettanto importante sapere come comportarsi, agire e reagire...

Attraverso piccoli suggerimenti facili da ricordare, ma che possono evitare diverse situazioni spiacevoli, proveremo a capire insieme quanto possiamo essere sempre in prima linea nella lotte e non semplici spettatori.

Azione e comunicazione: "il riscatto aperto"

(storia e filosofia di un approccio diverso alla liberazione animale)

Il Riscatto Aperto a differenza dell'azione diretta clandestina pone l'accento sulla trasparenza delle azioni svolte dagli attivisti. In questo workshop affronteremo i risultati ottenuti dai diversi gruppi che lo praticano, facendo un breve excursus sulla storia di questo differente approccio per la liberazione animale, una panoramica sui gruppi che hanno seguito quest'onda e la filosofia che lo anima come rivendicazione sia sociale che per quanto riguardo il movimento per i diritti degli animali.

Mostrare le verita' nascoste alla societa': "Il Lavoro Investigativo"

(Allevamenti Di Maiali In Spagna E Macelli)

Molto spesso non sappiamo o ci rendiamo conto che dietro i filmati e le foto che mostriamo alla società per sensibilizzarla sullo sfruttamento animale ci sono attivisti che per ottenere tutto ciò rischiano la loro incolumità (fisica e legale), relazionandosi faccia a faccia con la triste realtà che vivono gli altri animali all'interno dei luoghi di detenzione o dei macelli.

In questo workshop affronteremo in primis una breve presentazione dell'ultima investigazione sugli allevamenti di maiali svolta in Spagna, come identificare gli allevamenti e i macelli, ottenere informazioni dagli stessi sfruttatori utilizzando alcune tecniche di social engineering, bio-sicurezza e come gestire l'impatto emotivo durante e dopo un'investigazione.

Azioni dirette simboliche – teoria e pratica

L'utilizzo di azioni simboliche o di disturbo, note anche come "disobbedienza civile", è una pratica diffusa nei movimenti politici e in quello animalista fin dalla metà del secolo scorso. Molto spesso queste azioni riescono a portare al contempo informazione e pressione su aziende, risultando anche in clamorosa visibilità. Si tratta di un insieme di fantasia, attenzione, determinazione e strategia, che verranno discusse e analizzate, valutando anche pro e contro di azioni simili messe in atto in Italia negli ultimi anni. Potranno essere provate alcune delle più comuni tecniche utilizzate per allucettamenti.

Storia dell'azione diretta, dalle radici dell'alf alla diffusione in Italia

Quello che molti oggi conoscono azione diretta per gli animali ha radici storiche che affondano negli anni '60 e che si sono sviluppate nel corso dei decenni con diverse pratiche e teorie e con diversi nomi (sicuramente il più noto è quello dell'ALF). Oggi è una pratica data come associata, ma quando è nata è stata come una scintilla rivoluzionaria che ha cambiato per sempre il movimento di liberazione animale... e la vita degli sfruttatori.

Peter Young - Storia dell'azione diretta e del movimento di liberazione animale negli Stati Uniti (traduzione)

Peter Young, attivista ed ex-prigioniero per la liberazione animale, discuterà esperienze e lezioni derivanti da 15 anni nel movimento.

Un sostenitore deciso di coloro i quali lavorano fuori dalla legge per raggiungere la liberazione animale, Young offrirà i come e i perché del lavorare in clandestinità per la liberazione animale negli Stati Uniti, successi e fallimenti dell'ALF, e le sue personali esperienze di attivista pubblico, di raid notturni e del carcere. Young discuterà della storia dell'ALF, persecuzioni del governo, come sconfiggere la paura, strategie di azione diretta e altro.