# The Anarchist Collective of "Vancouver Island"



"You have to pay to be born, and you have to pay to be buried. That tells you a lot about our freedom. And if they've gotten it into our consciousness to accept that, then we've got a lot of work to do. We really do. But we have the ability to change it because we are a natural part of the earth ... because we were here. The earth did not put useless things here. We are a natural part of the creation.

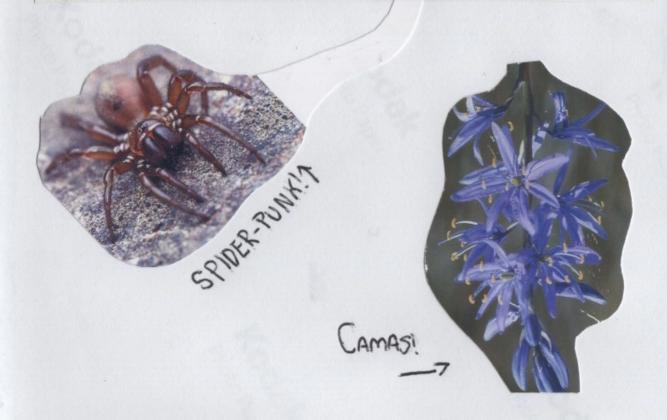
What we must do is act out of love for our people. No matter what they ever do to us, we must always act out of love for the people and for the earth."



We must never react out of hatred for those who have no sense."

- John Trudell

We are a collective of settlers and indigenous peoples on Lekwungen, WSÁNEĆ and Coast Salish territories, wishing to decolonize and unlearn what we have been indoctrinated into by mainstream Western culture.



We wish to re-learn joy, connection, and wonder towards each other and our natural environment while dismantling colonization, capitalism, and authoritarianism.

Towards also reminds us that both decolonization and reconnecting with the land are ongoing processes, not definitive end goals.

Spicebush swallowtail!

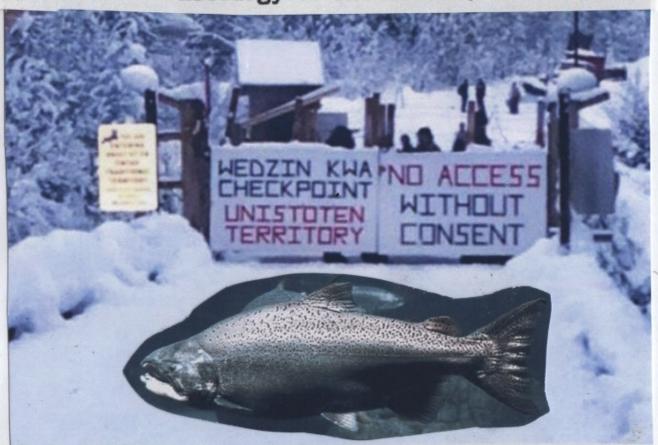


#### What are your goals?

We stand for a new society where there will be no bosses or bureaucrats. A society that will be run in a truly democratic way by all people, through collective villages and communes. We seek to abolish authoritarian relationships and hierarchies to replace them with control from the bottom up - not the top down.

Anarchy is not chaos, but decentralized community care. Although we work towards an anarchy that suits our conditions, it is also a model that is not

framed in Eurocentrism: we move past the sole ideology of the worker.



We believe the climate crisis is not only a crisis of industry, but also that of imagination, and that decolonization and restoring relationships with indigenous people is a crucial step in restoring sustainable environments and harmony.





RCMP GTFO

"We are free, truly free, when we don't need to rent our arms to anybody in order to be able to lift a piece of bread to our mouths." - Ricardo Flores Magón



~ Mushies!



froggie!

lichen!

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### So, you're socialists?

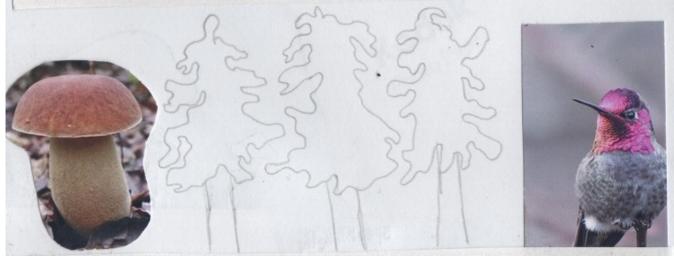
While anarchism intersects and shares some history with socialism, we oppose state 'socialist' current and previous regimes in Russia, China, and other police states - the system in those countries was/is no more than another form of state-capitalist oppression.



We seek to build voluntary, autonomous societies that centre balance between human activity and ecology built off of cooperation, self-management, mutual aid, and reciprocal economies.



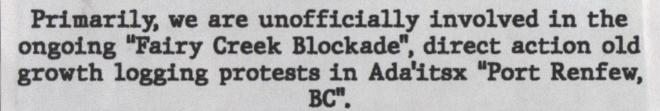
We oppose the colonial State of Canada; a coercive institution built off slavery and genocide. We do not wish to pull its levers of power, but rather usher in its demise.



"The law is a chariot wheel which binds us all regardless of conditions or place or time.

Anarchism, then, really stands for the liberation of the human mind from the dominion of religion; the liberation of the human body from the dominion of property; liberation from the shackles and restraint of government." - Emma Goldman

### What are you up to?



However, we continue to support many different causes in struggles regarding exploitation and injustice: namely imperialism, racism, unaffordable housing, the toxic drug supply crisis, and the climate crisis.

Currently we regularly share events, both protests and mutual aid projects, occurring on the Island with each other and the public both on Instagram and our website.

## How can I participate?

We are always looking to build relationships and dual power networks with folks that seek anarchistic, post-civilized and decolonized ways of being or are interested and operate in good faith!

If you want to make important changes improving human and non-human lives, participate in exciting projects and the struggle for life, this could be the collective for you!

Email us on our website or reach out to us on Instagram!



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CAUTION!
INFLAMMATORY
LITERATURE!

"Put your roots down, put your feet on the ground
You can hear the Earth sing if you listen
'Cause the sound of the river as it moves across the stones
Is the same sound as the blood in your body as it moves across your bones"

