

The Anarchist Offset printing workshop from Carrara (IT) needs a new roof Campaign

In the last assembly, the members have decided to remove the roof given the health and structural dangers of the old uralite panels. The risks of keeping the roof go further, involving not only the comrades working inside the building but also the neighbors. Additionally, the new roof would create a warmer place.

The history of the Cooperativa Tipolitografica

The Anarchist Offset printing was born in the '70s with the aim of conquering more autonomy for the movement during the convulsive Years of Lead. The workshop was conceived as a place to print, with total autonomy, any kind of anarchist propaganda. Lots of materials have been printed during the last decades: books, posters, pamphlets, etc. Our comrades thought that Carrara was a strategic place to create the printing workshop due to the anarchist history of the town, the development of social fights and the legacy of partisan resistance. As a matter of fact, the FAI (*Italian Anarchist Federation*) and the *International of Anarchist Federation* were founded in Carrara just after WWII.

At the same time, the history of the quarrymen was deeply connected to the anarchists' ideas, the engagement with social fights and the aim of establishing bonds of solidarity. All these factors were of great importance for our comrades to go ahead with the project. It was also a place free of fascists that could threaten our labor.

Our comrades started this adventure from the bottom. They learned the job and restructured the building. After a brief period, they were called *Tipografia il Seme*, and after, they became a cooperative under the name *La Cooperativa Tipolitografica*. From the beginning, it has been an example of self-management in the region.

During the '80s we encountered two of the most important fights in which the printing workshop played a crucial role. On the one hand, the cooperative got involved in the environmental fights and closure of the chemical factory *Farmoplant/Montedison* in Massa-Carrara. The several accidents that took place in the factory — with direct repercussions for the workers and the population — led to creating the *Permanent Assembly for the health of the citizens of Massa-Carrara*. The anarchists' comrades were engaged in this initiative from top to bottom.

At the same time, the regional administration tried to move the anarchists away from the *Politeama Verdi* theater, ignoring the fact that the Italian State had previously given this place as a gift to *Gruppi Anarchici Riuniti*; to honor their contribution to the liberation of the country during WWII. As a reaction anarchists, citizen movements and quarrymen squatted the theatre. Consequently, the comrades of the Cooperativa printed massive propaganda, posters, pamphlets and so on that played a key role in the fights.

Furthermore, since 1974 we print the newspaper *Umanità Nova* every week until today.

We also print different materials in Italian and other languages like: *A-Rivista Anarchica*, *Il Seme Anarchico*, *Lotta di Classe*, *Anarres*, *Voce Libertaria*, *Libero Pensiero*, *Musiche*. At the same time, we collaborate with publishing houses such as *Zic-Zero in Condotta*, *La Baronata*, *Le Milieux Libres Edizioni* and publish under our own name *La cooperativa Tipolitografica Editrice*.

The Cooperativa Tipolitografica is connected to the history of the movement, and still today is a honest example of self-management that fights

against the logic of the devastating global market.

At this point, we need some help from YOU comrades, so we can to continue with this adventure/endeavor?

To repair the roof we need the amount of 10.000€.

If you would like to help us or contribute you can make a donation here.



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