

**Migrant Solidarity, State Repression and Resistance to Criminalisation**  
**Friday 20 March 2020**  
**University of Brighton, UK**

**Organisers:**

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The workshop will create a space for encounter and discussion between activists and researchers developing a militant research praxis on the politics of criminalisation and repression of migrant solidarity from an anarchist perspective.

We want to initiate collective discussions to identify and understand an approach to migrant solidarity that challenges the boundaries of citizenship and processes of regularisation. Our goal is to share experiences of state repression, the criminalisation of resistance to the EU border regime and to develop collective reflections. Furthermore, we want to understand how hierarchies and state-centred logics come to be reproduced within our organising.

By critically reflecting on power inequalities and privilege we will build collective tools to subvert the white supremacist state, its forms of repression, and categories of citizenship, but also their reproduction in our everyday interactions and practices of resistance.

We ask participants to introduce themselves, the context in which they work, their involvement in resistance to criminalisation of migration and solidarity, or how they have been targeted by state repression. We expect these to be short interventions (not formal presentations!) of 5 - 10mins from which we will collect shared topics and concerns for our collective discussion.

**Key questions:**

- What is an anarchist approach to migrant solidarity?
- How does the state criminalise, co-opt and manipulate migrant solidarity and how do we respond?
- What tensions and contradictions emerge within these politics, and how do we deal with them?

**Topics:**

- Border crossings: criminalisation and push-backs
- Search and Rescue (Civil fleet)
- Detention resistance
- Solidarity spaces and squats
- Anti-deportation

**Potential Outcomes:** (to be decided, but can include...)

Research / activist network for further collaborations  
Sharing anti-repression legal / campaign resources  
Zine series  
Audio / podcast series  
Single issue journal  
Edited essay collection

Further suggestions welcome!

Please e-mail [s-a-b@riseup.net](mailto:s-a-b@riseup.net) by the 1st of February, at the latest, to confirm your participation and whether you require financial support. We have a small budget, in order to provide travel expenses for those in need.