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RIGHTS NOT GAMES



FIGHT THE CUTS

At the end of last year the UK became the first country in the world to be investigated by the United Nations for grave and systematic violations of Disabled people's rights.

This is as a direct result of the disproportionate impact of austerity on Disabled people and ideological attacks waged by the Tory government that have seen Disabled people and the poorest members of society hit by cut after cut after cut.

In 2012 DPAC in partnership with UK Uncut were able to use the media interest around the London Paralympics to draw attention to the disgraceful practices of Atos, one of the Paralympic sponsors and the company responsible for carrying out the notorious Work Capability Assessment that has caused so much harm and suffering. Two years later Atos pulled out of the contract to run the WCA which had become unworkable due to the success of the campaign against them.

This September DPAC will be using the interest surrounding the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio to draw attention to the cumulative impact of the cuts on Disabled people that are taking Disabled people's rights back decades with attacks in every area of our lives from education to independent living to employment to income.

Whilst we will not be protesting against the Games themselves, we will be using this opportunity to raise awareness of the increasing numbers of Disabled people whose access not only to sport and recreation but also to basic human rights such support to eat, drink and use the toilet is being taken away as a result of the cuts.

Below are the events we have planned but please do organise your own and let us know so we can publicise.

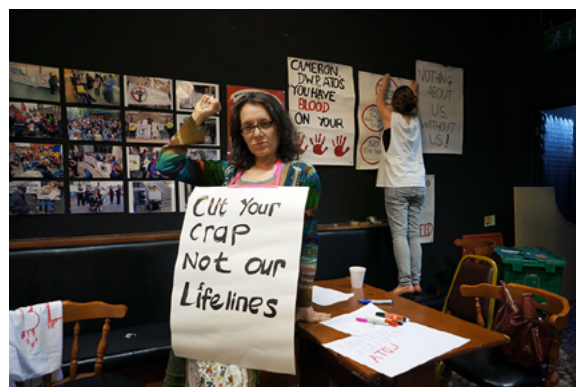


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Sunday 4th September 2016 #Art4Rights Exhibition

To kick off our week of action Disabled People Against Cuts, PCS Culture Sector and allies will be launching an exhibition by Disabled artists to highlight the impact of austerity on Disabled people felt through the devastating range and scale of cuts experienced since 2010.

The exhibition will be popping up in a central London location and simultaneously launched on-line at art4rightsdpac.wordpress.com from **2pm**.



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Monday 5th September 2016 Demanding the Right to Independent Living #Right2IL

Join Independent living campaigners in Parliament for the launch of 'One Year On: a report into the impact of the closure of the Independent Living Fund' by Inclusion London. For access info or to book a place please contact ellen.clifford@inclusionlondon.org.uk

2-4pm Committee Room 21, House of Commons. BSL provided.

Monday 5th September 2016 #Right2IL Pop-Up Street Theatre

Join the DPAC crew for a unique show paying homage to Independent Living with poetry, spoken word & performance art plus Masterclasses by the artists at one of the worlds most iconic venues

Meet outside the Houses of Parliament Exit at **5pm**



Photo: Peter Marshall

Tuesday 6th September 2016 National day of action for #RightsNotGames

DPAC is calling on campaigners across the UK to come out onto the streets in protest against the many different cuts and attacks with campaigners choosing local targets reflecting the issues that are affecting Disabled people locally. Please get in touch if you are planning anything to: mail@dpac.uk.net

For more information about where protests are taking place, and resources for local protests see www.dpac.uk.net



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Wednesday 7th September 2016 No More Benefit Deaths #CutsKill

12pm Meet outside Downing Street to remember the victims of welfare reform during the first Prime Minister's Questions after Parliament comes back from recess. We will be calling on the new Prime Minister to make public the findings of the UN investigation into the UK for violations of Deaf and Disabled people's rights, to scrap the Work Capability Assessment and commit to preventing future benefit-related deaths. Please bring white flowers. Mourning dress optional.

Wednesday 7th September 2016 #RightsNotGames virtual protest

From 9.30pm. To coincide with the Paralympics opening ceremony we invite campaigners from across the world to join with us in a virtual protest against the disproportionate impact of global austerity on Deaf and Disabled people using a groundbreaking online tool developed for us by students at the Royal College of Arts. More information coming soon...



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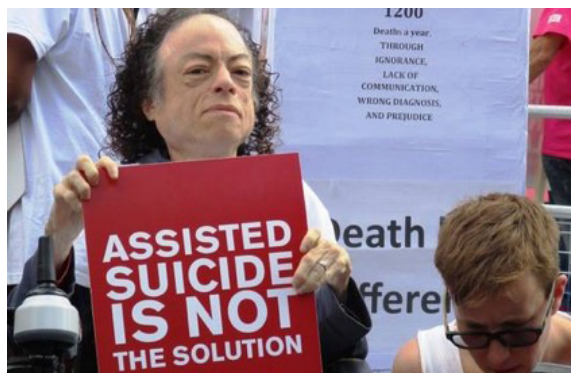


Photo: Paula Peters

Saturday 10th September 2016 Conference: DPAC Disabled Peoples' Resistance: building beyond borders #GlobalResistance

Join us for a one day conference bringing together perspectives and allies in the fight against austerity and neo-liberalism from the UK, Europe and Canada to look at geographic resistance and independent living. Speakers include John Clarke (Canada), Antonios Rellas (Greece), Catriona Kenny (Ireland), Kapka Panayotova (Bulgaria), The ak MoB (Germany) and John McDonnell MP. For more info or to book a place contact mail@dpac.uk.net.

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September 2016 Assisted Suicide: The Musical

To celebrate the end of the week of action we will be kicking back and enjoying 'Assisted Suicide: The Musical' by writer/actor/activist Liz Carr which is being performed at the Southbank Centre on 10th and 11th September.

For more information go to: <http://unlimited.southbankcentre.co.uk/events/assisted-suicide-the-musical>

Online actions

Throughout the week there will be a range of online actions that campaigners can take part in. For more information see www.dpac.uk.net.

Travel costs

If you would like to take part in one of the events above but need help with reasonable travel costs please contact: mail@dpac.uk.net

Access

For access needs please contact mail@dpac.uk.net or 07505144371 (text only)

Donations

All donations however small to help make the week of action happen are extremely valuable. To donate you can go through the paypal button on the DPAC website or to make a direct transfer contact mail@dpac.uk.net.