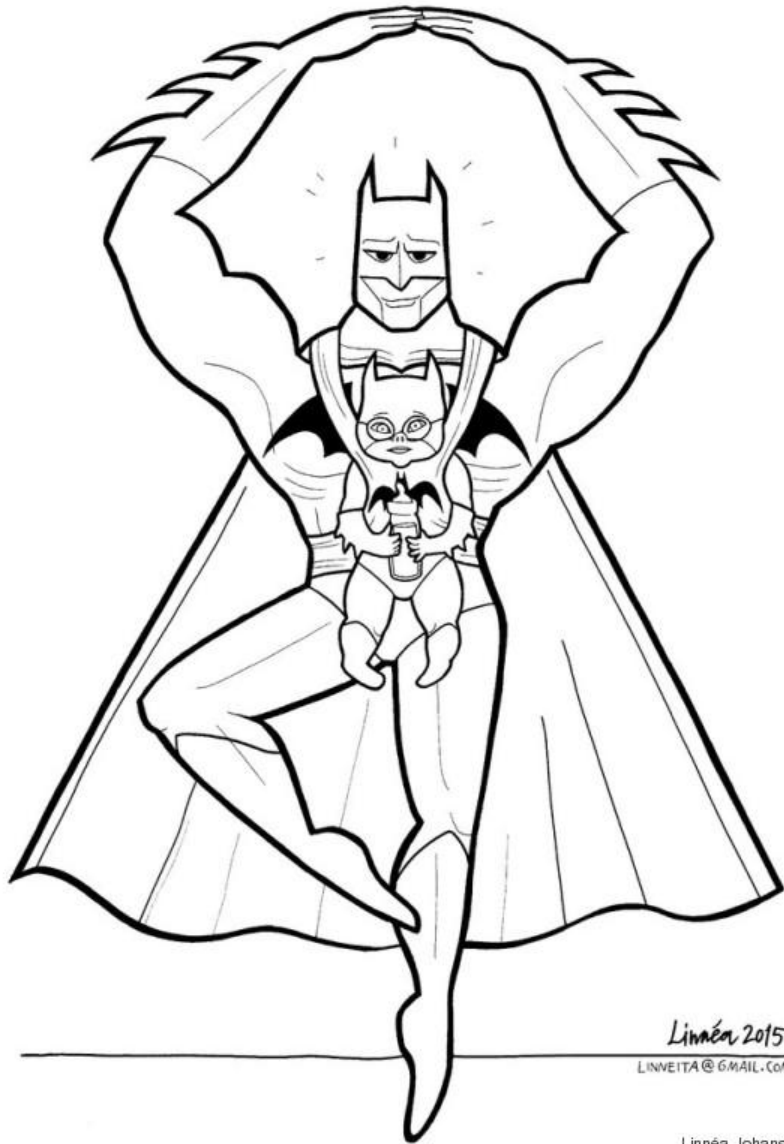
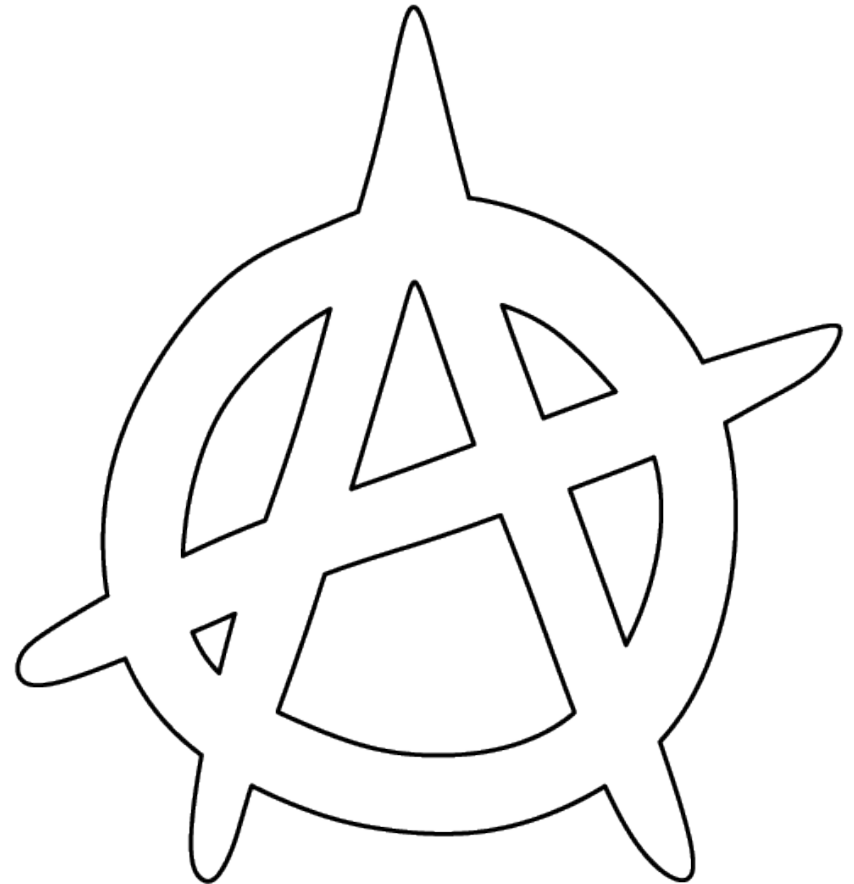


KIDS SPACE AT

EF! Summer Gathering



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KIDS SPACE PROGRAMME

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WELCOME TO THE KIDS SPACE

Kids are naturally primed to 'fuck the system.' As far as we know, no one was born wanting to be a wage slave, professional automaton or blindly obedient consumer.

How can we raise our children to ensure that they are free to develop their own well rounded individuality?

Well we can equip them with skills, give them freedom, responsibility and respect.

This year the EF! Kids space hopes to work towards that, we want to create a space for children and their grown-ups that is free from oppression and full of fun.

There will be a dedicated vegan kids kitchen cooking dinner each day and a tent with a radical book corner, comfy corner, craft corner and free shop.

With a morning and afternoon workshop each day, evening entertainments, and some space before and after lunch for whatever they choose.

The daily programme will look roughly like this:

10-12 - morning workshop

1-2 - lunch

3-5 - afternoon workshop

5:30 dinner

Evening - games, cinema, stories, open mic

Workshops will include acting and singing (for open mic night), first aid, self defence, tree climbing, seed growing, vegan cooking, craft, den building (and loads more). The timetable is on the last page.

We are also hoping that grown-ups (parents or otherwise), will volunteer their time to hang out with kids. We will have a team of play workers taking it in turns to hold the space, but it takes a tribe to raise a child and there will be plenty of opportunities for everyone to join in with, storytelling, craft, morning warm up, and general mucking around. If you have any ideas for workshops let us know!

There's no point in saving the earth if the next generation don't have the tools or motivation to continue the work. Kids have their own very important part to play in saving our planet.

We look forward to meeting you at the EF! Summer Gathering.

Love and Rage, the EF! Kids Space Collective.

HOW IT WORKS

The Space

We have a tent with a crafty corner, and comfy corner and a reading corner. There is an accessible toilet nearby, and the Big Green Bus cooking kids dinners is parked next door. The cinema is across the field where we will be showing a film on two evenings after dinner. There will also be a mobile library with tons of books to borrow, board games, a hangout space and table football.

Day Themes

Craft Day [Thursday] – we will be doing all sorts of crafts, decorating the Kids Space to make it bright and colourful for the rest of the Gathering. Everyone is welcome to come and help.

Practical Day [Friday] – some will be off-site at Leith Hill Protection Camp, others will remain at the Gathering site. We will be doing some practical workshops like cooking and making our very own anti-oppression statement poster.

Body Day [Saturday] – we will be doing lots of activities and workshops based on your body, including Self Defence and First Aid!

Wood Day [Sunday] – we will be playing with the theme of “wood” – making some seed bombs so you can grow your very own trees, climbing and perhaps building something great.

Playworkers

They are here to hold the Kids Space, to keep it safe, and to enable parents to attend workshops. They are not running a creche, they are volunteers who are paid expenses and a (very minimal) token wage. As parents/guardians you need to communicate with the playworkers, ensure that you and they both know where your child(ren) should be. All Playworkers are DBS checked. The Playworkers are also attending the Gathering for the same reasons that you are, it is not their “job” to take care of the children.

Kitchen

There will be dinner cooked for the kids separately each day during the Gathering (a little earlier than everyone else as 7 is often too late). It is **very important** that the Kid’s Kitchen (big green bus) know how many kids they are cooking for and if anyone has any allergies. Please inform Welcome Tent **and** the actual Kids Kitchen to ensure that nothing is missed. The food will all be vegan and healthy – but adjusted to the kids taste.

Daily Meetings

We will have a daily meeting during lunch for Kids Space – it would be great if ALL parent/guardians and children could come. Playworkers, Kids Kitchen, etc will also all be there. This meeting is really important for people to air issues, bring ideas to the Space and ensure that the Kids Space is working for everyone. The Daily Meetings will be during Lunch Time so we can all gather, eat and talk together near/around the Kids Space.

REMIT FOR PARENTS

The Kids Space is not a crèche and the Playworkers in the Kids Space are not paid childcare.

That being said, the Space is there, in part, to enable parents/guardians to partake in workshops throughout the Gathering.

If you are planning to leave your child(ren) at the Kids Space unattended, please ensure that you check with the Playworker/s present that this is okay and that they have the capacity to keep your child safe. Communication is key. This has not worked well in previous years and Playworkers have been left feeling over-stretched and under-valued.

It would be great if you, as parents/guardians, could give some time to the Kids Space yourselves. Maybe reading, playing, crafting, keeping an eye on toddlers, offering a structured workshop, anything you like. It would also be great if you could encourage others to do the same.

We want the Kids Space to get better every year and that can only happen with your help. Let us know if you would like to be part of the Kids Space Collective next year.

Please do attend the daily Kids Space meeting with your child(ren) – this will help to make sure the Space runs well and to ensure we make it even better next year.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We want everyone to have fun, but it is important that there are some basic ground rules

- 1) Do not leave children at Kid's Space without first **confirming** with a Playworker that it is okay.
- 2) OPEN WATER – there is water on site (around 350m away). Please be aware of this.
- 3) There will be paddling pools in the Kids Space. Please ensure your child(ren) are supervised.
- 4) The Woods immediately behind Kids Space is out of bounds.
- 5) It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you do not leave your children behind at Kids Space if you are going to Leith Hill on Friday, unless under the direct care of someone (ie not a Playworker). **We do not have the capacity to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child(ren) if you are off-site.**
- 6) Please make the Kids Kitchen aware of any allergies your child may have.
- 7) FIRST AID – there is a First Aid tent onsite. Playworkers are not responsible for First Aid. If any issues arise over the course of the Gathering that require ongoing medication (eg children falling over, etc) can be discussed during the daily meetings over lunch.

TIMETABLE AND WORKSHOPS

Making the Kids Anti-Oppression Poster – we will use the existing EF Anti-Oppression statement and see if the kids want to make their own one.

First Aid with Tosca and Jesse – How to call an ambulance and say the right things. What to do when someone is vomiting. How to keep someone breathing. Wound care. How to stop someone choking. How to make a splint for a broken leg and a sling for a broken arm. Question and answer about first aid and emergencies with kids. Practical class with demonstrations and props!!

Self Defence with Carolyn – We'll be running two sessions, back-to-back - one for children aged 6-11 years old (30-45 min) - one for young people aged 10-18 (1hr).

We'll be talking about basic self defence tactics, playing games and practising some moves. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend/ spectate if they're interested.

Self Defence with Daniel/Oaks – even more self defence. If kids want to do self defence on a different day.

Badge Making (and facepaints) with Cat - A DIY workshop for everyone who loves badges. Let's run some hand-drawn slogans, weird art, tiny collages and unconventional materials through the badge press and see what comes out (usually an awesome badge!).

Cooking with Matt (who makes all of your dinners) – we can make whatever you like (that we have the ingredients for).

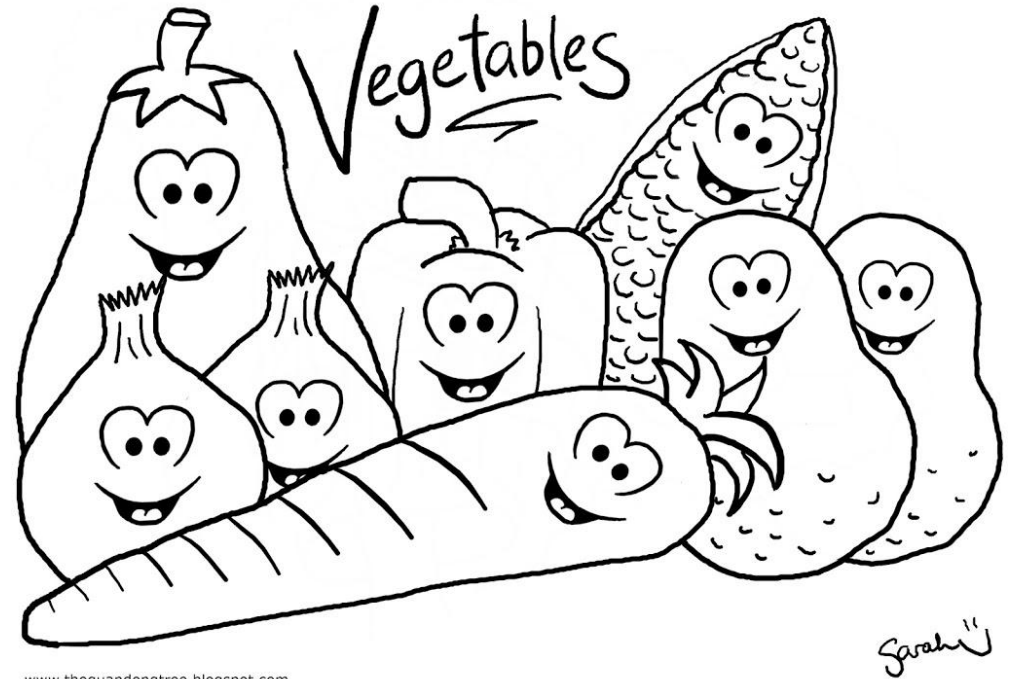
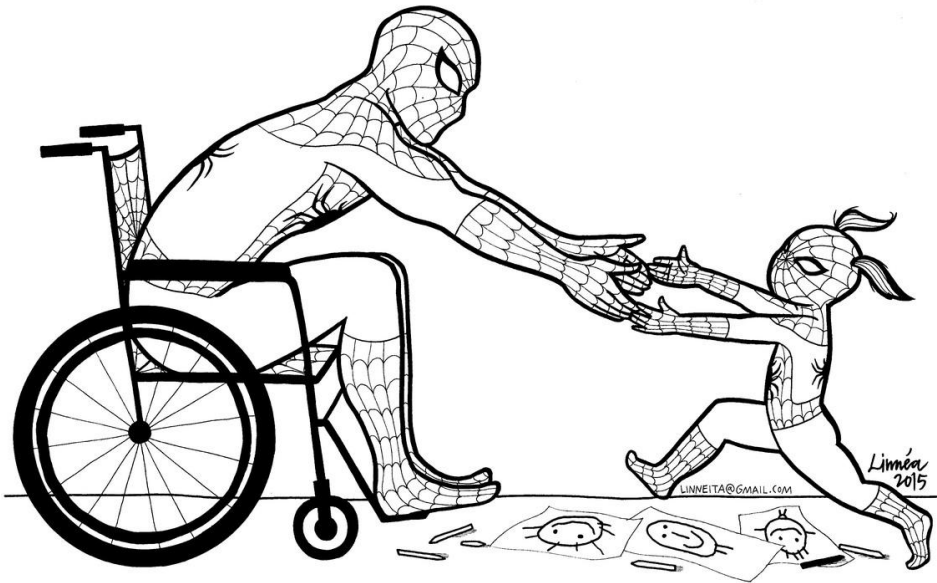
“The Lorax play” with Edie - Ever wanted to take part in an eco play? Well now you can. The Lorax will be the basis of a 3 day singing and acting workshop. Ages 5 to 15 welcome. You can come for up to an hour each day. We will be learning from a script, singing songs that you will already know and be performing on Friday at the open mic.

Climbing with Mickey - Learn how to ascend and descend trees with rope and harness. Learn some simple but vital knots. Build a low walkway using the skills we have learnt.

Seed Bomb Making with Maralyn – make some clay seedbombs so you can do your very own Guerilla gardening.

Stencil making with Carolyn – make some stencils that you can use to make some posters, decorate the Kids Space (and anything else you want)

*This timetable is flexible and will almost definitely change a bit. On an ad hoc basis there **may** also be facepainting, storytime, building, canoeing and microscopy (**depending on availability and help from people so please encourage volunteers**). Daily timetables will be on a blackboard outside the Kids Space*



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		Craft day	Practical Day	Practical Day	Body day	Wood day
	Wed	Thu	Fri (on site)	Fri (Leith Hill)	Sat	Sun
10-12		Stencil making	Making the Kids Anti-Oppression Poster		First Aid	Seed bomb making
12-13	Lorax play workshop	Lorax play workshop	Lorax play workshop			
13-14	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
15-17		Badge making	Cooking		Self Defence	Climbing
17:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
Evening		Film	Open Mic - Lorax performance		Film	