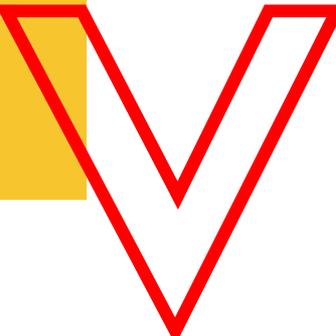
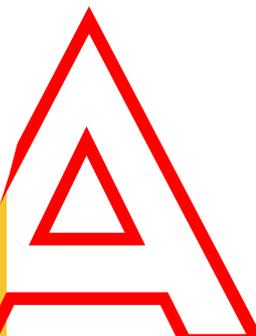
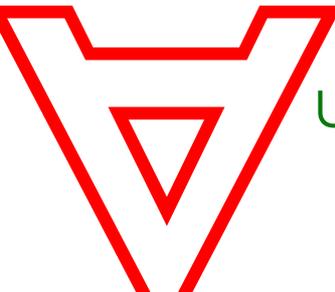


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Thursday 27th OCT 6.30pm,
University of Manchester, Oxford Rd
Samuel Alexander Building: LG12.

A discussion on Abdullah Öcalan & the Kurdish Freedom Struggle

- Havîn Guneser - Kurdish activist, journalist and translator of Öcalan's works
- Dr Federico Venturini - researcher and activist specialising in Social Ecology
- Bert Schouwenburg - International Officer, GMB
- Simon Dubbins - Unite, Director of International

The Kurdish Freedom Struggle has recently won more global attention. This has largely been to the heroic efforts YPG / YPJ in resisting Daesh (ISIS) in Kobani and northern Syria. The self-governing region of Rojava and its model of equality and tolerance has provided a rare glimpse of hope for the region.

But in Turkey, Britain's NATO ally, Kurds have long been subjected to state repression and violence. This was recently renewed when, after the Kurdish HDP's (Peace and Democracy Party) electoral breakthrough, the state abandoned peace talks. Since then the Turkish state has killed more than a thousand civilians and completely destroyed several Kurdish towns.

A focal point for Kurdish resistance, founder of the PKK (Kurdistan Workers Party) Abdullah Öcalan, has been imprisoned by the Turkish state since 1999.

During his 17 year incarceration, Öcalan has developed the theories of democratic confederalism and democratic autonomy : a grassroots, democratic, ecological and women's liberationist paradigm, that's being developed by the peoples of Rojava and Bakur (southeast Turkey).

The campaign for Öcalan's freedom has now been backed by the GMB and UNITE, and we are very happy to welcome their speakers on the issue.

Join us for a panel discussion of Öcalan's works and their relation to the revolutionary activity in Rojava and Bakur.



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