

What's the Anarchist Free University?

The Anarchist U is a Toronto-based open, volunteer-run, non-hierarchical collective that organizes community events, workshops and a variety of courses on arts and sciences. Most courses run for ten weeks, and meet once a week. There are no admission fees.

We offer an open, collaborative, radical way of learning built on democratic models of education, structure and process. We are working to build a vibrant and productive community free from the struggles for power, profit and prestige that are the consequences of existing social and economic structures. The AFU also acts as a space that critiques the ongoing forms of oppression that result from this.

For Further Information

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New Courses for 2011

Libertarian Pedagogy & Independent Media

How can we apply the theories of popular education developed by Tolstoy and Ferrer to independent media training and production? Join us to discuss and synthesize new ideas for struggle from theory and practice.

In this one-day workshop, facilitator Owen Sheppard will share his experiences with young people in the Mathare slums of Nairobi, Kenya. Participants are invited to share their own experiences in independent media or popular education. We will investigate the educational theories of Tolstoy and Ferrer, and consider how they might be applied to independent media skill-shares today.

Sunday February 13
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Beginning Mentat Training

Learn to flex your mind for the good of all. Mentats are people from Frank Herbert's *Dune* mythology who have undergone training and developed their cognitive and analytical skills to staggering heights. Inspired by this ideal, *Beginning Mentat Training* is an idiosyncratic course on rationality, science and math, focusing on techniques that can be used in everyday life. Absolutely no background in technical fields required! Material will be presented in an engaging and practical form, focusing on core skills with broad applicability. Each class will consist of a lecture followed by discussion and practice; later classes will cover material chosen by students.

Co-hosted by OPIRG.

Starts Friday Feb 4
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Practical Group Dynamics

A discussion-based class exploring the challenges in creating successful non-hierarchical groups.

Each class member will get a chance to present a project they're working on, which will then be workshopped with the group for new ideas. Following the workshopping session will be a meta-discussion, assessing their presentation, and analyzing the dynamics of the group.

As well as honing effectiveness in groups, this class endeavours to help people with stalled projects get up-and-running again.

Starts Wednesday Feb 9
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