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# Communications

# VANCOUVER



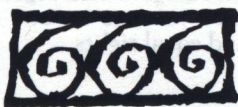
Tao Communications is a regional federation comprised of local autonomous collectives and individuals. We organize networks as a means of defending and expanding public space, exercising the right to selfdetermination. We create knowledge through independent public interest research, and distribute it freely through participatory education

Tao-Vancouver is a recent addition to the TAO federation. Locally we are working to facilitate greater networks between activists, liberate access to technology, and create autonomous cultural knowledge towards the development of a better society. Under the belief that capitalism creates grossly inequitable social conditions, we reject capital or market-related forms of political, economic and cultural organization. We work towards a socially just, ecologically sound world, one in which democratic control over the means of production is a standard. To this end, we create tactical arts and alternative media intended for both practical and inspirational application, to assist and encourage other organizations and individuals to join us in our struggle for democracy and equal rights.



## TEN POINTS OF AGREEMENT

- 1) We want freedom. We want the power to resist tyranny and inevitability
- 2) We want full employment and support for all people, engendering political, economic, and social egalitarianism.
- 3) We want an end to the robbery of our communities by capitalists.
- 4) We want free and decent housing, fit for the shelter of human beings.
- 5) We want free participatory education for all people that allows us to explore the diverse histories found in our cultures, and the diverse roles we all play in present-day society.
- 6) We want an end to all forms of war. We want all people exempt from military service.
- 7) We want an immediate end to the oppression and victimization of peoples at the hands of the state.
- 8) We want freedom for all political prisoners, and a gradual abolition of all prisons, jails, and authoritarian mental-health institutions.
- 9) We want a justice system that resides in the communities it affects, responds to the needs of all within those communities, protects the inalienable human rights of all, and seeks resolution rather than revenge; equality rather than the protection of elite interests.
- 10) We want clean air, clean water, free universal access to all forms of media, health care, and public transportation, as well as the ability to produce and consume foods, herbs, and drinks free of industrial toxins, pesticides, genetic engineering and manipulation.



## LOCAL PROJECTS



### Media Analysis and Education :

We have recently started working with the Pacific Centre for Alternative Journalism (PCAJ) on some ways that we develop and share a critique of the capital-dominated media system. Through this type of work, we hope to train activists in media criticism, effective media use, and alternative media creation.

Our first joint activity will be taking place May 22nd (location TBA) and will feature a morning workshop on APEC, the PCC and the Hyatt demonstration - how the media covered them, how we handled the media, and what we can do better in the future. The afternoon workshops will focus more on skills - such as DIY posters, alternative media, press releases and media spokespeople, and strategizing for future actions. *please phone 255-6967 for more information.*

### Technology Access :

We have embarked on a project to bring computers to autonomous activist spaces. Through doing this, we intend to provide access to e-mail, the internet, and other computer resources for those who have none. This project is still in its planning stages as we work to bring in donations of computers and computer parts.

In addition, we are planning a series of computer training sessions for local activists. Work sessions might include any number of topics, from general computer use to technical support. These sessions will contribute to the creation of a self-sustaining computer network on the Vancouver left, as people who are interested can gain the skills to administer a local network or to produce alternative media via. computer.

### Local Activist Support :

We will continue to assist local activist organisations with all forms of communications related work. This includes faxing and writing press releases, designing communication strategies and assisting with the production of



materials such as posters and leaflets. We also design and host web pages for local activist organizations. We currently work with Democracy Street, PCAJ, and the Power of Unity gathering (among other projects) to assist with these needs as they arise.

As TAO Vancouver evolves, so will our projects. If you are interested in what you've read so far, or have some ideas about creative direction, don't hesitate to contact us for more information or for meeting times and places.



## HOW YOU CAN JOIN or DONATE to TAO-VAN

### JOIN

TAO is seeking individuals who are committed to building a more equitable world. Technological skills are not necessary to participation in the TAO community: creative thinking and a willingness to resist the system are. Please contact us if you are interested in what you've read in this pamphlet and want to participate. For a more detailed explanation of who we are and what we do, please check out <http://www.tao.ca>

### DONATE

To fulfil our goals of quipping activists with the resources they need, we are asking that those who have computers and computer parts that are currently not being used, donate them to us so we can put them back into action. No computer is too old or too slow for our needs. We can pick up any spare equipment you have.



**TAO SERVICES**

TAO has been known to offer the following services, either on a pay-what-you can basis, or under contract. TAO workers are unionized with the IWW.

**Network:**

linux shell  
email addresses/list  
web sites  
databases  
irc meetings  
general server adm  
training  
general consultation  
custom

**Organizing:**

meetings (facilitation/planning)  
conferences  
workshops  
direct action

**Computer:**

linux (installation and maintenance)  
training  
general consultation  
destruction

**Research:**

anti-corporate  
network  
media  
activism

**Media:**

tactical  
production  
publishing  
writing and editing  
general relations  
infiltration

**Revolutionary****Culture:**

street theatre  
workshops  
music  
street parties  
prop-art

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## TAO-Vancouver Resources

We currently maintain two email lists that are Vancouver-specific:

**[vancouver@tao.ca](mailto:vancouver@tao.ca)**

\* a local activist list set up for information and announcements. To subscribe, send an email to [majordomo@tao.ca](mailto:majordomo@tao.ca) with the text SUBSCRIBE Vancouver in the message

**[tao-van@tao.ca](mailto:tao-van@tao.ca)**

\* a list for local tao members to discuss and plan tao projects and activities. To subscribe, send an email to [majordomo@tao.ca](mailto:majordomo@tao.ca) with the text SUBSCRIBE Tao-Van in the message.

In addition, we are building a website that will act as a useful activist resource.