



Message of solidarity to the Save Middlesex Philosophy Campaign

Queen Mary University London
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The participants of the Counter Mapping QMary project generally and of the event today would like to extend our solidarity to the students and staff of Middlesex University who have taken courageous action against the closure of the Philosophy Department, and we wish to make clear our support for their direct actions, occupations and defiance in the face of management harassment and criminalisation of the campaign.

Our message of solidarity is also to be understood as an expression of gratitude - by opposing management's decision to close the Philosophy Department - you have, as have students and staff at Sussex, King's College, Westminster and London Met, sent a loud and clear message from all of us to the war-mongering politicians and corporatist university managers that cuts on and off campus will be resisted and that resistance will be by any means necessary.

By opening Mansion House at Middlesex University to the public, creating a collective educational-organisational space, one dedicated to freer thought and debate, of creative expression and desire - you pave the way for an understanding of occupation as liberation. By shifting beyond simply disrupting the corporate educational facility your actions point to the necessity for our struggles to be more than banal rehearsed acts of opposition instead taking us towards the development of a counter power that can bring about the world we want.

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