



# The August 'Riots' 2011

Includes a showing of the film  
'Rebellion in Tottenham 2011'

Speaker **Roger Ball**

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6:30 pm - 8:30pm  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012

Venue: 126 Mount Pleasant  
(opposite Catholic Cathedral)

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## The Short Hot Summer of 2011

The August 'riots' were portrayed by the media and politicians as the actions of 'greedy feral youth' or 'gangs' within a 'criminal underclass'. Most of these politically loaded explanations were presented before what had happened was even known. Using hard research and the voices of participants, this event will provide an analysis of the 'riots' of August, considering what (actually) happened, who was involved and how they did it. This approach is complimented by a critique of the content and use of government statistics and the representation of the disturbances in the media and mainstream politics.

The seminar discussion will be complimented by a showing of the short film 'Rebellion in Tottenham 2011'.

Roger Ball is co-founder of the Bristol Radical History Group and has recently completed a doctoral thesis on the history of 'rioting' in the West Country. He recently completed a speaking tour in the States, hosted by the renowned U.S. Social historian, Peter Linebaugh.

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