

# WELCOME TO THE BRIGHTON READING ROOM

The Brighton Reading room is a collaboration between One Church Brighton, Hopeful Solidarities and the University of Sussex Centre for Global Political Economy.

It's designed to be a space where people can read, learn, listen, share ideas, and drink top quality, anti-capitalist Skylark Coffee. We want to catalyse creativity, collaboration and conversation in our community.

This growing library is stocked with thought-provoking books and we host talks and reading groups, as well as opportunities to meet authors.

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The Brighton Reading Room is part of a nationwide network of similar projects, supported by Pluto Press, one of the world's oldest radical publishing houses. As well as physical library spaces, The Reading Room opens up forums to debate both global and local issues that affect everyday lives, such as impoverishment, climate catastrophe, employment injustice, feminist & queer politics, structural racism and much more.

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# ONE \* CHURCH

One Church Brighton is a broad and inclusive, LGBTQ+ affirming Christian community, a collective of transformational projects and two beautiful buildings, all committed to bringing hope and love to Brighton & Hove and beyond.



## HOPEFUL SOLIDARITIES

BRIGHTON AND HOVE

Hopeful Solidarities is a collaboration between writer-teacher-activists and community organisations in Brighton and Hove. In times of multiple intersecting crises, we listen to people's reflections on their own stories and seek to build on emergent solidarities through everyday, practical and creative work including writing, film, photography, food and music.



The Centre for Global Political Economy is a group of scholars at the University of Sussex, united by a concern with how global capitalism generates diverse patterns of wealth, dispossession, and ecological devastation, and how these dynamics are resisted by communities and social movements.



## SkyLark coffee

Skylark Coffee is completely non-profit and sprang from a desire to produce extraordinary coffee while helping to repair environmental damage and human exploitation — some of it inherent to the coffee trade. We bring a wealth of speciality coffee experience while insisting on a fairer, more inclusive way to drink coffee and conserve nature. Order a cup or a bag from our café bar.

# HOW TO USE THE READING ROOM

This space is all about bringing people into conversation around important issues through books. So, grab a cup of coffee, have a browse, and sit down for a chapter or two.

## **Reading Room Journal**

If something stands out to you, we'd love you to make an entry in our Reading Room Journal. This could be a quote or something you've been prompted to think about or act on. Don't forget to add the title, author and page number so others can find the inspiration too.

## **Book Groups**

There's a monthly Left Book Club reading group on a Tuesday evening, all are welcome. You may wish to arrange a time to meet with friends to read a book, explore a topic, or discuss related actions. If you'd like to join in a reading group, email [readingroom@onechurchbrighton.org](mailto:readingroom@onechurchbrighton.org).

## **Borrowing Books**

If you want to take a book home, please jot down your name, the book you're borrowing and the date, and bring it back within a month if possible. No one's going to come after you, but we want to keep the books available to as many people as possible so please help us out!