

Up Late

NEWS

British Art Show on tour The Arts Council has brought together the work of 84 artists to show some of the best art produced in Britain over the last 5 years. The exhibition, which goes on tour this month includes sculpture, painting, artists' film and video, performance art and work using photography and mixed media. It opens in Birmingham (City Museum and Art Gallery). Edinburgh 19 Jan-20 Feb (Scottish Academy). Sheffield 16 March-4 May (Mappin Art Gallery). Southampton 18 May-30 June (Art Gallery).

Isaac Deutscher Memorial Prize. Dr Margaret A Rose has been awarded the Prize for her book *Marx's Lost Aesthetic - Karl Marx and the Visual Arts*, awarded in recognition, and as encouragement, of outstanding research and writing in the tradition of Isaac Deutscher. The closing date for material to be considered for 1985 is May. Submissions should be sent to The Isaac Deutscher Memorial Prize, c/o Lloyds Bank, 68 Warwick St, SW1.

Frank Cousins T&GWU Peace Award. The Transport and General Workers Union has launched a peace award scheme to mark the 80th birthday of Frank Cousins. The aim is to assist with travel, research and the promotion of peace issues, a recipient nominated annually by a panel comprised of representatives of the T&GWU, and prominent personalities from the labour and peace movements. This year's nominee is Joan Ruddock who was awarded £1000 under the scheme.

CAMPAIGNS

Benefits take up. £900 million in social security benefits are going unclaimed. One reason is that to claim a means tested benefit you have to prove you are in need and this often involves an assault on privacy and sense of worth. The Child Poverty Action Group suggest that inadequate information, the Government's over-emphasis on policing fraud and the low quality of service in DHSS offices all deter people from claiming. For information on their campaign contact Jo Roll CPAG (01-242 3225/9149).

Civil Service Union to combat smuggling. With the number of drug addicts increasing at an alarming rate and cocaine and heroin becoming street drugs the



Society of Civil and Public Servants (the union representing Customs Officers) is intensifying its campaign for the recruitment of at least 500 additional Customs Officers. This, they argue, will raise revenue, restore the credibility of Customs Controls and combat escalating drug addiction. Contact SCPS, 124/130 Southwark St, SE1 01-928 9671.

MEETINGS

(S)mothering invention. Woman and technology, 12 Nov (Mon). One in a series of seminars organised by the British Society for Social Responsibility in Science. Opening by Wendy Faulkner and Erik Arnold (SPRU) 6.30pm at Adam's Arms, 4 Conway St, London W1.

Feminism and the Radical Tradition 26 Nov (Mon). A lecture by Barbara Taylor the author of *Eve and the New Jerusalem*, the winner of the 1983 Isaac Deutscher Memorial Prize, 7.30pm at the London School of Economics (New Theatre), Houghton St, WC2.

Open wide and close your mind 26 Nov (Mon) A critique of current dental practices organised by BSSRS to be opened by Aubrey Scheim. 8.00 at Adam's Arms, 4 Conway St, London W1.

Eurocommunism in the Eighties 29 Nov (Thurs). One in a series of 'Discussions for Socialists' to discuss what lessons the British Left can learn from the Italian experience of Eurocommunism. To be opened by Judith Bloomfield, a historian researching into Italian Communism. Organised by the Dudley Communist Party 7.30pm at Dudley Library, St James Rd, Dudley.

Africa; Arms & Development 10 Nov (Sat) A conference to examine the arms trade as it affects development issues in Africa. Organised by the Commonwealth Institute in conjunction with the United Nations Assn. At the Commonwealth Institute, London. Details from 01-603 4535.

History Workshop 16-18 Nov (Fri-Sun). The 18th History Workshop conference Sessions include The 1944 Education Act 40 Years on. Popular Culture, Visual History, The Home Front-Conditioning of Women's experience, Irish Labour at home and abroad. Also film shows. Socialist Feminist theatre, Labour History Trail, History Workshop market and creche. At Moat Community College, Maidstone Rd, Highfields, Leicester. Tickets £8.00 (£3.00unwaged). Programme from HW 18 Collective, co Cooperative College, Stanford Hall, Stanford, Loughborough050982 2333.

Chile Committee For Human Rights AGM Forum on Chile 17 Nov. Programme will include major speakers, video and workshops. Topics to include censorship in Chile, Church-State Relations, Chile's Foreign Debt, Protest Movement. All welcome, admission free at The Africa Centre, 38 King St, London WC2E8JT.

Lesbian and Gay Socialist Conference 24-25 Nov Proposed workshops include: Class, Lesbian Gay at Work, Unions, Lesbians and Gay Men Working Together, Lesbian Sexuality, Gay Male Sexuality, Sexism, Paedophilia, Strategy for Liberation. More workshops will be organised. Creche provided. Crash accommodation available if

requested in advance. People with disabilities: Wheelchair access with assistance, disabled toilets, tapes of programme etc available on request, free registration for helpers of people with disabilities. To be held in Edinburgh. Details from Conference organisers c/o Lesbian and Gay Community Centre, 58A Broughton St, Edinburgh.

EVENTS

Left Alive 2-3-4 Nov A weekend festival of discussion, politics, music, sports, dance and drama, organised by *Marxism Today*. 70 plus sessions on offer including Towards 2000, The State of the Arts, Images of the Left, Arms Conversion, Crisis on Fleet Street plus Cabaret and Creche. At City University, London E1. Tickets£10 (£6 unwaged). Contact Mary Braithwaite 01-2514406.

Socialist Bookfair 2-3 Nov. Now in its eighth year this event provides a comprehensive display of socialist, anarchist, feminist, black, third world, gay, trade union and pressure group literature from Britain and abroad. At Camden Centre, Euston Rd, London NW1.

28th London Film Festival 15 Nov-2 Dec. This year's festival moves out into eight different venues, and features a strong programme of films from well known directors, Third World films, new features from Australasia. To herald the advent of British Film Year there is a large selection of new British films including *Pmtnam's Killing Fields* and also a Family Film Festival. Information from the LFF 928 3842/928 4114.

Employment and Unemployment '84 22 Nov (Thurs). One day exhibition on employment and training initiatives organised by Dundee Resources Centre for the Unemployed with a wide range of statutory-voluntary organisations displaying their work. DRCUAGM at 5.15pm. Evening event 7.84 Scotland present 'The Baby & the Bathwater' (Free to unemployed) 8.00pm at Marryat Hall, City Square, Dundee. Contact 0382 27735.

Entries for the December Update should be sent as soon as possible (latest date Friday 2 November) to Maria Loftus, Marxism Today 16 St John Street London EC1 or tel 01-251 4406 or 01-249 9509 (evenings). Space is limited. We cannot guarantee the appearance of your listing. However a booking in our new classified section will guarantee entry in both classifieds and update. For details see page 42.