

## The A-Space

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4722 Baltimore Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19143

Please send me:

Via Postal Mail  Email

A calendar

Info on using the A-Space

Info on joining the collective

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Email Address:

Enclosed is my donation

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4722 Association

I would like to volunteer

I would like to have an event

Name

Organization:

Address

Phone

Email

Questions, Comments, Programming Suggestions

## A-Space

### Regularly Occurring Events

**Edun Ara** (closed mtg)

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday 10:30am

**International Concerned Friends & Family of  
Mumia Abu Jamal**

Mondays 7pm

**Books Through Bars**

Every Tuesday 7:30pm 1st & 3rd Saturdays 11am

**Philly NORML**

1st & 3rd Thursdays 7pm

**Queer Prisoner Letter Writing**

2nd Thursdays 7:30pm

**Shapenotes**

4th Thursdays 7:30pm



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look for A-Space group & page on Facebook

plenty of parking for bikes & cars

south side of Baltimore ave

between 47th & 48th on septa #34 green line surface trolley

most events free/we survive on donation

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## ANARCHIST COMMUNITY SPACE



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## The A-Space Anarchist Community Space 4722 Baltimore Avenue

The A-Space, established in 1991 is an anarchist community space located at 4722 Baltimore Avenue in West Philadelphia. It is operated by an all volunteer anarchist collective who share chores, rotate responsibilities, and make decisions by consensus. The A-Space is home to Philadelphia groups such as Books Through Bars, the Philadelphia Childcare Collective, Philly NORML, Shape-notes, Philly Jericho Movement & hosts meetings for International Concerned Friends & Family of Mumia Abu-Jamal. It is also used for lectures, meetings, performances, art showings, films, benefits, cultural events, educational events, &

other events that bring people together.



The building is part the Life Center Association. The Life Center Association (LCA) is a land trust that owns several buildings in West Philadelphia. Instead of paying rent to a landlord each month, the people living in these houses pay money toward a common pool that is available for the upkeep of the houses. A representative from each building makes up the board, which meets monthly to discuss any needed building repairs and community issues.

The A-Space Collective encourages folks with questions, ideas for events, or an interest in showing their art or joining the collective to call, email, fill out the form on this brochure, contact us via

our webpage or Facebook page or drop by an open house to get in touch. The A-space has an email address, an event announcement listserv, a web page & a monthly calendar to keep people informed of upcoming events.

### **What is anarchism?**

Anarchists believe that decision-making power should rest not with the state, the market, or religious institutions. Instead, they believe people must come together in communities & in the workplace to make decisions about their own lives.

Instead of decisions about governance, community life & the economy being made by corporations, government bodies, or those with the power and privilege to seize authority, anarchism relies on directly democratic processes to make decisions. Forms of direct democracy allow each individual to have input regarding decisions that affect their life. In direct democracy, research is done thoroughly & the wisdom of those with experience is sought eagerly, but all decision-makers have equal amounts of power. Often, decisions are made by consensus.

A consensus process is a directly democratic form of decision making which optimizes participation. In a consensus process a group strives to create a decision acceptable to everyone. Instead of resting on an "either/or" paradigm, consensus decisions celebrate human creativity by struggling for solutions that can be agreed on by all the participating parties.



Consensus is used to protect the rights & freedoms of the individual as well as supporting the cohesiveness & strength of the community.

Anarchists believe in community and sharing. In anarchism benefits and responsibilities are shared equally, and tasks are rotated. People with special skills and talents are encouraged to develop them for the good of the group. No skill, position, gender, ethnicity, job or religion has more power or status than any other.

As an economic system, anarchism is based on a moral, not market economy. Its underpinnings are of reciprocity, communalism, free association, and mutual aid. People take turns, share freely, pool resources and make their own decisions about their own labor and resources. At the core of anarchism is an analysis of domination. Anarchism attempts to eradicate all forms of domination, such as capitalism, sexism, racism & homophobia, believing that all people must have the right to participate in decisions that affect their lives

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