

Tens of thousands take to the streets of West Berlin against the 1988 IMF (International Monetary Fund) and World Bank Meeting. A decade later, in June 1999, London's financial centre is transformed by carnival as the G8 attempt to meet in Cologne, Germany. Six months down the line, the now infamous mobilisation against the Third Ministerial of the World Trade Organisation in Seattle succeeds in shutting down the Conference and inspires millions around the world. From West Berlin, London and Seattle to Prague, Gothenburg, Evian, Cancun and beyond, mobilisations against international summits have succeeded in putting anti-capitalism back on the agenda.

*Days of Dissent* is a collection of voices from within these mobilisations. Each article is written by people who were directly involved. They attempt to explain why movements decided to mobilise, how they went about doing so, how the events unfolded and - most importantly of all - they attempt to assess what lessons can be learned. With the 2005 G8 Summit to be held in the UK, groups and movements across these islands, and from further afield, are beginning to consider what our response should be. In doing so, it is important that we attempt to learn from our collective history, from our mistakes as well as our successes. *Days of Dissent* is one contribution towards this process of reflection. Its aim is to provide inspiration for action.