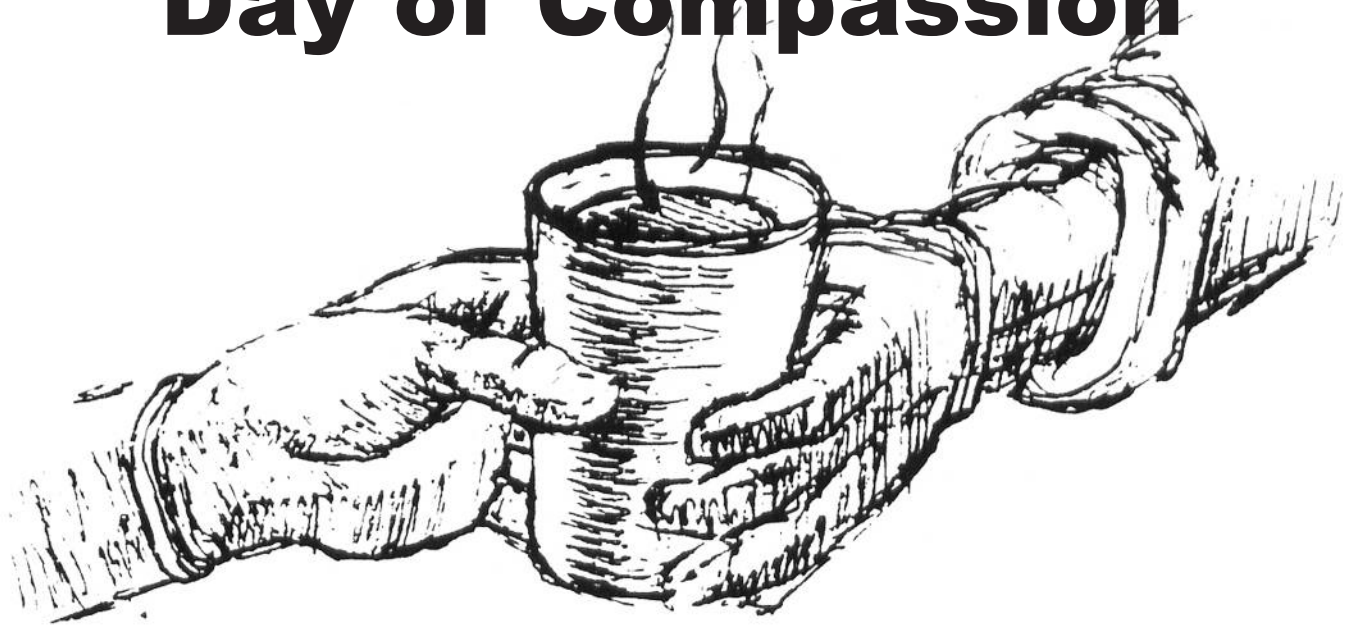


Food is a Right not a Privilege Day of Compassion



**Sharing food with the hungry is an unregulated act of kindness.
Rescind all laws restricting compassion.**

**People all over the world are joining us by sharing free meals in celebration our right to food
and participate in our campaign for an end to laws restricting acts of compassion.**

(Please announce the day time and location of your local event here)

ARRESTS COULD START IN PHILADELPHIA ON JUNE 8, 2012

HOUSTON COULD START TO MAKE ARRESTS IN JULY

**"I have no other way to react apart from finding a dignified end before I start
sifting through garbage for food."**

Note left by 77-year-old retired pharmacist Dimitris Christoulas when he shot himself in the head outside the Greek parliament building on April, 4, 2012

It has been distressing to receive so many reports in the past few weeks of people being threatened with arrest or cities adopting new laws limiting people's right to share free food with the public. People in Belarus, England, California, Texas, South Carolina, and Florida contacted Food Not Bombs about having been threatened with arrest. Philadelphia and Houston banned the sharing of food to the public. Others report that their local governments are considering laws to limit acts of compassion.

This new wave of threats is happening as half of all Americans are struggling to survive. The Department of Agriculture's February report shows that 46,286,294 people relied on food stamps in November of 2011.

People have been arriving at Food Not Bombs meals claiming they had not eaten in four days because other food programs had exhausted their resources. The Food and Agriculture Organization estimates that 1 in 7 people or 925 million people world wide went hungry in 2010. We are announcing a global campaign to recognize that sharing food with the hungry is an unregulated activity of compassion and should not be interfered with by the authorities.

We believe that Food Not Bombs volunteers may start to be arrested this spring in Minsk, Houston and Philadelphia. We need your support. Consider organizing a local celebration of the right to share food and talk to your friends about risking arrest in one of the cities near you. Start an affinity group, study the theory of nonviolent direct action and set up a system of support. No one should have to eat out of the garbage! **FOOD IS A RIGHT, NOT A PRIVILEGE!**

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In 1649
To St. George's Hill,
A ragged band they called the Diggers
Came to show the people's will
They defied the landlords
They defied the laws
They were the dispossessed reclaiming what was theirs

We come in peace they said
To dig and sow
We come to work the lands in common
And to make the waste ground grow
This earth divided
We will make whole
So it will be
A common treasury for all

The sin of property
We do disdain
No man has any right to buy and sell
The earth for private gain
By theft and murder
They took the land
Now everywhere the walls
Spring up at their command

They make the laws
To chain us well
The clergy dazzle us with heaven
Or they damn us into hell
We will not worship
The God they serve
The God of greed who feed the rich
While poor folk starve

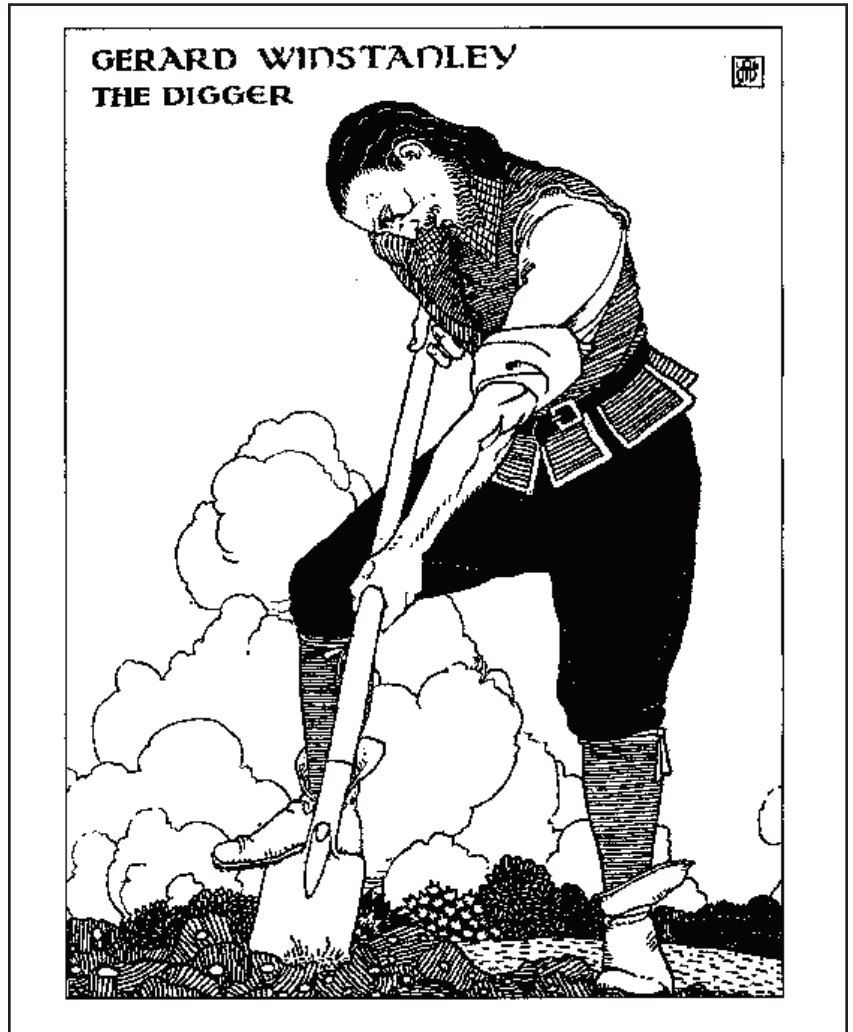
We work we eat together
We need no swords
We will not bow to the masters
Or pay rent to the lords
Still we are free
Though we are poor
You Diggers all stand up for glory
Stand up now

From the men of property
The orders came
They sent the hired men and troopers
To wipe out the Diggers' claim
Tear down their cottages
Destroy their corn
They were dispersed
But still the vision lingers on

You poor take courage
You rich take care
This earth was made a common treasury
For everyone to share
All things in common
All people one
We come in peace
The orders came to cut them down

The World Turned Upside Down Lyrics

Leon Rosselson



"England is not a free people, till the poor that have no land,
have a free allowance to dig and labour the commons..."
Gerard Winstanley, 1649

