

Radical Film Network Conference 2017 - Tolpuddle

The Radical Film Network Conference 2017 - Tolpuddle will take place from 14.00 on Thursday 13th July - 14.00 on Saturday 15th July at the [Tolpuddle Festival](#), UK. The conference will run alongside the [Tolpuddle Radical Film Festival](#), and the larger festival will also host initiatives such as a Radical History School. The conference will be situated in a marquee and the Vintage Mobile Cinema bus.

The conference working group would like to invite researchers, filmmakers and moving image artists, exhibitors, cultural workers, and activists involved in radical film culture to attend and share knowledge and materials with each other and comrades in the trade union movement. We welcome proposals for, but not limited to, academic papers of 20 minutes or less, presentations of practice-based or in-progress research, workshops and skill-shares, and discussions. The proposed presentations will ideally invite active participation by the audience.

The working group is particularly interested in receiving proposals that might address the following topics:

- Radical rhetoric, poetics, and the essay film
- Politically engaged artist film
- Expanded and experimental approaches to political documentary aesthetics
- Dialogue between earlier radical cinema practices and current activist media/ film collectives
- Trade Unions and film, using the location of the conference in order to forge relationships between RFN practitioners and researchers and union activists

The conference will also host a workshop looking ahead to the 2018 RFN festival theme 1968-2018-2068 and invites those interested in participating and developing that event to share knowledge, partnerships and ideas. Additional workshops, guests, and events will be listed as confirmed on the [RFN conference page](#).

Please send a short description of your proposal for participation, a brief bio, any accessibility requirements, and if relevant, links to practice-based elements and technical specifications to rfnconference17@gmail.com by 12 May.

The conference [fees](#) will include access to the festival and delegates can choose to camp.

We look forward to seeing you in Tolpuddle!

