

# decriminalised futures

**Abolition in the UK was the first session in our panel series We Can Build a Different World. It looks at abolition movements in the UK, and how we might meet but also go beyond the powerful calls to defund the police and close prisons.**

We Can Build a Different World was a weekly panel series throughout September 2020 exploring abolition and mutual aid in the UK. This panel series brought together activists, organisers, academics, artists, thinkers, and speakers for a weekly discussion event exploring abolition and mutual aid in the UK. We approached these sometimes difficult conversations with joy and warmth. We wished to celebrate our collective knowledge, indulge our curiosity, and to come together in a spirit of sharing and collaboration.

This series was programmed by Elio Beale and organised as a collaboration between Decriminalised Futures, [Abolitionist Futures](#) and [Verso](#), with support from [Arika](#).

## RESOURCES

Below is a list of groups, readings, and resources mentioned during the panel.

- [Preventing Prevent](#)
- [Trans National Institute](#)
- [Cage Prisoners](#)
- Consented Youth
- Thread By Leah
- [Radical Transfeminism Zine](#)
- [Edinburgh Actions for Trans Health Manifesto](#)
- [The Limits of Trans Liberalism by Nat Raha](#)
- [Turn Illness into a Weapon](#)

## GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS:

- HHUGS
- [Sex Workers Union](#)
- PSN
- Queercare
- [Project LETS](#)

- [Mutual Aid](#)
- [Trans Edinburgh](#)
- [Bent Bars](#)

## BOOKS:

- *The Wretched of the Earth* (1961), Franz Fanon
- *(B)ordering Britain* (2018), Nadine El-Enany
- *A Kick in the Belly: Women, Slavery and Resistance* (2020), Stella Dadzie
- *Care Work: Dreaming Disability Justice* (2018), Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha
- *Resistance Behind Bars: The Struggles of Incarcerated Women* (2009), Vikki Law
- *Don't Leave Your Friends Behind: Concrete Ways to Support Families in Social Justice Movements and Communities* (2012), Vikki Law & China Martens



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