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The concept of ‘informal organisation’ refers to a form of organisation that operates outside the traditional hierarchical structures typically associated with formal institutions or established anarchist groups. Informal organisation is characterized by its flexibility, decentralization, and antiauthoritarian nature. This approach emphasises affinity-based relationships and networks grounded in trust, shared goals, and common principles. Unlike formal organizations with leaders, councils or formal rules, informal organization arises from self-organisation and individual initiatives. This allows individuals or small groups to autonomously plan and carry out acts of resistance or attacks against oppressive systems.

The strength of informal organization lies in its ability to facilitate rapid decision-making, adaptability, and creativity. It allows for the coordination of diverse actions undertaken by autonomous individuals or groups united by their shared desire for liberation and an end to hierarchical structures. Communication networks, personal relationships, and informal gatherings are some of the means through which information and strategies are shared.

It can be argued that informality disrupts power dynamics by focusing on decentralised interactions, thereby minimising and evading surveillance, infiltration, and repression from state authorities. In this way, when one group is neutralised it doesn’t lead to the dismantling of the entire structure.

By avoiding formal structures, we aim to reduce the vulnerability of the organisation and its participants, while also maximizing the potential for successful direct actions and the creation of new possibilities.

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