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## Power to the People Online Archive

Immerse yourself in the captivating realm of people-powered politics, counterculture, and the vibrant social movements that have shaped modern Western history. The [Power to the People](#) online archive showcases a range of ideas, initiatives, and social movements devoted to people-powered politics and organising from the nineteenth through twenty-first centuries, including a large number of pamphlets which are held in the Special Collections Commonweal archive and not normally available in the Collection. Ranging beyond a few specific movements, the archive paints a broad picture of the counterculture and many disparate organisations that represent this moment in modern Western history.

Commonweal readers can access the archive on the walk-in PC on the ground floor of the JB Priestley Library. A short video explaining how to access and search the database is [here](#).

1. Check you are going to be in the library at a time when there are library staff to log you in - current opening hours can be found [here](#).
2. Remember to bring either a USB stick to save your documents or your web-based email login details.
3. When you enter the library ask to be logged into the walk-in user PC to use the Power to the People archive
4. From the home screen of the walk-in user PC scroll down the list of resources to find the Power to the People archive
5. You can search by keyword - either simple keyword strings in the search box or click on Advanced search to combine several terms
6. You can also use the Topic Explorer to help drill down in specific topics. Enter your first term and other related terms are suggested with graphical blocks showing how common they are.
7. When you get your search results.
  - a. Click on the result you want to read. Your keywords are highlighted in the text.
  - b. Pages are displayed one at a time, you need to use the left/right arrows to navigate.
8. From the download option at the top of the page you can save individual pages or a series of pages either to your USB stick or to the desktop and then attach to an email. You need to do this before you log out of the computer as all temporary files are wiped between users.

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