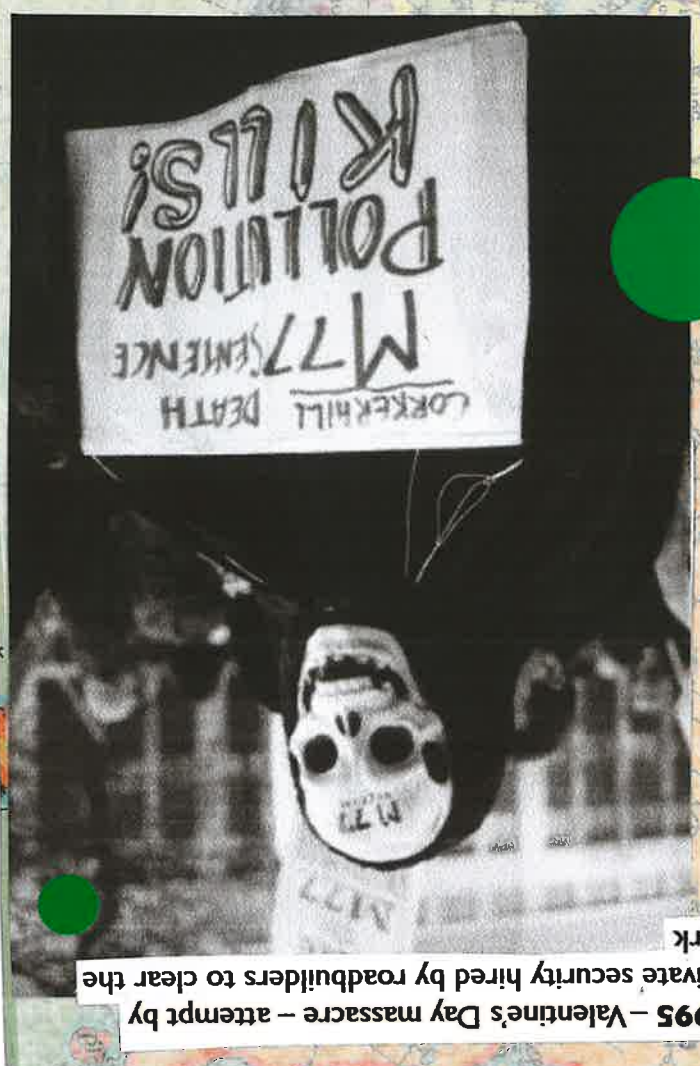
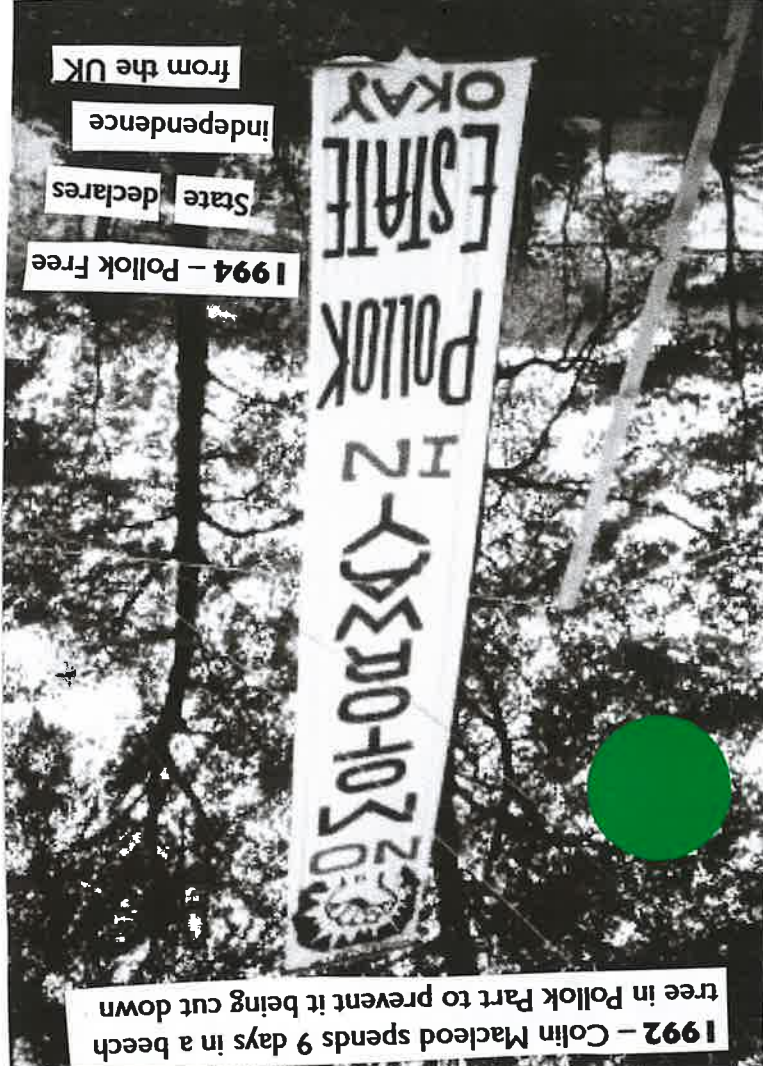




1995 – local schoolkids walk out in support of the Pollok Free State. 20 private security guards join the side of the protestors.



1995 – Valentine's Day massacre – attempt by private security hired by roadbuilders to clear the park



1992 – Colin Macleod spends 9 days in a beech tree in Pollok Park to prevent it being cut down

COLIN MACLEOD

"out of the chaos of the scheme an order was born... in the scheme you're disempowered – there's no responsibility, in the Free State we relearned how to take responsibility in some small way and we relearned how to rearticulate our voice & found direction..."

The greenbelt is part of the essential wealth of our city, not a luxury but a necessary part of a healthy environment and our aim is to protect it.

THERE'S GOING TO BE AN OUTRAGE AND WE'RE STARTING IT!

'Free state' resists Glasgow motorway

"Relationships, space, meaning needed to be constantly renegotiated - in a way that felt heavily alive and deeply participative. How were we coming to understand community? How were we coming to understand freedom? How was justice for the trees in that wood becoming intimately bound up with justice for the people who lived in the schemes nearby?"

GEHAN MACLEOD

1996 – end of the Pollok Free State as a physical space

"You know these trees, you've been up these trees. They mean so much to you anyway. And you hear them breaking like matches. And a space appearing, where a space had never been before."

ROSIE KANE

The M77 was built through Pollok Park and final stages of the motorway were completed in 1997. As the Free Staters warned, the motorway reduced local communities' ability to access green space and resulted in a loss of habitat for wildlife, as well an increase in volume of traffic that rapidly choked the new motorway.

"We lost the campaign but learned many things about how to make community in a difficult space; how to take responsibility, articulate our concerns and find common purpose."

1996 – Galgael begins

GALGAEL

Scottish Alliance Against the Bill

Defiance Demo

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George Square 12 noon Saturday 25th February

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