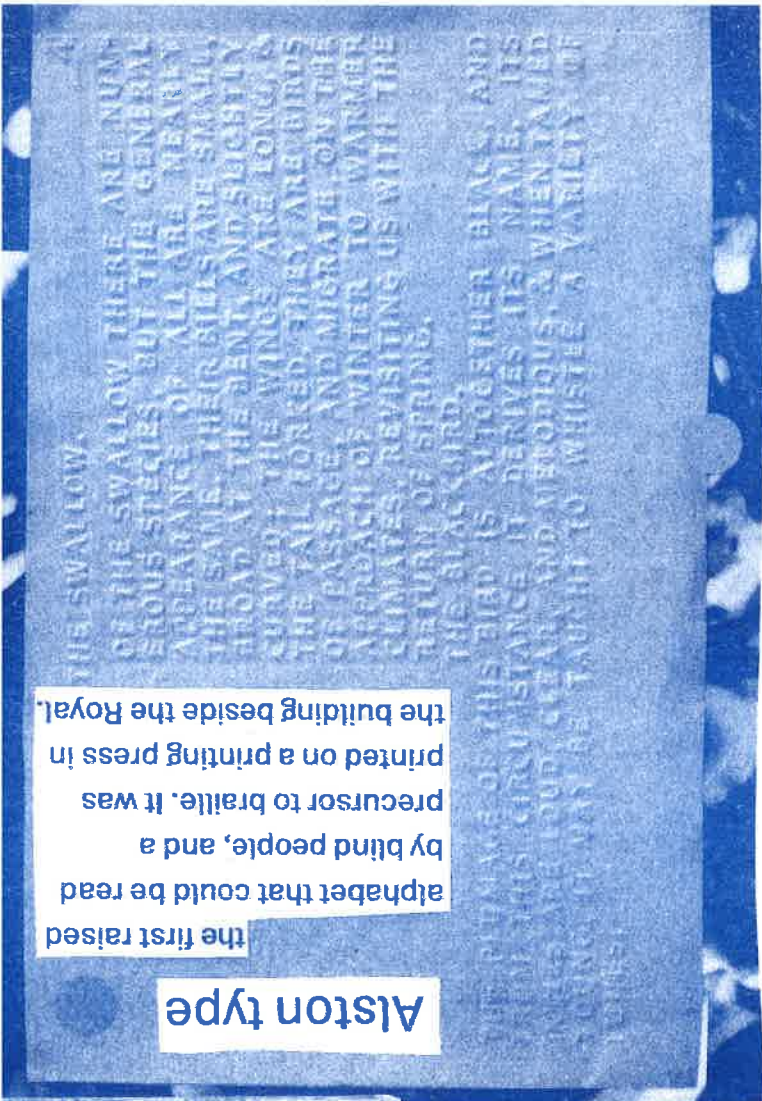
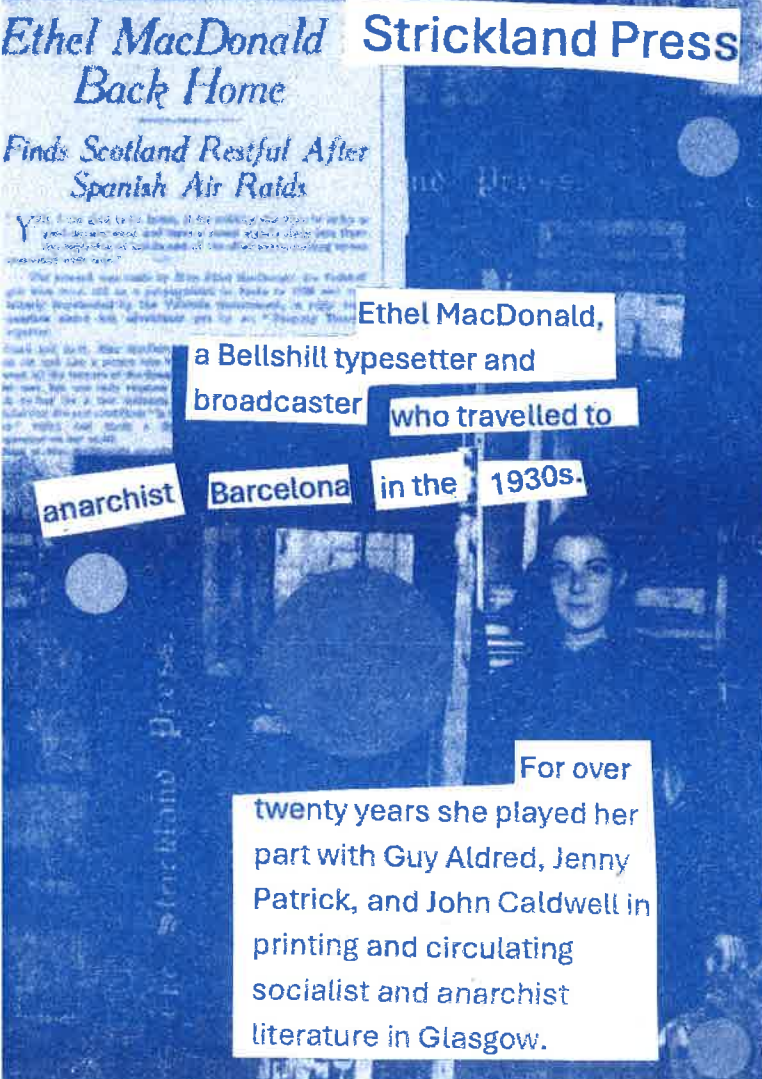




the first raised
alphabet that could be read
by blind people, and a
precursor to braille. It was
printed on a printing press in
the building beside the Royal.

Alston type



Ethel MacDonald Strickland Press
Back Home

Finds Scotland Restful After
Spanish Air Raids

Ethel MacDonald,
a Bellshill typesetter and
broadcaster who travelled to
anarchist Barcelona in the 1930s.

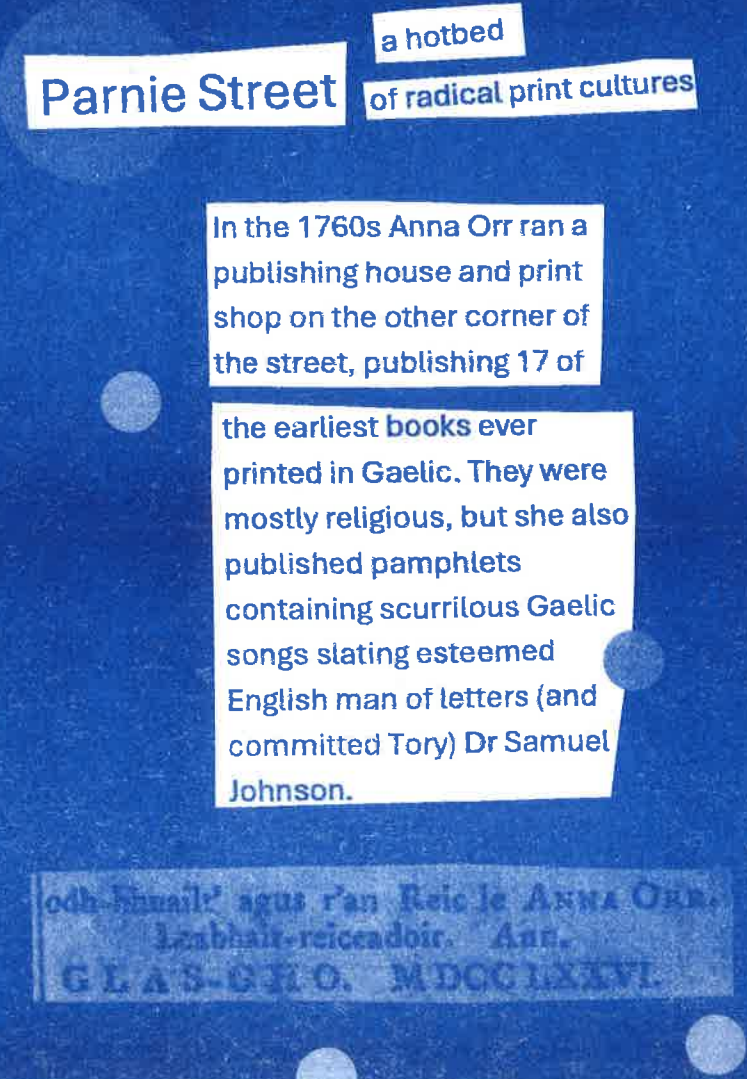
For over
twenty years she played her
part with Guy Aldred, Jenny
Patrick, and John Caldwell in
printing and circulating
socialist and anarchist
literature in Glasgow.



Robert Burns used to drink in
the Black Bull Inn on Arwell St

Burns' writing had a huge
impact on many Scottish
radicals.

like
Partick anarchist
and would-be Franco
assassin Stuart Christie

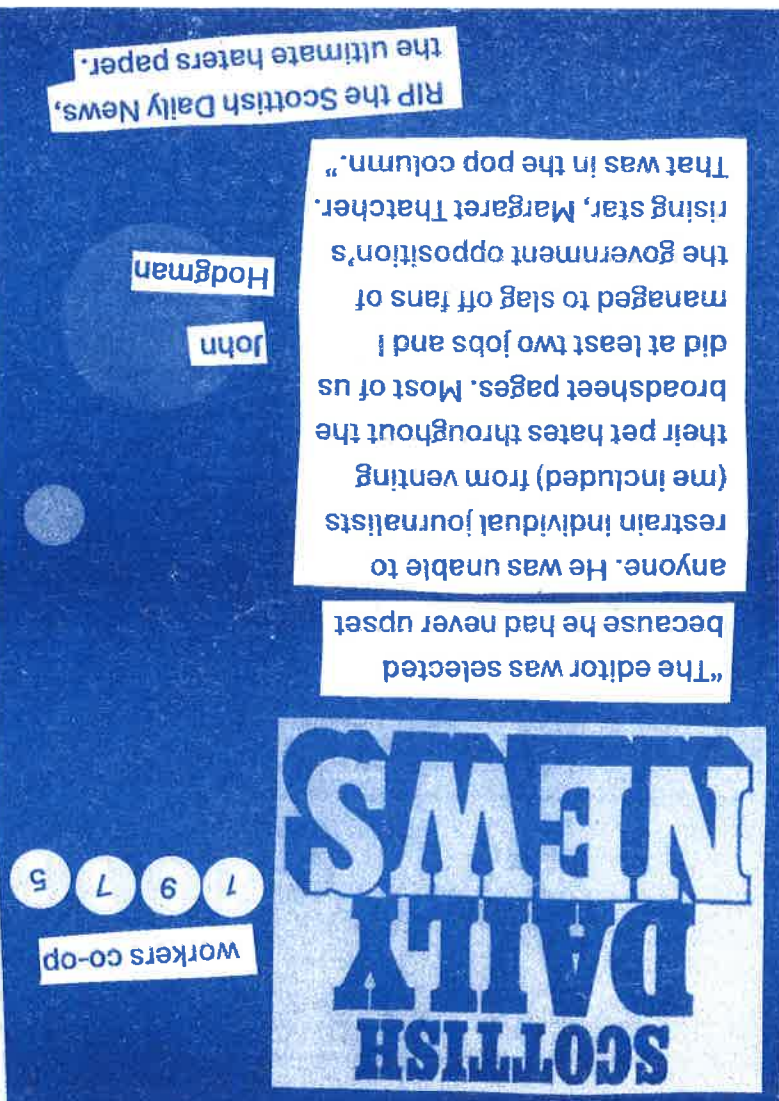


Parnie Street
a hotbed
of radical print cultures

In the 1760s Anna Orr ran a
publishing house and print
shop on the other corner of
the street, publishing 17 of

the earliest books ever
printed in Gaelic. They were
mostly religious, but she also
published pamphlets
containing scurrilous Gaelic
songs slating esteemed
English man of letters (and
committed Tory) Dr Samuel
Johnson.

odh-fhàil' agus 'an Raic le ANNA ORR.
Leabhar-reicidair. Ann.
GLAS-GHO. MDCCCLXXVI



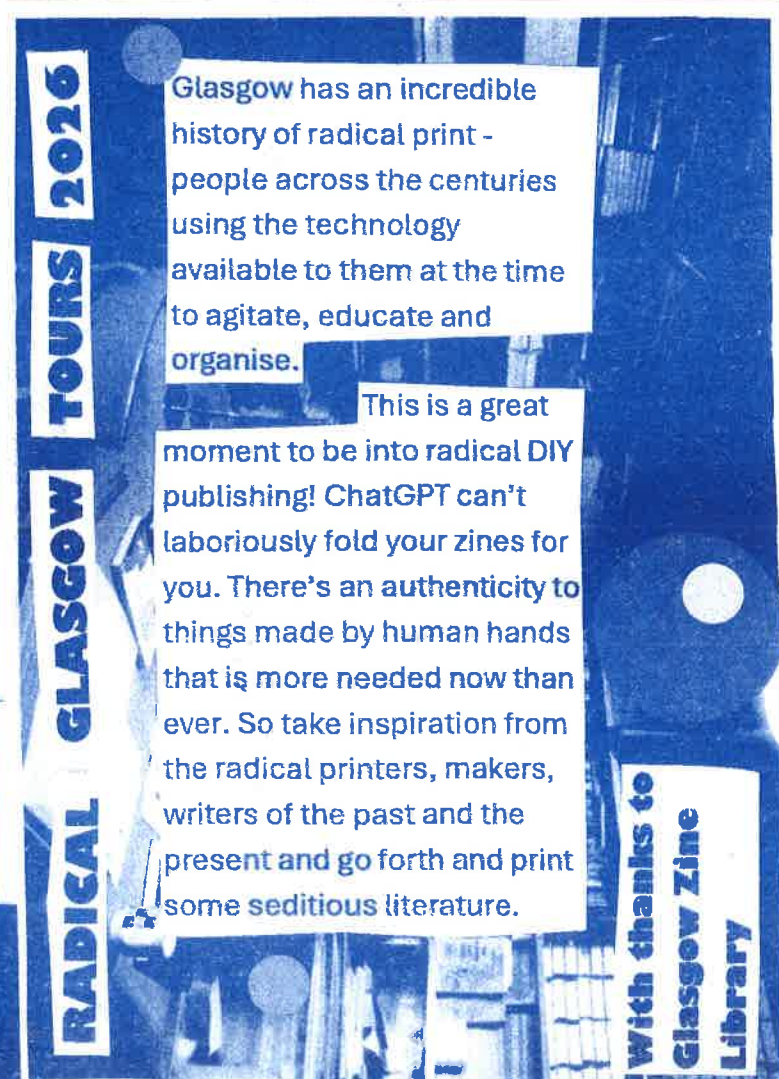
SCOTTISH
DAILY
NEWS

workers co-op
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"The editor was selected
because he had never upset
anyone. He was unable to
restrain individual journalists
(me included) from venting
their pet hates throughout the
broadsheet pages. Most of us
did at least two jobs and I
managed to slag off fans of
the government opposition's
rising star, Margaret Thatcher.
That was in the pop column."

John
Hodgman

RIP the Scottish Daily News,
the ultimate haters paper.

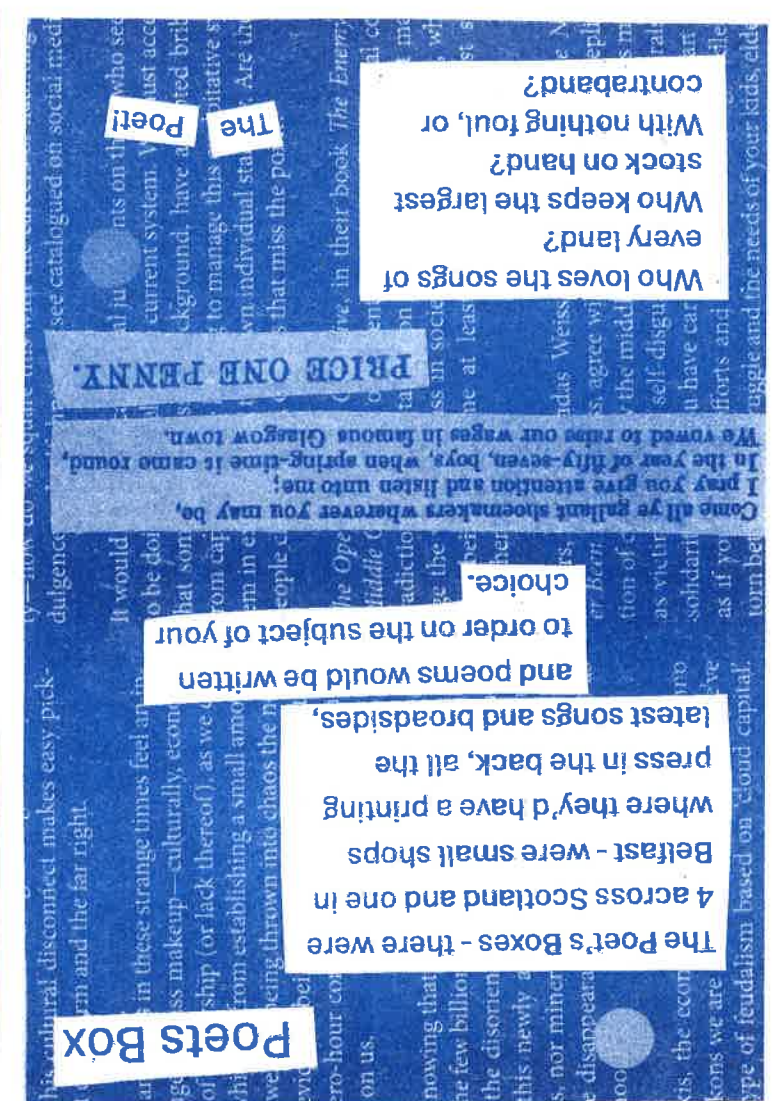


RADICAL GLASGOW TOURS 2026

Glasgow has an incredible
history of radical print -
people across the centuries
using the technology
available to them at the time
to agitate, educate and
organise.

This is a great
moment to be into radical DIY
publishing! ChatGPT can't
laboriously fold your zines for
you. There's an authenticity to
things made by human hands
that is more needed now than
ever. So take inspiration from
the radical printers, makers,
writers of the past and the
present and go forth and print
some seditious literature.

With thanks to
Glasgow Zine
Library



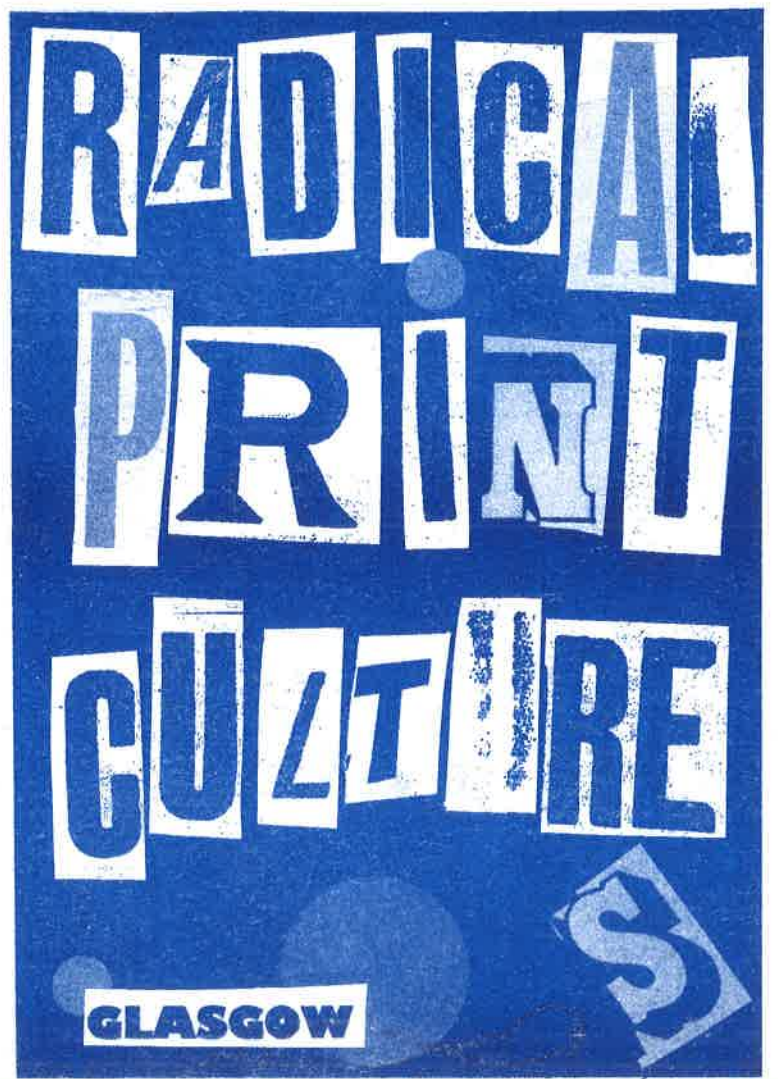
Poets Box

The Poet's Boxes - there were
4 across Scotland and one in
Belfast - were small shops
where they'd have a printing
press in the back, all the
latest songs and broadsides,

and poems would be written
to order on the subject of your
choice.

PRICE ONE PENNY.

Who loves the songs of
every land?
Who keeps the largest
stock on hand?
With nothing foul, or
contraband?



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