

Leon Rosselson delivered the keynote workshop at the 2019 Annual Gathering.

If you are unfamiliar with his work, there is plenty of information available online - for example:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leon_Rosselson

<https://www.leonrosselson.co.uk/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DaiCoJjps9c&list=PLHexIaZzW0Gf1LBVs0itUkP0cJrbz8f8a&index=16>

His subject was **Turning Defiance into Song**: How song can help bring about social change. What is a protest song and what is its function? Where do protest songs come from? Who owns them? Can protest songs change minds? Which movements for social change have generated songs in order to strengthen solidarity and a sense of common purpose? Singing 'protest' songs - historical and contemporary, and ask which work best and why.

A recording of the entire presentation is provided, complete with laughter, interruptions and pauses. It has been split into four sections, each of which lasts over 20 minutes, purely for convenience.

Copies of the song sheets are included in the link.