[The whole family gives out the propaganda leaflets].
The whole family: 'Office workers of the world unite, you have nothing to lose but your nine to fives! You have a world to win!'

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'The Monogamous Family is based on the supremacy of the man, the express purpose being to produce children of undisputed paternity; such paternity is demanded because these children are later to come into their father's property as his natural heirs.'

'Monogamous marriage comes on the scene as the subjugation of the one sex by the other.'

'The modern individual family is founded on the open or concealed domestic slavery of the wife, and modern society is a mass composed of these individual families as its molecules.'

Friedrich Engels
The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State

The Hazardous Family is a part of HAZARD 08, outbreaks of hazardous behaviour and guerrilla live art throughout Manchester on 12 July 08.

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investigates

Engels' Collected Works through Political Speeches and a Family Picnic at Parsonage Gardens, Manchester 12 July 2008 1pm

This is a performance intervention. This is an opportunity to investigate the construction of the family within present day consumer capitalism. This is a reading of Engels' texts. This is a family picnic. This is a chance for us to make political speeches. This is the act of calling upon office workers. This is in red, green and white. This is an experiment in family activism. This is a family from Liverpool on a day-trip to Manchester.

Directions
Mark out a picnic space with 30 meters of hazard tape. Tie the tape around a bin, move on towards a tree and then proceed to a park bench. This will make a triangular picnic space. Proceed to tie the red banner around the tree and park bench. Make certain the words 'The first division of labour is that between man and woman for the propagation of children' Marx & Engels, are clearly visible on the banner and written in white paint. Spread the picnic throw in the centre of the space. Place all the items of food and drink on the throw. Take the soap-box and place it front-right of the picnic space. Place all propaganda leaflets in clear view of the public either on the soap-box or on the picnic spread. The extracts from Engels' books are read out at intervals over the following lunch hour.

'The first division of labour is that between man and woman for the propagation of children.'
Marx & Engels *The German Ideology*

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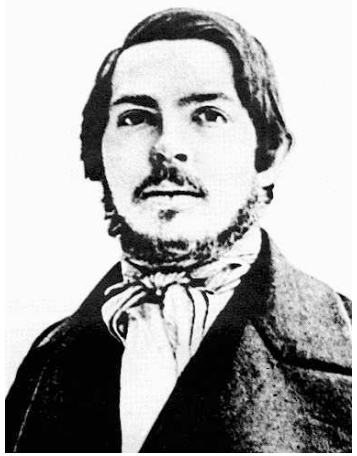

In 1842, the twenty-two year old Engels was sent to Manchester, England to work for the textile firm of *Ermen and Engels* in which his father was a shareholder. Engels' father thought working at the Manchester firm might make Engels reconsider the radical leanings that he had developed at school. His office was just round the corner, here at 7 Southgate – now House of Fraser. In Manchester, Engels met Mary Burns, a young woman with whom he began a relationship that lasted until her death in 1862. Mary acted as a guide through Manchester and helped introduce Engels to the English working class. Despite having a lifelong relationship, the two were never married as Engels was against the institution of marriage which he saw as unnatural and unjust. During his time in Manchester, Engels took notes and personally observed the horrible working conditions of English workers. These notes and observations, along with his experience working in his father's commercial firm, formed the basis for his first book *The Condition of the Working Class in England* in 1844.

Abolition of the family! Even the most radical flare up at this infamous proposal of the Communists.
On what foundation is the present family, the bourgeois family, based? On capital, on private gain. In its completely developed form, this family exists only among the bourgeoisie. But this state of things finds its complement in the practical absence of the family among the proletarians, and in public prostitution.
The bourgeois family will vanish as a matter of course when its complement vanishes, and both will vanish with the vanishing of capital.
from The Communist Manifesto

Revolutionary Seat at Chetham's Library where Marx and Engels wrote parts of *The Communist Manifesto* in July 1845

List of Engels' residencies in Manchester

51 Richmond Grove, Chorlton on Medlock
The former Commercial Hotel at 63-65 Cecil Street, Moss Side
252 Hyde Road where he lived with his partner Mary Burns under the false names of Frederick and Mary Broadside
Thorncliffe Grove [pictured]
Dover Street.

Manchester proper lies on the left bank of the Irwell, between that stream and the two smaller ones, the Irk and the Medlock, which here empty into the Irwell. On the right bank of the Irwell, bounded by a sharp curve of the river, lies Salford, and farther westward Pendleton; northward from the Irwell lie Upper and Lower Broughton; northward of the Irk, Cheetham Hill; south of the Medlock lies Hulme; farther east Chorlton on Medlock; still farther, pretty well to the east of Manchester, Ardwick. The whole assemblage of buildings is commonly called Manchester, and contains about four hundred thousand inhabitants, rather more than less. The town itself is peculiarly built, so that a person may live in it for years, and go in and out daily without coming into contact with a working-people's quarter or even with workers, that is, so long as he confines himself to his business or to pleasure walks. *from The Condition of the Working Class in England*

Working Men! [and Women!]
Having, at the same time, ample opportunity to watch the middle-classes, your opponents, I soon came to the conclusion that you are right, perfectly right in expecting no support whatever from them. Their interest is diametrically opposed to yours, though they always will try to maintain the contrary and to make you believe in their most hearty sympathy with your fates. Their doings give them the lie. I hope to have collected more than sufficient evidence of the fact, that -- be their words what they please -- the middle-classes intend in reality nothing else but to enrich themselves by your labour while they can sell its produce, and to abandon you to starvation as soon as they cannot make a profit by this indirect trade in human flesh. *from The Preface to The Condition of the Working Class in England*