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‘Anarchism in Local Governance’ relates the municipal political and administrative governance of Savonlinna, Finland, to anarchist thought and praxis to investigate how they might complement each other.

Through accounts of his experience as a local politician and elected office holder, Stephen Condit, in ‘Anarchism in Local Governance’, examines how his anarchist convictions may have contributed to the administration of his community in a way that empowers citizens towards self-governance and prefiguration of communal anarchist ideals. The hypothesis is that municipal governance and anarchist thought and praxis can both benefit by this kind of encounter. Condit also investigates the emergence of anarchism through citizen participation in civil society as a reality to which the municipality is accountable.

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