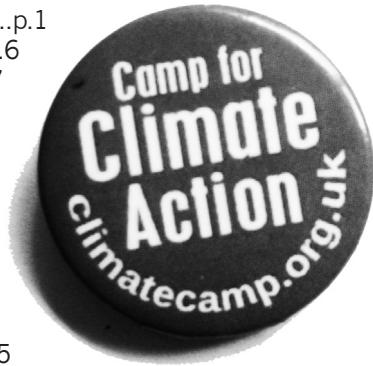


# CAMP FOR CLIMATE ACTION HANDBOOK 2010



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## Welcome to the Camp for Climate Action 2010

### New to all this?

You're now part of a society where there are no bosses. Just by joining us in this space, you have become as much of an authority on how it should be organised as anyone else here. While you might want to look to others to help and support something, you will never need to ask permission and you don't need to await instructions. This can seem a bit strange at first, and take some getting used to, but it's incredibly liberating and empowering.

**The camp is not a festival, and so is not to be passively enjoyed.** The camp is a social community like any other – it's a chance to make amazing new friends, though it may take a bit of effort from old hands to make new arrivals feel welcome, and bit of faith from new people to understand old friendships. The best

way to get to know people is ask if they need a hand, muck in and help out, with anything from washing up to building compost toilets.

### Before you go, give what you can!

Entrance and participation in the Camp is free to enable everyone to attend. However, we still live in a world of capital power. When and where possible we have tried to get donations and skip materials. Nevertheless we could not get away from incurring (large) costs for marquees, food, plumbing, publicity, loo roll etc. We therefore ask for donations based on what people can afford. Suggested donations: kids free, teenagers £5-10, adult on benefit £10-15, low-waged adult £15-20, above average wage £25-30, or more if you can manage it! The suggested food donation is £7 per day (£3 for lunch or dinner, £1 for breakfast), but please give what you can afford.

# PITCHING IN, SETTING UP

## Not so new to all this?

Remember that you do have a personal capacity: share the load, ask for help if you need it. Have a friend who tells you if you're taking on too much and not letting go. Try to make sure you're not the only person who knows how to do something. Sharing and gaining skills is a big part of what the camp is about: we need to involve everyone in this, not just those people who are already confident. Everyone has amazing contributions to make if given the opportunity to do so.

Equally, many newcomers want to start by just listening and learning. Remember how you felt the first time you did something like this? Think about how it could have been made easier and do that for someone else, even if it's just making the effort to sit down next to someone you don't know and say hello.

## Welcome tent and Jobshop

If you need any information, or have any questions, come to the Welcome Tent near the gate, open from 10am to 8pm. There's loads of info on workshops, meetings, camp decisions, and a map of the site. When the Welcome Tent is closed you can contact the Tranquility Team via the Communications Tent, or just ask the friendliest face you see.

Check out the Jobshop, where you will find a list of the day's site jobs and how to do them, including setting up and maintaining the site. The camp is a non-hierarchical space: everyone is responsible for taking on tasks and making sure the site runs as effectively as possible. None of us are punters, we are all the crew!

## Accommodation

The Camp is organised by and into neighbourhood groups, based mainly on geographical areas. Your neighbourhood is where you sleep, eat and help make the decisions affecting daily life during your time here. You can join whichever you feel suits you best. The London neighbourhood is the designated accessible neighbourhood, close to the entrance and with an accessible toilet; please ask at Welcome if you need assistance.



Everyone contributes to the running of neighbourhoods: chopping vegetables, cooking, washing up, recycling, looking after marquees, welcoming new people etc. Each neighbourhood should have a board for announcements, meeting times and jobs that need doing. Neighbourhoods don't just exist while at the camp: see the back of this book to see how to get involved with your local group.

## Food

Camp food is sourced largely from local organic growers and wholesalers. It is entirely vegan, helping us to lower our environmental impact. We encourage participants to respect this and not to bring meat on site. Meals are made three times a day at the neighbourhoods who have kitchens: London, Manchester, South Coast and East Anglia.

## Toilets

There are compost loos to lower our ecological footprint. SOME recycled loo-roll is provided, but this may well run out so please use it wisely or buy your own. The toilets are separated not along gender lines, but on function and ergonomics. We have poo loos, sitting wee and standing wee. Pee whichever way you wish! It is really important however not to pee in the poo loos or poo in the pee loos as this ruins the good produce that is sent to a local farmer.

### Top toilet tips

- Pee before you poo, even if you don't think you need to!
- Always wash your hands after!

Every neighbourhood gets their go at clearing out the toilets, so it's for your benefit to make sure the system works! An accessible toilet is available in London neighbourhood.

## Water and health

It is vital in the fight for climate justice that our shit hot day of action is not a wipe-out due to camp wide dysentery.

To best avoid outbreaks of upset tummies, the plumbing system has been carefully laid out and separated into three different uses of water on the site: drinking, washing and cooking.

Each tap will have a sign clarifying what this tap is to be used for: please respect this. It's really important that we do not wash in the kitchen taps and drink from the wash taps.

Please let's wash our hands extra vigorously, and make sure the washing up water is always hot and soapy. If you have an upset stomach, please go to the medic tent.

## Dogs on site

Leave the family pet at home. If you have to bring a dog, take responsibility for it at all times, keep it on a lead and collect and dispose of any poo. Support dogs welcome.

## Quiet time

It was agreed at the UK-wide Gathering that power down is at 10.30pm: that's when amplified music gets switched off. Please respect this & also try to avoid really loud conversations when returning to your tent at night, and early in the morning.

## **Emergencies**

Please read this, and if something happens **DON'T PANIC.**

### **General Camp Emergency**

The camp has an emergency bell which will be demonstrated on site. If you hear this alarm, stop what you are doing, stand still and wait for further instructions from the Tranquility Team.

### **Medical Emergency**

In the event of a medical emergency, shout for a medic and ensure someone is trying to find the on-call medic. Medics should be available at the Medic space or can be contacted via radio from Comms. They will co-ordinate contacting the emergency services. If the emergency is very obviously life threatening call an ambulance immediately.

### **Fire**

In the event of a fire find the nearest fire point and ring the bell, or raise the alert generally. Clear the area around the fire. If the fire is manageable, start trying to put it out- there will be water at each fire point, marked by a big blue oil drum filled with water.

Tell Comms immediately, especially if the fire is likely to spread or getting out of control. Comms will contact the fire service and sound the camp emergency alarm. Tranquility Team will give instructions on how to evacuate the area by appropriate emergency exits.

### **Clearing up the camp**

The camp is not a festival, and so is not to be passively enjoyed. As in previous years, we aim to leave the site better than we found it. This year the final day, Wednesday 25th August, will be spent quickly, collectively and safely dismantling the

camp and clearing up. Otherwise we'd leave behind a small crew saddled with all the work who'd be easy pickings for any disgruntled figures of authority. Plus it means a fantastic post-tat-down party on Wednesday night!

### **Any problems?**

Please report any structural problems or health and safety issues to the Site Team at the Welcome Tent, and any conflict issues to the Tranquility Team

### **Gates and security**

At the camp we take the defence of the site and gate security very seriously. The gate crews and Comms work together to deal with almost any potential threats, but please, please don't leave valuables lying around the site or in your tent.

Gate security isn't just about defending against the police – it's also the interface between campers and the people we welcome in. The gates should be a part of the general ethos of climate camp; where we aim to demonstrate inclusivity, collective decision making and a safe space for all. We will need lots of happy and willing volunteers to make this a reality.

This year we're also asking each neighbourhood to organise one or more defence teams to help with any problems. Being part of a defence team doesn't mean you'll be sitting around waiting for trouble, just that you can be contacted to help defend the site if needed. There will be a rota to ensure that there's always a defence team ready to go. Hopefully this will ensure that the camp can minimise any disruptions and resolve any conflicts as they arise.



Security at the camp is everybody's responsibility, but it should not detract from the rest of our ideas and actions. The more people who get involved the more we can share the workload and hopefully keep the site running smoothly.

### Kids space

The camp is a family friendly site, with a dedicated, safe and fun Kids' Space for parents and children. A range of family-friendly workshops will take place throughout the period of the camp that will enable children to input into and engage with the camp, as well as having loads of creative fun! We do not have a printed timetable of workshops, so please come down to the kids space and look at our workshops board.

Workshops will run hopefully from Friday 20th until the 24th, with a break on the 23rd for the day of action, to be discussed. Help from parents and non-parents is needed to run it successfully. Please come along to the kids space and help shape the space for the period of the camp. Everyone is welcome!

Lost children should be taken to the Kids' Space or the Wellbeing Tent if the Kids' Space is empty. Parents and guardians are responsible for their children at all times.

### Comms

Need to contact any working group or team on site? Comms can help. Neighbourhoods and working groups are connected by a web of hand-held radios. Before using them or to volunteer coordinating, come past the Welcome Tent or Comms Tent and be trained up with our super-efficient protocols! The ideal way to be active from the comfort of a chair.

# MEETINGS

With hundreds of people at the camp, meetings involving everyone are impractical, so the camp uses a “hub-and-spoke” model to ensure everyone gets heard.

**Neighbourhood meetings** are daily at 9:00 - 10:00am and everyone in the neighbourhoods is encouraged to take part. These meetings will focus on all issues that affect the neighbourhood, but will also leave space for broader political discussions.

During the neighbourhood meeting two “spokes” or neighbourhood representatives go to the site-wide spokes’ meeting.

**Site-wide spokes’ meetings** happen daily from 10:00 - 11:00am. These coordinate issues of importance to the entire camp. Spokes will rotate after two meetings. Their rotation is staggered so that at least one of them has always been to a previous meeting. Anyone can watch the site-wide spokes’ meetings, but usually only spokes and the facilitators can speak to keep the meeting short. Spokes report back the decisions of the site-wide meeting to the neighbourhood that lunch time.

Any issues that affect the fundamental aims of the Camp, what the people in other neighbourhoods can do, or have a negative impact on their wellbeing, should be brought to the site-wide spokes’ meeting. Call-outs and items for discussions can be put to neighbourhoods by any working group, neighbourhood or individual by putting them in the meetings box, in the site/welcome tent. Neighbourhoods should identify needs and issues at their meetings for spokes to take to the

meeting. A copy of the minutes from site-wide meetings can also be found in the welcome tent.

Each neighbourhood also nominates a “Meetings Liaison” who meet with the Meetings Group on a daily basis in order to convey site-wide discussion questions to the neighbourhood meeting.

## Quick decisions

If we need to make a decision fast, a “quick decision spokes meeting” is held to discuss the situation. Quick decision spokes are nominated by neighbourhoods and should be different people to regular spokes. This person will have a secret flashing “spoke phone” with the numbers of other quick decision spokes and also the meetings group.

The quick decision spokes council needs at least five neighbourhood spokes to go ahead. And each quick decision spoke should bring five or so other people from their neighbourhood so a diversity of opinions are represented. If a major decision has to be made that affects the whole camp, the quick decisions spokes council can call a full camp-wide spokes council, where everyone in the camp meets in their neighbourhoods. The quick decision spokes take messages and agreements to and from the site meeting and neighbourhoods until a solution is reached.

The quick decision spoke will rotate after attending one spokes council, reporting back to their neighbourhood meeting the day after.

# CONSENSUS

At the camp everyone is involved in making decisions. We don't use voting, in which one group 'wins' and another group 'loses'; instead we use "consensus decision making", where we try to find solutions that address everyone's concerns. If you haven't been in this type of meeting before, don't worry, you'll find it easy to get involved and, hopefully, inspiring too.

## How does consensus work?

The consensus process is used whenever a group needs to make a decision. It normally follows the same basic steps:

1. Define the issue and what decision needs to be made
2. Come up with ideas
3. Discuss and create a proposal
4. Test for agreement. The facilitator will say: "Are there any blocks? Are there any stand-asides?"
5. If there is consensus, implement the decision! If not, go back to 3

### NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETINGS

9:00 - 10:00AM

### SITE-WIDE SPOKES' MEETINGS

10:00 - 11:00AM

Interested in helping facilitate camp-wide and neighbourhood meetings? Come to the facilitation training at 4:30pm on the Friday in the main marquee, or if you have some experience get in touch with the meetings group by leaving a message in the meetings box at the Welcome Tent.

## Facilitator

Each meeting has a facilitator, who ensures everyone gets a say, that no-one dominates the discussion and that ideas are collectively shaped into workable proposals. Facilitating can be a very demanding role, so at big meetings there are often two or more facilitators to share the load.

## Guidelines for taking part in meetings

- Be respectful and trust each other.
- Look for the most acceptable solution for everyone. Meetings are where collectives move forward together; they're not soap boxes for individuals.
- Think before you speak, listen before you object.
- No-one wants the meeting to go on longer than necessary, so before raising your hand to speak, ask yourself whether what you have to say has been said before and whether it is really moving the meeting forward.
- Keep track of how much you say, especially if you tend to speak more than most.
- Wave your hands if you agree with something.
- Switch off your mobile phone.
- Challenge discriminatory behaviour.

## WELLBEING



You may spot some unusual hand movements in the meetings. These make meetings run more smoothly and help the facilitators spot emerging agreements. For instance, **wave both your hands** to express agreement.

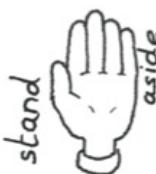
During discussion raise one finger to speak.



Put hands in a T-shape to make a technical point, an important point not related to the discussion, e.g. 'lunch's ready.'



Raise both your index fingers to make a direct factual response to a point someone has just said - i.e. you can jump the queue of speakers but only to add brief information. With the great power of the direct response comes great responsibility - please don't abuse it!



A 'stand aside' is used if you disagree with the proposal or are not willing to help implement it. A few stand asides shouldn't stop a proposal, but if there are a lot, the group could reconsider.



Blocks are very rare and should only be used as a last resort if you very strongly believe a proposal goes against the group's fundamental aims.

The Wellbeing space is somewhere to come and relax, de-stress, rest or have a cup of tea. Our 'opening times' are 10am to 10pm, but there will be someone in the space for emergency support 24 hours a day. We are offering 'emotional first aid', not counselling, but if that is what anyone needs we will try to put them in contact with people who can help.

Come in, chill out and chat to each other, but please remember that this is not a social space, but a place for recovery, re-energising and support.

The Wellbeing Tent is also the base for the Activist Trauma Support Team at the camp. If you want to talk to someone in private about any traumatic or stressful situations, we have people available. We also offer group debriefing on stressful incidents, avoiding burnout and sustainable activism, and information and practical help on living and acting sustainably.

# SAFER SPACES

This agreement was made collectively at the UK-Wide gathering in August 2010. Its purpose is to support our collective efforts to create a safe space free from hierarchy, oppression, and conflict. It is a provisional agreement that can be changed at any time by the consensus decision of the camp.

We welcome everyone who enters this space as an equal participant in our movement. We believe that each of us has something to contribute and to learn. We are a community based on respect, trust and taking responsibility for our actions.

## **Creating a space free from hierarchy and oppression**

We reject a society that exploits people and planet in the interests of private profit and privilege, and that fosters exclusion and oppression. Oppression can

happen at a political, social or personal level and typically occurs on the basis of ethnicity, class, gender, gender identity, gender presentation, sexuality, age, income, ability, appearance, migration, belief or non belief, activist experience, and other forms of difference and inequality. We consider any behaviour that demeans, marginalises, threatens or harms anybody, as oppression and we commit to resisting it.

- Anyone who is responsible for violence, intimidation, harassment or unwanted sexual contact will by their behaviour exclude themselves from the camp.
- We reject any form of language and behaviour that perpetuates oppression, however unintentionally: for example a racist or sexist joke, or interrupting someone on the basis of unspoken privilege.



Providing a safe and welcoming space is everyone's responsibility. We ask camp participants to challenge attitudes and behaviour in a way that is respectful and constructive, whilst treating the needs of the oppressed, and our desire for a safe space, as paramount.

- Stealing and other breaches of trust, including informing on camp activities, will also exclude the person responsible from the camp. All allegations will be treated seriously but with an awareness that they can be divisive, especially if unsubstantiated.

### **Resolving conflict and maintaining a productive camp**

We have also agreed to avoid behaviour that undermines or disrupts the camp's ability to function as a place where people live, work, and take action on climate change. By mutually seeking creative ways to reconcile any conflict between our individual and collective needs, we believe that we can demonstrate a more free and sustainable way of living.

- The camp offers an alternative to consumerism that exploits people and environment. It is not a space for excessive use of drugs and alcohol, nor is it a festival: it is an active movement for social change. We have agreed to respect spaces marked out as alcohol free.

- Please be responsible about your waste.
- We have agreed to have a power down (end to amplified music) at 10:30pm.

The Tranquillity team are available 24 hours per day to support the camp in challenging oppression, resolving conflict, and keeping to collective decisions. We can arrange access to conflict mediation, and offer a fair and accountable process for dealing with concerns about behaviour. You are very welcome to contact us with any concerns, questions or feedback.

You can contact us at the Tranquillity tent, around the site, or through your neighbourhood Tranquillity reps.





A lot of people hear about the Camp for Climate Action and the issues it takes action on through the media. This means that learning how to produce our own media and work with journalists is a useful tool for spreading our message. At the camp, there will be opportunities to learn about media work through trainings and hands-on experience. If you want to get more involved after the Camp, touch base at [press@climatecamp.org.uk](mailto:press@climatecamp.org.uk).

Whether you're a professional journalist or just click-happy, please be aware and respectful of the fact that quite a few people attending the camp will not want to be photographed, and are probably enjoying a week away from techno-gadgetry overload, so give them a break. **If you really want to take a picture or a video and it includes people, always, always ask first. If you can't ask, don't take the picture.**

Don't be offended if the person or people you ask decline. Similarly, don't be shy to tell someone that you do not wish to be photographed. The Media Team isn't responsible for mediating these sorts of camera-disputes, so please be sensitive and respectful.

## Press at the camp

Our ongoing work with mainstream media, although fraught with pitfalls and perils, has been one important tool in communicating our messages and giving our movement visibility. To balance our respect for the importance of journalism and the privacy of camp attendants, we ask journalists visiting the camp to clearly identify themselves, keep to the media hours of 1pm-6pm, and to be accompanied by a camper.

## Documentation team

Around the site, you'll get to know a few activists who are documenting the camp—you'll recognise them by their big cameras and their "Documentation Team" insignia. For posterity, for publicity and for helping us out in court rooms, having good documentation of what we do and how we do it is really useful. Please tell the team if you don't want to be filmed, or if you think there's something going on which needs some documenting. These are highly trusted individuals accountable to the Camp as a whole, and we hope that campers feel cool and relaxed around them.

## Workshops in the Media Tent

Saturday 11am-1pm

Citizen TV Reporter Training with Climate Camp TV: Make the news you don't see on the news. Lack of experience no barrier. Bring any gear you have (camera, laptop, stills, smart phone). Then come and join the CCTV team during the camp!

Sunday 11-12 and Tues 11-12

Independent Media Hour: come and learn how to be an activist reporter. Also, check out the media tent for workshops on how to liaise with the corporate press.

# **LEGAL TEAM**

## **Tel: 07946 541 511**

The camp has an on-site legal team which can give you information and support. You can find us at the Legal Tent or call the number above.

You are likely to come into contact with the police at some stage during your stay at the camp. They may stop and search you as you enter or leave the site, so avoid bringing knives, sharp or pointed items, or drugs with you and keep pills in the original packaging.

During a search the police may ask for your details, but you are not required to give the police your name and address under any search powers. Even section 60 searches or searches under the Terrorism Act do not mean you are required to give your name and address. Only if you are driving or if the police suspect you of an offence (ask for details) or have detained or arrested you is it an offence in Scotland not to give your personal details when asked (name, address, date and place of birth, nationality). Please don't give your details unless you are legally required to do so.

You should always carry a bustcard, even if you don't think anything will happen to you. You can get a bustcard from the Legal Tent or from a Legal Observer. Write the numbers for Legal and the recommended solicitor down on your arm or leg just in case.

The Legal Team's Arrestee Support will attempt to monitor the welfare of people detained or arrested by tracking where people are being held in custody, trying to find someone to meet them on their release and providing advice on what to do next. If you see someone being detained or arrested, try to get their name or a description and let us know when and where they were detained or arrested. If you are arrested, please use us as the person to be informed of your arrest and ask the police to talk to us about your welfare/situation.

Please let us know as soon as you are released, otherwise we'll worry about you!

If you are in – or see – an incident with the police, please think about evidence which may be useful if arrests, assaults or abuses of police powers occur, e.g. the name of the person affected, the location, the time, what was said/done, police officers' badge numbers and any police number plates. Try to record this as soon as possible and come to the Legal Tent to complete a witness form.

The Legal Team relies on volunteers to help during the camp by acting as Legal Observers and to deal with the admin within the Legal Tent. If the police are busy then we will be busy – so please do consider volunteering. Training is available.

# TAKING ACTION

## **Why direct action?**

People in power often say that direct action that may break the law is somehow undemocratic. For us, direct action is an outbreak of democratic expression, directly challenging the injustices we see in the world and laws that perpetuate them.

Throughout history ordinary people have been responsible for all major social changes. Women's rights, civil rights, trade union recognition and democracy itself in many places have been brought about by direct action. When the political process isn't working to address profoundly important issues, taking direct action is the first step in making big changes happen.

In a time of climate catastrophe, instead of serious sustainable solutions we see airport expansion and new

coal-fired power stations. The Camp for Climate Action believes that people everywhere need to work out what they can do – and then do it! Taking action is empowering, fun and makes you realise you CAN make a difference. So team up, get trained, and take action! And come see Action Support along the way.

## **Who are Action Support?**

The Action Support team is supporting people to take part in this year's decentralised mass action. We're running 'stepping into direct action' and 'know'



your legal rights' workshops and mass action games. Check out details in neighbourhoods or in the Action Support space. We are also providing a safe space for individuals and affinity groups in the need of advice, resources, information and support. Come and chat to us!

### **What's a decentralised mass action?**

It's a way of taking part in a mass action, and staying autonomous. You'll work with your affinity group (= action team) to creatively carry out a mission. Other groups will have different missions, you might not know what their missions are, but all missions will work towards the shared goal. Come to the Mass Action Meeting at 11am on Saturday to find out more. If you don't have an affinity group yet, no probs, come to the meeting and we'll help you find one.

# WORKSHOPS

Whether it's finding out more about **Scottish and international struggles** against fossil fuels, discussing alternatives to the money economy, or plotting **mischiefous actions** that expose the fossil-fuel funding tactics of our banks, everyone is welcome.

Workshops are spaces to learn, discuss and develop our ideas, no previous knowledge or experience required. They also provide opportunities to discuss our collective politics, tactics and future directions. This year the workshops are focused on **finance and fossil fuels**, radical economics and climate activism in Scotland and beyond.

Check out the introduction to Banks, Money and Work, find out how communities are resisting fossil fuels on the ground in Scotland and get yourself clued up on some useful **legal know-how** in the legal briefing/observer sessions. And, don't

miss the **camp-wide plenaries** most evenings, with Saturday's tackling a right old chestnut: 'green' the banks or smash em? And if you fancy getting energised in the morning, sign up to participate (or lead!) an 8am session.

While some sessions will have a few speakers, lectures they're not. With your **input and energy**, we're aiming for heated discussions, participatory inquiry and hands-on experimenting. The hard part will be deciding where to go!

## Entertainment

The Camp for Climate Action hasn't forgotten that art can be a powerful force for change! Look out for impromptu performances from visiting fringe acts and musical activism throughout the camp. In addition, the main marquee will host evening entertainments.

| Friday     |  |
|------------|--|
| 4.30-6pm   | Facilitation Training  |
| 6-7.30     | Dinner   |
| 7.30-9.00  | Welcome Plenary<br>It's actually happening! Gather round to get up to speed on the story so far, hear inspiring stories from the last year's killer actions, remind ourselves why we're here and get a taste of what's in store.                           |
| 9.00-10.30 | Songs of Dissent: The Carbon Town Cryer comperes an evening of music and poetry designed to inspire rebellion, revelry and revolution. Expect special guest performers, both-well known and undiscovered, as well as radical rewrites of Lady Gaga hits... |

| Saturday   | Space 1   | Space 2   | Space 3   |
|------------|---|---|---|
| 8-9am      | Early bird: energising session outside the main marquee   |   |   |
| 9-10       | Neighbourhood meetings  |   |   |
| 10-11      | Site jobshop & Spokes meeting   |   |   |
| 11-12      | Legal observer training   | Resisting coal in Scotland  | Greenwash Guerrillas: basic training for a mission deep in the heart of the RBS-sponsored Edinburgh Festival. |
| 12-1       | Action meeting for everyone   |   |   |
| 1-2.30     | Lunch   |   |   |
| 2.30-4     | Radical approaches to tackling fuel poverty   | Climate change and Capitalism - do we need to destroy capitalism to destroy climate change? | Banks, Money, Work  |
| 4-4.30     | Break   |   |   |
| 4.30-6     | Strengthening the network for climate action - strategy discussion  |   |   |
| 6-7.30     | Dinner  |   |   |
| 7.30-9.00  | Plenary - 'The Big Banking Debate': Greening the banks or smashing the banks?   |   |   |
| 9.00-10.30 | Entertainments - Ska Ceilidh: Climate camp ceilidh band Green Kite Midnight and Scottish ska-sters New Urban Frontier join forces for an evening of music to get you on your feet |   |   |

| Sunday     | Space 1   | Space 2                                 | Space 3   |
|------------|---|---|---|
| 8-9am      | Early bird: energising session outside the main marquee |   |   |
| 9-10       | Neighbourhood meetings                                  |   |   |
| 10-11      | Site jobshop & Spokes meeting                           |   |   |
| 11-12      | Legal observer training                                 | RBS & Fossil Fuel Finance               | NGOs and Us   |
| 12-1       | Action meeting for everyone                             |   |   |
| 1-2.30     | Lunch   |   |   |
| 2.30-4     | International: From Copenhagen to Bolivia               | Workers, Green Jobs and Just Transition | Money without Work: A collective and personal inquiry |
| 4-4.30     | Break   |   |   |
| 4.30-6     | Tar Sands   | Degrowth                                |   |
| 6-7.30     | Dinner  |   |   |
| 7.30-9.00  | (Action on Monday - everyone get planning!)             |   |   |
| 9.00-10.30 | (And early to bed!)                                     |   |   |

| Tuesday    | Space 1  | Space 2  | Space 3   |
|------------|--|--|---|
| 8-9am      | Early bird: energising session outside the main marquee  |  |   |
| 9-10       | Neighbourhood meetings   |  |   |
| 10-11      | Site jobshop & Spokes meeting  |  |   |
| 11-12      | RBS agrofuel investment  | Taking action within your community: Community Action Network        | Organising for Environmental Justice                |
| 12-1       | Action debrief for everyone  |  |   |
| 1-2.30     | Lunch  |  |   |
| 2.30-4     | Aviation, activism and the law   | Licence to Spill - Oil, the Arts and the 'social licence to operate' | Solidarity with international grass-roots movements |
| 4-4.30     | Break  |  |   |
| 4.30-6     | Strengthening the network for climate action - strategy discussion   |  |   |
| 6-7.30     | Dinner   |  |   |
| 7.30-9.00  | Closing plenary - 'They Think It's All Over': Glimpses of Edinburgh action magic, flashes of future plans. It doesn't stop here... |  |   |
| 9.00-10.30 | End of camp party:<br>Performers from the camp and first-rate DJs present a last chance to dance.                                  |  |   |

# OUR ROOTS

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Change is wrought by people who are at first considered insane dreamers, by those who have the courage to disobey and deviate from the norm.

When half a dozen people met in a London pub in the 18th century to begin the abolitionist movement, no one imagined that state sanctioned slavery would be made illegal within a generation. When in the 1980s, 36 women set up a peace camp outside Greenham Common nuclear missiles base in Berkshire, no one thought that in 10 years the missiles would be removed.

When the Zapatistas emerged from the depths of the jungle on New Year's Day 1994 and gained autonomy from the Mexican state, they taught us that power comes not from above, but from the grass roots.

miss the apocalypse on their doorstep. From Darfur to New Orleans, climatic change was costing lives and livelihoods. It was just as clear then as it is now, that the markets and governments causing these problems were never going to provide the solutions. Within this crisis was an opportunity to change things at a deeper level, to rethink our relationship with each other and the world, to do something radically different.

the woods round Mainshill, keeping the open-cast coal at bay, and building strong links with the local communities. In October 1,000 people swooped on E.ON's Ratcliffe coal power station near Nottingham.

## A turning tide

At the end of 2009, with the G20 behind us and a strange new economic world ahead of us, thousands of activists from around the world converged in Copenhagen at the UN Summit, pushing for climate justice. As we tried to break in to the summit to call for another world, hundreds of observers and participants were locked out and thousands of protesters arrested for not towing the business line. It was a long year, but already it seems an old history. We know we can't sustain ourselves if we stop resisting or become too rigid. We know that the future will always belong to those who are already living it.

## Pitching tents

The Camp for Climate Action was born in Yorkshire in 2006, outside Drax coal-fired power station: our aim was to kick-start a social movement to tackle climate change, by both taking direct action and demonstrating sustainability. We hit the big time in 2007. While the US sub-prime bubble began to burst, media hysteria greeted our decision to camp a few hundred metres from Heathrow airport. Over 2,000 peo-

## Green shoots, grass-roots

Meanwhile, across the UK we were living up in the trees in anti-road camps,

fighting the government's new road building programs that would destroy the forests we played in as children, and planted trees in the tarmac of the motorway. As the new century dawned we saw a rich tapestry of rebels emerge from both the overdeveloped North and the majority South: from landless Brazilian peasants, to Berlin squatters, Indian fisherfolk to Californian computer hackers, movements where we were all leaders, all equals and experts, where we all had a voice, began to connect. Wherever and whenever the world leaders met for one of their acronym-soup meetings – G8, WTO, COP – protest camps began popping up. They were building a fence, but we were building a movement.

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ple came to help local residents stop the British Airport Authority from building a third runway. As banks teetered on the edge of collapse in the Summer of 2008, we set up in Kent, looking onto the Kingsnorth coal-fired power station, which energy company E.ON wanted to replace and expand, when new coal is the last thing we need. Despite absurd over-policing, we created a non-hierarchical space for education and sustainable living, taking action on the final day by land and sea.

### The belly of the beast

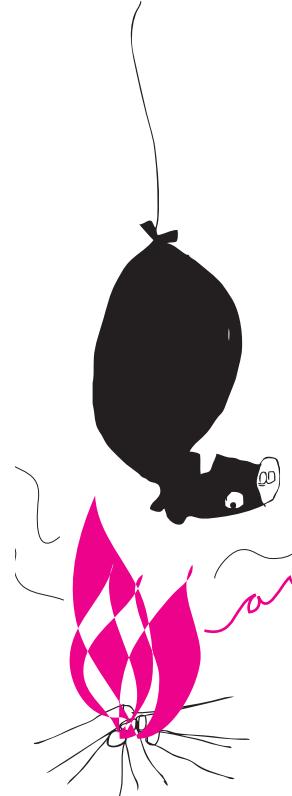
In 2009, with the economic crisis spreading over the world, the G20 came to town. On April 1st, London's heart of carbon trading closed its doors when we set up camp in Bishopsgate. Despite increasing police oppression we kept going, knowing that saying 'yes, this is how we could live', is worth more than a million marches chanting 'no' in the street. In the Summer we set up camp on Blackheath common in south London for thousands to learn about taking direct action, while in Scotland we took

### Dark clouds

We bunked off work and school and blocked the streets, while governments waged a last ditched attempt to control even more of the diminishing oil reserves and in the process killed more than a million people, in their so-called 'War on Terror.' But even the oil companies that were driving the wars couldn't



# BREAK THE BANKS



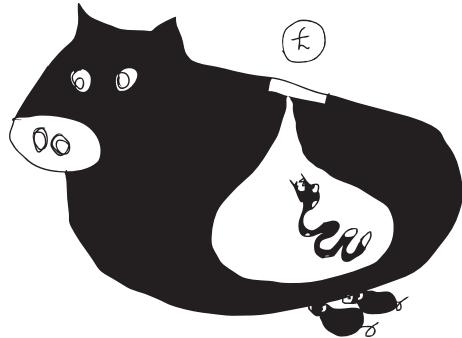
Edinburgh is an amazing place: mountains and sand dunes, parklands and castles. It's a hub of hundreds of thousands of lives and livelihoods. But it's also a centre of finance, bureaucracy and government. The Royal Bank of Scotland dominates the posters, placards, sponsorship deals and employment of the city.

When RBS was bailed out in 2008, it wasn't just the biggest bank in Scotland or the UK - it was the biggest company in the world. At the same time, RBS is the UK bank that has been the most heavily involved in financing fossil fuels and corporate bad guys around the world. It took part in providing E.ON with \$70 billion at the time they were looking to bust out 17 new coal and gas power plants across Europe, and has underwritten over \$8 billion in loans to oil companies extracting tar sands and in doing so trashing the climate and destroying the lives of indigenous communities in Canada.

Since the financial crisis, RBS has received billions of pounds of government money to keep it afloat, to the point where it is now 84% owned by the state. Communities across the UK are facing years of unemployment, social poverty, eviction from their homes and privatisations thanks to a system which gave us little back in the first place.

Using taxpayers' money to support banks in trashing the climate embodies the absurdity of the capitalist system we live in. We need to stop the money made through the exploitation of both people and planet from being used to finance our own destruction. The only way to prevent catastrophic climate change is to stop burning fossil fuels by leaving them in the ground and building alternatives. Not just alternative

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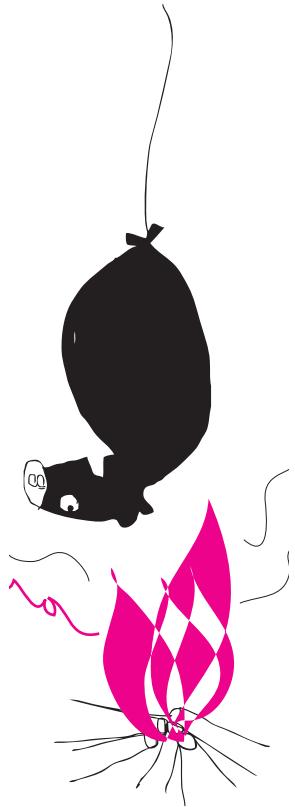


energy supplies, but an alternative society. When we look around at Edinburgh in the middle of the festivals, what do we see? An entire cultural system being bought by the same corporation that also employs and destroys us.

The RBS global Headquarters in Gogarburn (just 4 miles West of the city) isn't just an office block: it's a whole maze of shops and services, a business school campus, even the motorway and airport twist and turn to its convenience. The 3,000 workers employed there are just as caught in the goliath financial system as the rest of us, maybe even more so.

RBS will say that they're a good employer, providing valuable employment and funding cultural events. But we don't need this kind of control over our lives, or the condescending paternalism of corporations and governments. Companies like BP and RBS fund the arts for the same reason that they boast about their measly sums of money invested in wind power: to stop us rising up against them. Grounding planes and shutting down coal fired power stations still needs to happen, and there are a whole range of tactics available to us.

Direct action has a rich history of actually changing the societies we live in by taking the problems head on - and that's why in Edinburgh we need to take on the infrastructure of RBS just as much as that of the fossil fuel industry they're financing, whether it's open cast coal mines in South Lanarkshire or the tar sands projects in Alberta, Canada.



# MAKING THE TYPICAL LOCAL



Grassroots movements are resisting the fossil industry all over Scotland because in spite of having one of the most ambitious climate change laws in the world, the Scottish government continues to support new fossil fuel infrastructure, as well as new roads and airport extensions, and props up the failing financial system that funds it all.

The world's triple crisis is here: the growth economy is straining due to the banking bailouts, energy demand is outstripping supply, and the climate crisis is being exacerbated by a commitment to carbon intensive energy and economic growth.

We organise on a local level because it's where our homes are, where we live and play - and it's also the place where we know how to make the changes that are needed, and to resist the false solutions of corporations and big business.

## Resistance is fertile

Local communities and Scottish campaigns are fighting back, both against destructive developments and crazy policies affecting their own homes, and in solidarity with international struggles. When Ayrshire Power, with government and trade union backing, tried to build a new coal power station at Hunterston, aiming also to increase coal imports from around the globe, **Communities Opposed to New Coal at Hunterston** ([www.conch-campaign.org](http://www.conch-campaign.org)) organised against it.

When Scottish Coal tried to dig up Airfield farm, just outside Edinburgh, to extract 2 million tonnes of coal with an open cast mine, **Commities Against Airfield Open Cast** ([www.airfieldopencast.co.uk](http://www.airfieldopencast.co.uk)) campaigned against it. Meanwhile, direct action groups like Coal Action Scotland ([www.coalactionscotland.noflag.org.uk](http://www.coalactionscotland.noflag.org.uk)),

acting as part of the UK-wide Coal Action Network, support local campaigns, like those in **Mainshill**, with actions and occupations, extending the struggle from the local to the global scale.

These campaigns – and the many others in Scotland – are part of a global movement and need people throughout the UK and the world to lend their support and solidarity, because our atmosphere isn't localised and the climate crisis is global.

### **Global connections**

The disaster that was the climate summit in Copenhagen last December showed that we cannot expect UN-negotiations, governments and corporations to solve the climate crisis for us. Real climate justice can only come from global movements that continually challenge and push for the structural changes that are necessary, whether it is ending our addiction to fossil fuels, replacing industrial agriculture with local systems of food sovereignty, halting systems based on endless growth and consumption, or addressing the historical responsibility of global elites' massive ecological debt to the global exploited.

This past April we met social movements from around the world at the People's World Conference on Climate Change in Cochabamba, Bolivia where we heard and shared stories of local struggles against resource extraction and the fossil fuel industry. We learned that we are not alone in this fight and we know that we must link our local campaigns all over the world and keep taking action.

### **These days will be ours**

Climate Camp has responded to the call out by the Latin American network 'Global Minka' for an annual day of action in defence of mother earth on **October 12**.

Groups across the country are planning actions against climate criminals: see the Neighbourhoods section to get involved locally after the climate camp.

And once again in December, governments and big business will meet yet again, this time in Cancun, Mexico, to repeat the failures and machinations of Copenhagen. This time instead of travelling across the oceans as a network we have supported Via Campesina's call for a **1000 Cancuns**. Get involved in your local neighbourhood to make it happen.

# **MAKING THE M1000 GLOBAL**



**Coal Action Scotland** supports community resistance against the exploitation of coal in Scotland such as open-cast coal mining. [coalactionscotland.noflag.org.uk](http://coalactionscotland.noflag.org.uk)  
Communities Opposed to New Coal at Hunterston (CONCH) are a community led campaign resisting the building of a new coal power station at Hunterston coal port. [conchcampaign.org](http://conchcampaign.org)

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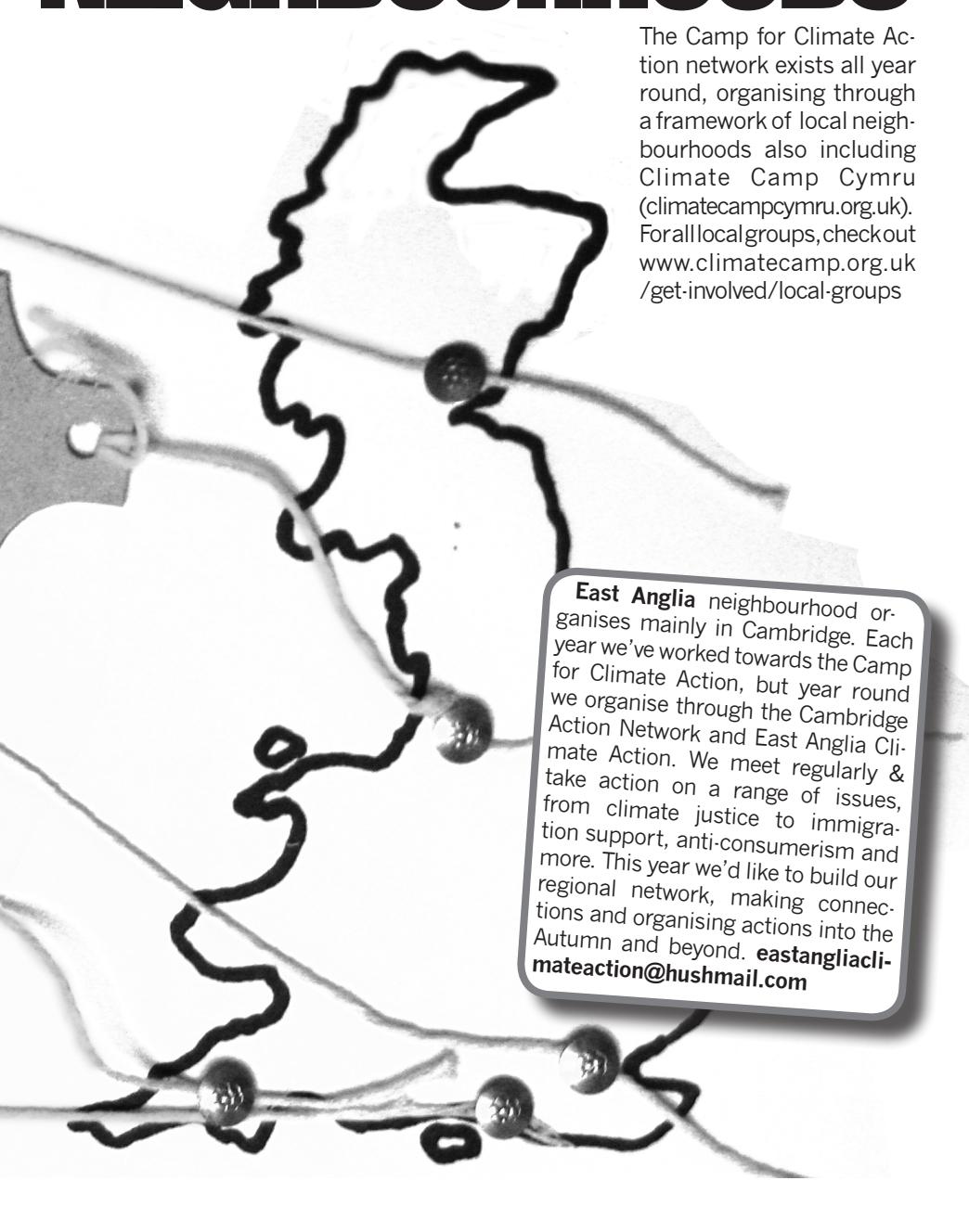
This year's Northwest Neighbourhood is being organised by **Manchester Climate Action**. We are an open, non-hierarchical group committed to using direct action to tackle the symptoms & causes of climate change. To find out more check our blog at [manchesterclimateaction.wordpress.com](http://manchesterclimateaction.wordpress.com) or contact us at [manchester@climatecamp.org.uk](mailto:manchester@climatecamp.org.uk)

**London** Neighbourhood organises all year round, meeting weekly at the SOAS campus. This year we Partied at the Pumps with Rising Tide, took action against oil corporations and are currently building links with Climate Camp Ghana. To get involved email [london@climatecamp.org.uk](mailto:london@climatecamp.org.uk), or check our [www.climatecamp.org.uk/london](http://www.climatecamp.org.uk/london)

We are activists from different groups in **Devon & Cornwall**. We have an info list and a decision-making list for different levels of involvement. Meetings happen locally & regionally by call-out. Tel: 07990923234 [devonker-now@climatecamp.org.uk](mailto:devonker-now@climatecamp.org.uk)

**South Coast** consisted of over 100 people at Blackheath camp, took 50 people to Copenhagen in December and held our first regional gathering in January. We recently shut down a BP petrol station in Brighton for a day to protest their involvement in Tar Sands. We meet every Tuesday in the Cowley Club: [southcoast@climatecamp.org.uk](mailto:southcoast@climatecamp.org.uk)

# NEIGHBOURHOODS



The Camp for Climate Action network exists all year round, organising through a framework of local neighbourhoods also including Climate Camp Cymru ([climatecampcymru.org.uk](http://climatecampcymru.org.uk)). For all local groups, checkout [www.climatecamp.org.uk/get-involved/local-groups](http://www.climatecamp.org.uk/get-involved/local-groups)

**East Anglia** neighbourhood organises mainly in Cambridge. Each year we've worked towards the Camp for Climate Action, but year round we organise through the Cambridge Action Network and East Anglia Climate Action. We meet regularly & take action on a range of issues, from climate justice to immigration support, anti-consumerism and more. This year we'd like to build our regional network, making connections and organising actions into the Autumn and beyond. [eastangliaclimateaction@hushmail.com](mailto:eastangliaclimateaction@hushmail.com)

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