



Welcome to the 2011 *Peace News* Summer Camp and to five days of exploration, celebration and empowerment. The camp will be a small self-governed society run by democratic camp meetings, a viable example of the kind of world we are trying to bring about. It will help build a radical movement for the future by building a living community today.

We will be learning from other movements, struggling with challenging issues and creating more cohesion in a segmented peace movement. This programme contains the schedule for the five days and details of all the workshops and sessions.

Please see the:

Practicalities section of this programme for important information that everyone needs to know.

The schedule and programme details has info on workshops, sessions and evening events.

There will be sessions at the beginning of each day to discuss practicalities and organisational issues.

See the camp noticeboard for updates and other information.

**Peace News**  
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**Peace News works for a nonviolent world - where war has been abolished and the roots of war pulled up, including the silent, routine violence of hunger, oppression and ecological devastation.**

Making such a world will require a nonviolent revolution in every area of society, transforming relationships based on domination and exclusion into ones based on mutual respect. We need a nonviolent revolution in women's relationships with men, in children's relationships with adults, in relationships between races, between disabled people and non-disabled people, between animals and humans, between nature and the human race. *Peace News* believes in a nonviolent revolution in our economic and political lives, subordinating work and politics to human need, not human greed; to freedom and co-operation, not hierarchy and power.

*Peace News* is not just about the values that we campaign for, it is also about the way that we campaign, how we treat each other, and the way that we live. *Peace News* is for people who do not just hold their values in their heads, but who apply them in their lives. People who are trying to be the change they want to see in the world.

*Peace News* supports campaigns with limited objectives – these are urgent and necessary. But we also see these campaigns as part of a larger vision of a fundamental nonviolent transformation of society.

We reject organised violence, which perpetuates structures and relationships based on privilege, hierarchy and destruction. We urge collective nonviolent action to exert another kind of force, based on solidarity and empowerment and the ability of people to regain control of their lives.

**In order to strengthen collective nonviolent action for peace and justice, *Peace News* aims to:**

- 1) publicise the activities of people and groups working for peace and justice;
- 2) analyse the words and deeds of powerful institutions working for war and injustice;
- 3) support social and economic experiments which today are trying to create the society of the future, and support people trying to incorporate humane and nonviolent values into their everyday lives;
- 4) encourage debate and self-evaluation within the broad peace movement;
- 5) spread insights, techniques and methods between nonviolent movements for social change;
- 6) give a voice, wherever possible, to local, grassroots movements caught up in international conflicts;
- 7) promote nonviolence.

**Another world is possible.**

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# *Peace News Summer Camp practicalities*

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## HOW THE CAMP IS RUN

The camp is organised non-hierarchically. Each morning there will be a camp-wide meeting where all the details of running the camp will be arranged. Things that need to be done include: cooking, cleaning toilets, washing up, helping in the crèche, bar shifts and the gate tent rota. You won't be dumped into the middle of something that you can't handle, but helping out is a great way to learn new skills. There is no site-crew – the organisers have tried to think of everything we need to have a successful camp, but if there is something missing, or that you think could be better, please offer to help us run things better! Please note that the organisers are all volunteers who have also paid the fee to help cover running costs.

The rotas will be brought to the main meetings, but it really helps if the rota's are full before hand, so please go to the relevant place to fill in rota's (most rotas are in the gate tent, the crèche rota is in the kids' tent, and the kitchen rota is in the kitchen marquee)

## CAR PARKING

There is limited car parking on site. We aim to keep the field free of vehicles as far as possible so you may not be able to park your car near your tent.

## LIFTS FROM SHREWSBURY TRAIN STATION

We will transport to/from Shrewsbury station around 10.30am and 6.30pm for people with lots of luggage, children, restricted mobility or who find it difficult to use the bus for other reasons. **This must be booked in advance.**

Please book by phoning (or texting) Emma on 07791 486484. If texting please include your name and arrival time, plus the number of places you need to reserve.

## WHAT EVERYONE WILL NEED

If you are staying overnight at the camp you should bring a tent, sleeping bag and sleeping mat and any other equipment you may need. Do bring warm clothes as it can get chilly at night. Waterproof clothes and boots may also be a good idea! You will also need money for paying your contribution to the camp and for paying for food (unless you have paid online). A torch would also be useful. You do **not** need to bring plates/cutlery etc. The camp will be renewably powered and will have running water and basic washing facilities.

## DOGS

We are not able to have dogs on site.

## KIDS

There is a crèche on site, which will run during workshops times. If you are leaving your children in the crèche please make sure that you have informed the person who will be there during the session where you will be (and leave your mobile phone number, if you have one). Kid friendly food will be provided, for donations to cover the costs, please talk to the Kids Co-ordinator to arrange this. If you have any children on site, you need to let us know ages, names and any relevant medical conditions or food allergies (all food provided will be vegan)

There will be a Veggies tuck shop on site. Children are asked not to bring food into the kids' tent, other than the kids' food supplied.

## MEDICS

If you are a first aider, please sign up in the gate tent. If you need medical help, please ask either in the kids' tent or the gate tent, or contact one of the first aiders.

## FOOD

Veggies of Nottingham are providing food for us. Please buy meal tickets at the gate tent (unless you've already bought them online!)

They will need people to help chop vegetables, cook, serve, and wash up for each meal.

They will also be providing a tuck shop.

## MONEY

We have asked for donations on a sliding scale to help cover our costs. If it looks like there will be a shortfall, this will be announced in the morning meeting.

## **ACCESS**

We aim to make our event as accessible as possible. If there is anything you need to help you enjoy this event, please ask at the gate tent.

## **BAR**

We will be running a bar each evening from Thursday to Sunday night. Glass should not be taken outside of the bar tent, If you do take or find a glass outside the bar, please try to return it to the bar tent as soon as possible to avoid breakages and injuries (and to help the bar function). Profits from the bar go to subsidise the cost of the gathering.

## **SMOKING**

No smoking inside any of the marquees (we don't want to burn any down!) and if you are asked not to smoke near people, please respect that.

We want to leave the field in the same good state in which we will find it so please remember to place all cigarette butts and any other rubbish into a bin.

## **FIRE**

We have one central fire pit, please do not build any other fires on site.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

There will be entertainments and fun and participatory activities every evening. There will be a gig on Friday night with music from Seize the Day, Tracey Curtis and the Carbon Town Cryer. The Clarion Singers will be performing on Thursday night and on Saturday there will be a community performance of 'Emma', a play about the American anarchist, Emma Goldman. Come along and participate. Sunday night will see the return of the Peace News Summer Camp Talent Show – not to be missed! Bring instruments to make music and other creative ideas.

## **JOURNALISTS AND TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS**

After experience and discussion arising from previous camps, we will be allowing journalists on site as long as they are clearly identified. However, if any one person feels uncomfortable with having media in a workshop the journalist will be asked to leave.

Not everyone is comfortable with being photographed – even by friendly fellow campers – especially if the photos are to be put up on the internet! Please be aware of who is in the frame and ask them if they don't mind. We have an unofficial camp photographer who is documenting the camp for Peace News. Please let him know if you want to be excluded from these photos (he will announce himself at morning meetings).

## **PHONE NUMBERS**

In case of emergency, here are some mobile numbers:

Camp Coordinator: 07503 488949

Shrewsbury pickup: 07791 486484

# Peace News Summer Camp Schedule 2011

	8.30 Breakfast	9.30-10.15 Meeting	10.30-12.30 Workshop	12.30-14.00 Lunch	14.00-16.00 Workshop	16.30-18.30 Workshop	19.00 Supper	20.00-22.00 Entertainment	
<b>Thursday 28 July</b>		Practical introduction to the day	<b>Set up – collectively putting up structures and preparing the camp</b>		Mental health, humanitarian law and the long term effect of war	Eyewitness Afghanistan: a radical photographer reports		FILM NIGHT	
					Chomsky's politics today	Using Indymedia			
					DSEi 2011: resisting the worlds largest arms fair	Going viral: growing UK Uncut			
					Drones	Poo to postmodernism!			
<b>Friday 29 July</b>		Welcome to the Gathering and practical introduction to the day	Whole camp discussion: Cuts and community organising		It'll Make a Man Out of You: masculinity, militarism, martyrdom and all that malarkey (men's meeting)	Everything you (n)ever wanted to know about biofuels (& biomass) but were afraid to ask.		MUSIC: Seize the Day, Tracey Curtis and the Carbon Town Cryer	
					<i>Piecing It Together</i> revisited: 35 years of feminism and nonviolence	What can people do where they live to change the world?			
					Cake making – Veggies	Al-Qa'eda			
						Mobilising communities against the nuclear menace			
						Resistance in Harry Potter			
<b>Saturday 30 July</b>		Practical introduction to the day	Taking environmental activism to the next level		Smash EDO 2012 Summer of Resistance	Revolutions in Egypt and beyond		COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE: <i>Emma</i> A play about Emma Goldman, American anarchist	
					We come to bury Trident, not to replace it	Introduction to consensus			Introduction to facilitation
					Uprooting war	Violence and economics			FILM: <i>Chronicle of Protest</i> with Q&A
					Peace activities in Wales – bilingual session	Ending Britain's dodgy deals			Singing politics
					Frontline Nonviolence: Action in Palestine	Solidarity forever: unionising migrant and casualised workers			Fuel on the Fire: lessons from Iraq on oil and occupation
<b>Sunday 31 July</b>		Practical introduction to the day	Cars, Carbon, Calories, & Conflict		AirportWatch: community and environmentalism	Building secure bases for resistance		TALENT SHOW: Everyone brings out their hidden talents!	
					Hinkley Blockade	How to be a citizen reporter			UKYCC training
					Taking control: home education	Advanced facilitation			Advanced consensus
					Kettles are for cuppas, not coppers	Standing your ground: public speaking			Putting your body where your heart is: training for nonviolent direct action
					Afghanistan activist's pub quiz	Security for activists			Solsbury Hill: chronicle of a road protest
<b>Monday 1 August</b>		Practical introduction to the day (9.30-10.00)	Whole camp discussion: People power (10.00-12.30)	Get Involved: Peace News Summer Camp 2012	Take down large structures (13.30-14.00)	Closing the Circle (14:30 – 15:00)			

Workshop themes: **Fighting cuts, building communities** **Provoking thought** **Activism across movements** **Training**

For details of what the workshops are about and who is speaking please see the full programme.

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# Workshops and sessions at the *Peace News* Summer Camp

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Workshops will start promptly so please arrive at the start of the session.

## **THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

### **Mental Health, Humanitarian Law and the long term effect of war**

The effects of war do not end when the guns fall silent. When the armies have packed up and gone what is left for the people who remain? This workshop will take a long view of the impact of war on those who experience it. There will be chance to debate the issues in depth and explore what this means to those working for an end to conflict.

**Pennie Quinton** is a photographer and journalist.

### **Chomsky's Politics Today**

This is a session for people who've read more than one book by Chomsky, or who've attended a previous Chomsky's Politics course at Summer Camp. It will assume quite a lot of knowledge and therefore is not suitable for beginners to Chomsky. How does Chomsky's Propaganda Model of the media hold up during the phone-hacking media firestorm? How applicable is his Fifth Freedom model of US foreign policy to the 'humanitarian' intervention in Libya?

**Milan Rai**, co-editor of Peace News, is the author of *Chomsky's Politics* (Verso, 1995) and wrote a chapter on the topic for the *Cambridge Companion to Chomsky* (Cambridge University Press, 2005).

### **DSEi 2011: resisting the worlds largest arms fair**

DSEi, the world's largest arms fair, is coming to London. Get the latest information on DSEi 2011, including info on the day of action on September 13th. From DSEi's controversial history to info on the organizers, this workshop will combine useful information, practical campaigning tips, and networking for action.

**CAAT** is a national grass roots organisation campaigning against the arms trade.

### **Drones**

Increasingly the military are using automated systems in their vehicles and weaponry. Predator drones have been used in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bosnia, Serbia, Iraq, and Yemen. What is the impact of using unpiloted aerial vehicles and predator drones? What can be done about it?

**Chris Cole** co-ordinates Figtree and maintains the Drone Wars UK blog.

### **Using Indymedia**

What is indymedia and how does it work? How can you use Indymedia to best effect in your campaigns? Find out more about indymedia during this workshop and then put it into practice. Upload your reports, impressions, photos etc. during and after the camp and help create a middle column feature about PNC on indymedia.org.uk. No previous experience needed!

**Genny** is a member of the collective which looks after the indymedia.org.uk website.

### **Eyewitness Afghanistan: A Radical Photographer Reports**

Having spent much time in Afghanistan documenting the lives of ordinary Afghan people Guy Smallman will use his photographs to open a window on the situation for people on the ground, living their lives under the constant threat of a foreign military presence.

**Guy Smallman** is a photojournalist who has reported from Afghanistan for several years.

### **Going Viral: Growing UK Uncut**

UK Uncut have been grabbing headlines across the country since it started in October 2010. With their occupations of tax avoiders such as Vodafone and direct actions in branches of Barclays and RBS, they have attracted a large following of both seasoned activists and those new to the movement. So what is it all about?

This workshop will be a chance to explore the **UK Uncut** ethos, tactics and the impact that they have had.

### **Poo to Postmodernism!**

A two part session: **Emily Johns** is a printmaker as well as *Peace News* editor. She will be showing and talking about three interconnected sets of pictures *Remember Saro-wiwa*, *Drawing Paradise on the 'Axis of Evil'* and *Conscious Oil* which explore aspects of the history, politics and spirit of Rock Oil.

**Diana Marquand** has been touring *Conscious Oil* in Wales. She will lead a discussion on how we in the developed world can deal with the issues caused by our misuse of oil on the lives of people in the developing world and world ecosystems.

## **THURSDAY EVENING**

**Film night!**

## **FRIDAY MORNING**

### **Cuts and Community Organising**

There are many different ways to change the world. This will be a chance to share plans, ideas and tactics with a range of people from across the movement. This is a participatory workshop where we will be learning from each other's experiences and looking at new ways of building links within and outside the movement. We will explore the successes and ethos behind community organising in more detail: asking 'is this currently activism's best kept secret?'

**This will be a whole-camp discussion.**

## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

### **It'll Make a Man Out of You: Masculinity, Militarism, Martyrdom & All That Malarkey (Men's meeting)**

At Peace News Summer Camp 2010 a challenge was laid down: why has there never been a mass men's movement challenging militarism? This workshop hopes to be an answer to this challenge. It will be a men-only workshop exploring some a range of perspectives and inclusive a wise range of views.

### ***Piecing It Together* Revisited: 35 years of feminism and nonviolence**

When *Piecing It Together* was published in 1983, the Women's Liberation Movement was flourishing, Greenham Common was in its infancy, and most of its authors were in their 30s. So what lessons can be learnt from this ovular analysis of feminism and nonviolence which might be helpful to today's reinvigorated feminist movement?

**Gail Chester** is a writer and activist and was part of the Feminism and Nonviolence Study Group.

### **Cake Making with Veggies**

Come along for a practical workshop on making yummy vegan cakes with the wonderful **Veggies** of Nottingham as they take a break from catering the camp and get out the sugar and mixing bowls.

### **Everything you (n)ever wanted to know about biofuels (& biomass) but were afraid to ask.**

**Biofuelwatch** works to raise awareness of the negative impacts of industrial biofuels and bioenergy on biodiversity, human rights, food sovereignty and climate change. Based in UK and US, we work with national and international partners to expose and oppose the social and environmental damages resulting from bioenergy-driven increased demand for industrial agriculture and forestry monocultures. The workshop will explore the inter-related issues of actively promoting a globally traded commodity and how these affect people and planet. It will look at some of the myths associated with using land for fuel. As well as all these serious issues, the workshop will look at the emerging grass-roots campaign against industrial biofuels and biomass. Those attending will be able to leave with ideas for actions they can take.

### **Al-Qa'eda**

The assassination of Osama bin Laden was a major blow to the al-Qa'eda terrorist network, and was used by mainstream politicians and commentators to reinforce myths about the organisation that bin Laden headed. Let's unpick some of the lies and uncover some of the ugly truths about al-Qa'eda, its ideology and its crimes.

**Milan Rai**, co-editor of *Peace News*, is the author of *7/7: The London Bombings, Islam and the Iraq War* (Pluto, 2006).

### **What Can People Do Where They Live To Change The World?**

People will be able to replace capitalism and oppression when tens of millions of people here in the UK (and billions around the world) begin to organise and empower themselves where they live and work.

What kind of long term grass roots activity is needed if we are to be successful? A chance to share experiences of our own neighbourhoods, and explore the possibilities of what we can do there.

**Haringey Solidarity Group** promotes community campaigning and action, solidarity and mutual aid, encouraging people to take control over their lives.

## Mobilising Communities Against The Nuclear Menace

Menwith Hill, Flyingdales, Redhall Group factories. How can you mobilise local people against a local target for a national issue? This workshop will look at how Yorkshire CND have been doing just that. We will explore the issues brought up, the tactics used, and the local and national impact of such campaigns.

**Yorkshire CND** is a regional branch of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and has been active in campaigns against local targets such as those listed above.

## Resistance in Harry Potter

A familiarity with the books is not essential but it will be more fun if there is a mixture of those who love them, as I do, and those who may at some time have resisted the hype surrounding them.

We will concentrate on "The Order of the Phoenix" and "The Deathly Hallows" where we will meet a fine resistance community and some great direct action. The other books will provide background for looking at qualities needed for resistance and direct action, as well as some of the pitfalls which can hamper them. Hopefully the workshop will be mainly lively discussion on everybody's part so bring your wands, bottles of butterbeer and plenty of cauldron cakes, not to mention chocolate frogs! The secret password will be given when you sign up!

**Susan Clarkson** has been a member of Catholic Worker communities since 2002, first at the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker in Washington DC, USA, and lately St Francis House, the Oxford Catholic Worker, offering hospitality to refugees from war, and resistance to the war machine.

## FRIDAY EVENING

### Music from Seize the Day, Tracy Curtis and the Carbon Town Cryer

**Seize The Day** are a radical English acoustic band with global roots. "We write songs to celebrate, inspire and support the liberation of life"

**Tracey Curtis** – "contemporary singer-songwriter with the ability to present the human faces behind political issues".

**The Carbon Town Cryer** – sweet revolutionary sounds.

## SATURDAY MORNING

### Uprooting War

'Everyone knows' that war can't be abolished because humankind is an aggressive, violent species. But 'everyone' is wrong. Whether or not humans are naturally aggressive and violent on a personal level, war has nothing to do with pub fights on a Saturday night, or watching Hollywood thrillers, or playing Grand Theft Auto computer games. But if we correctly identify the roots of war, it has big implications for a lot of activities and policies that the peace movement promotes. The co-editor of *Peace News* argues that we are neglecting the most important human factors behind war.

**Milan Rai**, co-editor of *Peace News*, was honoured with the Transport & General Workers Union's Frank Cousin Peace Award in 1993 (shared) and the Pax Christi Peace Award in 2007.

### We Come to Bury Trident, Not to Replace It

The final decision to replace Trident will be taken by Parliament in 2016. But the government has already committed itself to spending billions on Trident before then. What can be done to stop Trident at this critical time? Also, what are the prospects for a global ban on nuclear weapons? This workshop will be a chance to explore different strategies and tactics, to celebrate victories and look at what can be done to move the campaign forward.

**Tim Street** is the coordinator of the UK branch of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN-UK) [www.icanw.org.uk](http://www.icanw.org.uk)

### Taking Environmental Activism to the Next Level

This workshop will look at the history and successes of the climate movement. As major oil companies and world governments jump on climate rhetoric how can we make sure the change we need actually happens. Through active and creative participation the workshop will move on to what the future of radical action against climate change could look like and how we are going to get there.

**Derek Wall** is a Green Party member well known for his work and writings on socialism and the environment.

**Huntingdon Lane** anti-coal protest site is occupying a section of land near the Wrekin, just 30 miles away from PNSC, under threat of open cast coal mining.

## Peace Activities in Wales – Bilingual Session

There will be an overview given of the peace campaigns happening in Wales by a number of local and national organisations. This will be followed by an interactive session on how peace activists need to form partnerships with civil society in order to win specific goals. We will examine some case studies of successful campaigns in Wales and consider how to identify achievable goals.

The workshop will be facilitated by **Arfon Rhys**, Secretary of the Wales branch of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation.

## Frontline Nonviolence: Action in Palestine

When your country has been under military occupation for decades, what can be done to resist? This workshop will be a chance to explore the various methods of non-violent resistance employed by the Palestinians. From NVDA with ISM (International Solidarity Movement) to house re-building with Pax Christi come and see what can practically be achieved what local partners are doing on the ground and explore what the impact might be.

**Andrew and John** have both spent time in Palestine. Andrew working with ISM and John with the Amos Trust.

## ***SATURDAY AFTERNOON***

### Smash EDO 2012 Summer of Resistance

In summer 2012, starting on Mayday, Smash EDO are planning a summer of continuous direct action against EDO in Brighton. We will be providing accommodation and legal support and are inviting campaign/affinity groups from around the country to join us in taking action. We are encouraging groups to organise their own actions and support a diversity of tactics; from lobbying to lock-ons, from vigils to citizen's decommissionings.

There will be several mass demos too... Come along to find out how you can help.

**SmashEDO** hold regular demonstrations and actions against EDO MBM in Brighton and are behind *On the Verge* – the film they tried to ban.

### Introduction to Consensus

Our movement is built up out of meetings. This is a participatory workshop covering the basics of consensus decision-making; we will look at why we use consensus, the values it embodies and a process to help us get us to a good decision.

**Seeds for Change** offers workshops and training to grassroots action groups to help them organise for positive social change. [www.seedsforchange.org.uk](http://www.seedsforchange.org.uk)

### Violence and Economics

We have an extractive economic system: we remove resources, manufacture them into items, then throw them away. The faster this happens the more the economy grows. This does violence to the planet and to indigenous and other people who are in the way. As well as looking at the problems we will explore solutions, a non violent economy based on social sharing and the commons.

**Derek Wall** is a Green Party member well known for his work and writings on socialism and the environment.

### Ending Britain's Dodgy Deals

From Egypt to Indonesia, how the UK government has helped big corporations export arms, fossil fuels and big dams, and created millions of pounds of unjust debts in the process. The British government's support for big business fuels conflict and keeps dictators in power. Is debt simply war by another means?

**Jonathan Stevenson** works with the Jubilee Debt Campaign which calls for 100% cancellation of unjust and unpayable poor country debts.

### Solidarity Forever: Unionising Migrant and Casualised Workers

Fair pay. Fair Working Conditions. Fair Terms of Employment. These are things that have to be worked for by everyone and for many of Britain's numerous migrant and 'flexible' workers there is even further still to go. This workshop will look at union struggles with migrant and casualised workers: where they have come from and where they still have to go.

**Ewa Jasiewicz** is a freelance journalist and union organiser with Unite.

### Revolutions in Egypt and Beyond

As a wave of revolutionary energy sweeps across the Middle East and North Africa this workshop will be a chance to explore what is really happening on the ground and ask some difficult questions. The role of the army, the West, new technology, democracy, economy, religion and secularity. The revolutions are not over – will we look back on the Arab uprisings as the start of a new era or a golden opportunity that slipped away?

**Alex Nunns** writes for 'Red Pepper' and is the co-editor of *Tweets from Tahrir*.

## Introduction to Facilitation

Our movement is built up out of meetings. This is a participatory workshop covering the basic tools and skills of facilitation. We will cover the role of the facilitator as well as practicing some key skills.

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## Chronicle of Protest with Q&A

*Chronicle of Protest* is a video diary by Michael Chanan about the movement against government spending cuts in the universities and beyond with students, activists and citizens of the real big society.

There will be a screening of the film followed by a Q&A with **Michael Chanan**.

## Singing Politics

Come along for a communal sing in unison and harmony, songs of protest and political change and world music. Singing can't change the world by itself but it can bring solidarity, connect you to the history of struggle and it makes you feel good!

No experience or musical ability necessary! With **Penny Stone, Leslie and Sian**.

## Fuel on the Fire: Lessons from Iraq on Oil and Occupation

In 2003 many of us chanted 'no blood for oil'. But what do Western powers actually want from resource-rich countries? What are the dynamics of reshaping a nation's oil industry through occupation? How can it be resisted? And what does all this mean for Libya and for future conflicts?

Since the Iraq war started, **Greg Muttitt** has investigated the hidden plans for the future of the country's oil - he is author of the recently-published *Fuel on the Fire: Oil and Politics in Occupied Iraq*.

## SATURDAY EVENING

### Emma: A Play in Two Acts about Emma Goldman, American Anarchist

Howard Zinn's *Emma*. A Play in Two Acts about Emma Goldman, American Anarchist. A community performance with Maya Evans.

### Clarion Singers

Singing songs for peace and justice.

## SUNDAY MORNING

### Cars, Carbon, Calories, & Conflict

Eight of the top ten corporations in the World are either car makers or oil companies. Worldwide, over a billion people are overweight thanks to the abrogation of public health decisions to the food industry and agribusiness, coupled with declining physical activity levels largely linked to the motor car. Over a million people are killed every year by motor vehicles, yet the car remains an iconic, aspirational symbol of global capitalism. Climate change threatens the survival of our species yet Western states continue to pursue bloody conflicts to feed their oil addiction.

This workshop from **Bicycology**, the radical cycling collective, seeks to explore how we can understand and tackle car culture, start to unpick the strands of the wider carbon web that is choking the planet, and identify and promote genuine solutions.

### Afghanistan activist's pub quiz

Come and test your knowledge – and maybe learn something as well – at Britain's only activist pub quiz on Afghanistan. There will be prizes!

### Taking Control: Home Education

Home education: Is it a cover for child abuse in the form of lack of education and little social life, keeping children out of the 'real world' or is it a grassroots movement of families taking responsibility for their lives back into their own hands? Come and find out more about the politics of education in a discussion based workshop.

**Leslie Barson** has 2 children, now 28 and 22 who never went to school. She helps organise The Otherwise Club, a community centre for home educators in central London.

## Kettles Are For Cuppas, Not Coppers

This workshop will look at the tactics used by both police and protestors in the UK and abroad. Exploring numerous protest tactics from both the UK and Arab Spring, there will be a chance to discuss in detail the student led protests which erupted last autumn and the police tactics which ensued.

**Stop Kettling Our Kids** is a collective formed after the recent wave of student protest to resist oppressive police tactics and support those who have been affected.

## Hinkley Blockade

## *SUNDAY AFTERNOON*

### AirportWatch: Community and Environmentalism

**John Stewart** was a key figure in the iconic campaign to defeat a third runway at Heathrow. The campaign brought together local residents, direct action activists, national environmental organizations and sympathetic politicians. John will outline the lessons of that famous victory. He also chairs AirportWatch, the national umbrella body which opposes aggressive go-for-growth aviation policies. He will also talk about environmental justice, on how it is so often poor and marginalised communities that are worst hit by environmentally destructive policies.

### How to be a citizen reporter

We've all done it. Gone on a demo and taken an hour's worth of video, and the tape of it then languishes on a shelf slowly icing over with dust. Sometimes, but certainly not always, we even label it carefully, because one day we will definitely edit it into our award-winning activist documentary. Yeah, right. This workshop does exactly what it says on the tin; come along and learn how to be a citizen reporter.

**VisionOntv** works towards the democratisation of the media; and supports activists working for social change to create media that is well made, well distributed and seen.

### Advanced Facilitation

If you've been facilitating meetings for a while, and would like to acquire some new skills or techniques, and reflect on what you've been doing with other facilitators, this is the workshop for you. This is not an introductory workshop. It is an opportunity for experienced facilitators to improve their facilitation skills. This workshop complements the workshop on Advanced Consensus.

**Seeds for Change** offers workshops and training to grassroots action groups to help them organise for positive social change. [www.seedsforchange.org.uk](http://www.seedsforchange.org.uk)

### Standing Your Ground: Public Speaking

Boost your confidence and technique in speaking in public! A practical workshop that will give you the chance to practice public speaking in a safe space and receive constructive feedback and support.

**Matthew is a facilitator with Rhizome**, a co-operative of facilitators and mediators that work to increase participation in activism in all its forms.

### Security for Activists

How can you stay secure and maintain an inclusive network? Can tight security smother good ideas? On the other hand can lax security put people at unnecessary risk and jeopardise your actions? This workshop will be a chance to explore issues and dilemmas that arise around security within any network and will offer practical tips and ideas for staying secure when it matters.

The **Activist Security Collective** produces resources and runs workshops on security for activists.

### Building Secure Bases for Resistance

**Radical Routes** is a network of radical Social Centres, Housing and Workers Co-operatives from across Britain. Through gaining collective control over these areas we aim to reduce reliance on exploitative structures and build secure bases from which to challenge the system and encourage others to do so. This workshop will look at some examples of what has already been achieved, how to get involved and give a chance to ask questions.

### UKYCC Training

To tackle climate change, we need something new. We need an inspiring vision of how we want the world to be in the future and a movement that anyone can feel part of. This workshop will look at how to build the skills needed to engage in the debate around climate change.

The **UKYCC** is a youth-led coalition that campaigns on climate issues and has delivered training sessions to organisations from the National Trust, to Oxfam and the UK Youth Parliament.

## Advanced Consensus

So you've been using consensus decision-making for a while. Have you encountered problems? Could it work better for your group? This is not an introductory workshop. It is an opportunity for those experienced with consensus decision-making to dig deeper into the process and values.

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## Putting Your Body Where Your Heart Is: Training for Nonviolent Direct Action

Taking Action: an introduction to taking effective nonviolent direct action - a participatory workshop which will help give you an idea of what it can feel like to take direct action and the issues you might want to consider before taking action. We will look at some techniques for taking effective direct action, at the support systems we might need, and at our legal rights on arrest and the implications of getting convicted.

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## Solsbury Hill: Chronicle of a Road Protest

Look to the future but learn from the past. One of the most iconic protest movements of recent times was the anti-road camps of the 90's; to coincide with the 15th anniversary of the 1994 Solsbury Hill road protest **Adrian Arbib** has published a book of photographs taken at the time of Margaret Thatcher's "largest road building programme since the Romans".

This workshop will explore currently relevant issues such as how the Murdoch press tried to discredit the movement and follow the photographers journey documenting protest ever since, culminating in receiving an injunction for taking a photograph at a protest. It will also be a chance to celebrate and explore past victories using Adrian's stunning images of the events.

## ***SUNDAY EVENING***

### Talent show!

Bring your party pieces: your musical instruments, your unicycles, your Morris dancing hankies, your magic tricks, your poems and your performing children!

## ***MONDAY***

### People Power

People can be powerful; this has been shown particularly powerfully in recent events in the Middle East and North Africa. We will look at the preparation that went into the uprisings and the events themselves. Then reflect what we are doing ourselves, what we will be taking away from the camp and what we ourselves are going to go away and do.

**This is a whole-camp discussion.**

### Closing the circle

Our chance to reflect on the whole camp experience together.