

PROTEST GUIDE



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G20, IMF, World Bank not welcome in Ottawa

Global Democracy Ottawa's call to action

We call on people of conscience from around the world to come to Ottawa during these meetings to protest and expose these nefarious institutions and actively work to create a better world.

The IMF and the World Bank, controlled by the G20 governments, are the primary architects of neo-liberal globalization. The IMFC and the DC are key committees, vital to the business and functioning of the World Bank and IMF. Already hampered by the cancellation of their September meetings, the World Bank and IMF are feeling pressure to have a successful round of talks here in Ottawa.

We therefore encourage any and all groups or individuals who envision a world free of exploitation and oppression to come together in Ottawa from November 16 - 19 to actively resist the G20, the World Bank and the IMF.

It is imperative that all those who support global economic justice send a clear message to these institutions and the planet: despite the current climate of fear and uncertainty, the movement for global justice continues to grow, and will not stand for continuing efforts by these institutions to structure the world for the benefit of corporations and the wealthy and to deny basic justice to the majority of the world's people.

Ottawa's, Canada's political leaders welcome meetings

The following greetings appeared in the Media Handbook for the G20 meetings, at www.g20.org

"Canada is proud to host these meetings. The G-20, IMFC and DC all have important roles to play in an increasingly complex world. By welcoming these meetings to our capital, Canada hopes to ensure that work on the world stage — on behalf of all people — continues to move forward."

- **The Honourable Paul Martin**

Chair, Meeting of G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors

"On behalf of my colleagues on City Council and the 785,000 residents of Ottawa, I would like to offer my sincerest greetings to everyone participating in the Meetings of the G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors, the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), as well as the Development Committee of the IMF and World Bank, being held in our Nation's Capital November 16, 17 and 18, 2001.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of those who have committed their time and energy to the successful organization of these important meetings of international scope."

- **Bob Chiarelli**

Mayor of Ottawa

Protesters are welcome!

A Welcome Centre d'accueil has been set up for coordinating events and people for the weekend. It is located on the University of Ottawa campus, at Café alternatif, which is in Simard Hall, room 0035 in the sub-basement.

An additional Welcome Kiosk will be set up at Lebreton Flats for Saturday only — look for the blue tent.

When you arrive in downtown Ottawa, **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND VISITING THE WELCOME CENTRE** (at the University of Ottawa from Thursday to Friday or at Lebreton Flats on Saturday). Plans, locations and information may change from the time this was written to the time of the actions. The Welcome Centre will try to have up to date, accurate information.

Maps, information, a message board, calendars and schedules will all be available at the Welcome Centre. Housing information will also be available.

Welcome Centre phone numbers

Simard Hall, University of Ottawa
(613) 562-5800 ext. 1113
(during hours of operation)

Lebreton Flats (the blue tent)
(613) 799-5416 cellular

Planned hours of operation

Simard Hall, University of Ottawa
Thurs N15: 6:00 pm — Midnight
Fri N16: Noon — Midnight
Sat N17: 9:00 am — 9:00 pm
Sun N18: 9:00 am — 9:00 pm

Lebreton Flats (the blue tent)
Sat N17: 8:00 am — 7:00 pm

For more information see inside

Volunteer Coordinator

If you'd like to volunteer yourself to help out this weekend, please call Vicky Smallwood at 722-0445 or email her at smallman@interlog.com

Information

More at www.flora.org/gdo

Useful medical tips for protests

- * NEVER wear contact lens to a protest action. Even if you are not involved in the “action.”
- * Bring LOTS of water. More than you can drink. Top your bottles up regularly.
- * Wear protective gear like goggles and bandana’s soaked in cider vinegar if you don’t have a gas mask.
- * Stay calm, try and calm others as well.

What to do if you get gassed

- * Stay calm and focused.
- * When your body heats up (from running or panicking, for example), the irritation may increase. Part of the reason is that your pores will open allowing more absorption of the chemicals.
- * Make your way to a safe space with fresh air where unexposed folks can help you, or at least ensure your safety while you treat yourself.
- * Face the wind, open eyes, hold arms out and walk around to let fresh air decontaminate you. Take slow deep breaths of clean air.
- * Don’t touch your eyes or your face, as you may re-contaminate yourself.
- * Blow your nose, spit out chemicals. With tear gas, this might often be enough treatment.
- * Ask for help from the medic team.
- * Clean your eyes with water. Let the water spill directly to the ground, not on you.
- * Store contaminated wipes or anything that has come into contact with chemical weapons in a sealed plastic bag.

Food and Housing

Food is being provided. For more information, check at the Welcome Center or look for the roving bands of cooks.

Housing is scarce but there may be spots. Check at the Welcome Centre or phone Dan, 564-0558.

Buses

Buses arriving Saturday for the large march should go directly to Lebreton Flats (exit the 417 Highway at Bronson, travel North to Somerset, turn West/left on Somerset, go to Booth, turn North/right on Booth. Lebreton Flats is a large field at the end of Booth, North of Wellington/Albert Streets). Check in at the Welcome Kiosk on Lebreton Flats when you arrive (Saturday only). If you arrive any other

day, check in at the Welcome Centre at Ottawa University.

Please label your bus clearly with the city of origin and the name of your group. For example: “Montreal: Glee Club,” “Rochester: Cub Scouts.” There will be a lot of buses, let’s not lose any. If all buses are labelled we can make a parking ‘map’ for when you need to find your bus again.

Street medics

Medic phone number: 760-6028

There will be roving medics in a van and on the streets in Ottawa. Look for the **large red crosses** on their clothing and backpacks.

If you are injured, yell “**MEDIC!**” and get a street medics attention. If someone near you is injured ask people to take a couple of steps back, do not move them and get the attention of a street medic by yelling “**MEDIC!**” Ask one person near you to get help if a medic is not in a verbal radius.

Crowd tips

- * Always be aware of your location, and the mood of those around you.
- * Keep an eye on the overall health of those around you, and have lots of water with you to prevent yourself from dehydrating.
- * If there is a panic run, yell in a clear, calm voice: “Walk! Walk! Don’t run, Walk!” hold your arms up with palms facing forward in a non-threatening manner, and repeat until people show recognition by slowing down.
- * If you see police moving closer to your position, or attempting to surround the area you are in, alert others near you calmly and assess possible escape routes. **DO NOT YELL OUT THINGS LIKE: “THE COPS ARE COMING!”** as that tends to cause panic.
- * If people around you are participating in direct actions that you do not agree with, or feel endanger your safety, leave the area quickly and calmly rather than attempt to stop them or risking your own safety by sticking around.

Legal information

Legal Support Hotline: 244-8321

** Write this on your arm in permanent ink.

** If you are arrested, call this number.

THERE IS NO LEGAL DEFENSE FUND. PEOPLE ARE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS INCURRED BY AND FOR LEGAL SERVICES.

Each affinity group should designate a legal person who would not risk an arrest. The legal person should have all the information about who is there from their group: names, addresses, phone numbers, who to contact if they are arrested, what should be done if they are arrested (water their plants, feed the dogs). The legal person should let the legal team know who is missing, so that we know who they are when they call.

We have the right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure. The police are not supposed to search unless:

1. You have been arrested.
2. Individuals and cars can be searched if the police have reasonable grounds to believe that you are in possession of illegal drugs and weapons; and it is impractical to get a search warrant.
3. Private property can be searched without a warrant if the police have reason to believe that a crime is in progress, or if they are in “hot pursuit” of a fleeing suspect or escapee.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CONSENT TO A SEARCH. If you are being searched anyway, keep repeating “I do not consent to this search,” but do not physically interfere with the search. Ask for the officers badge numbers and names.

Generally, there is no obligation to speak to police or answer their questions. You can **REMAIN SILENT**. If you do not want to speak with an officer, you may ask “Am I free to go?” If the answer is yes, you can walk away. If the answer is no, you are being detained.

The police can lawfully arrest you if:

1. There is a warrant for your arrest.
2. The police have reasonable grounds to believe you have committed an offence
3. The police find you committing an offence.

If you are arrested, you are not free to go; you are being detained.

You are supposed to have the right to:

1. Be informed about why you are being detained and what, if any, offence you are being charged with.
2. A lawyer.
3. Remain silent — say that you are going to remain silent and would like to speak with a lawyer. Don't answer any questions or sign anything until you have spoken with a lawyer.

It is a good idea to speak to a lawyer before entering a plea of guilty or not guilty.

Friday November 16

OCAT CALL TO ACTION - ANTI-IMF/WB/G20 RALLY AND SNAKE MARCH

12:30 PM — Dundonald Park, at Somerset
and Lyon (across from the beer store)

Info: 244-0122, ocat@tao.ca

OCAT (Ottawa Coalition Against the Tories) is issuing a call for participation in a rally and snake march, endorsed by Ottawa's Anti-Capitalist Task Force (ACTF), Montreal's Anti-Capitalist Convergence (la CLAC), Toronto's Black Touta, and Washington's Black Overalls.

Opening speakers will target the links between IMF/World Bank/G20 activities and the War on Afghanistan. The march, snake march style, will proceed towards Confederation Park where closing speakers will address anti-imperialism and the World Bank/IMF/G20's agenda of global corporatization. Speakers TBA.

The march and rally will be based on a respect for a diversity of tactics in order to represent the diversity of voices that oppose the global corporatization and global suffering manufactured by the activities of the IMF/World Bank/G20.

VIGIL FOR PEACE

Info: 520-2757, opirg@carleton.ca

2:30 PM — Buses leave from Carleton U

3:00 PM — Short Rally at U of Ottawa (Morriset Terrace)

3:30 PM — March from U of Ottawa to the Human Rights Memorial

4:00 PM — Arrive at Human Rights Monument. Break for Muslim Prayer.

Rally at 4:15 PM. There will be a few speakers then once it gets dark we will hold a vigil for peace and innocent people killed by the war.

Hopefully this will be the kind of event that people of all ages and from all faiths will feel comfortable in attending and are led to do so. Both our public faces and our prayers are needed at this time. Please spread the word and bring yourselves, your friends and families, and most important of all, your peaceful spirits. Everyone welcome.

6:00 PM — Back to U of Ottawa for a street party w/DJs, breakers, and a canvas to paint.

WALMART & GLOBALIZATION

3:00 PM — A602 Loeb Building,

Carleton University

Presented by Susan Christopherson, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in City & Regional Planning at Cornell University's School of Architecture, Art, and Planning.

COLOURS OF RESISTANCE

6:00 to 10:00 PM

Simard Hall, University of Ottawa

Info: 744-2696, antioppressionottawa@yahoo.ca

The opening panel of the evening focuses on linking racism, trade and war. This will be followed by a workshop on anti-racism, white privilege and building multi-racial movements. Come prepared to look at what individuals and organizations can do to develop a truly inclusive, multi-racial sustainable movement.

There is a caucus being called for all activists of colour and Aboriginal activists from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Simard Hall prior to the panel and workshops.

Workshop space is limited — please register early by leaving your name and contact information with us by email or phone.

TEACH-IN: GLOBAL JUSTICE — GLOBAL PEACE

6:00 to 10:00 PM — St. Matthew's Anglican

Church, 130 Glebe Avenue (west of Bank Street)

Info: The Council of Canadians:

233-2773, inquiries@canadians.org

OR Halifax Initiative:

789-4447, info@halifaxinitiative.org

Panels: Global Poverty and Insecurity — A Better World is Possible!

Speakers: Susan George, Transnational Institute, France; Walden Bello, Focus on the Global South, Thailand; Orono Douglas, Environmental Rights Action (Friends of the Earth), Nigeria; John Cavanagh, Institute for Policy Studies, USA; Alejandro Bendana, Centre for International Studies, Nicaragua; Maude Barlow, Council of Canadians, Canada; Lidy Nacpil, Freedom from Debt Coalition and Jubilee South, Philippines; Peter Coombes, End the Arms Race (September 11th Peace Coalition), Canada; Anna Kikwa, Tanzania Gender Networking Programme, Tanzania; Anuradha Mittal, Institute for Food and Development Policy, USA; Steve Hellinger, Development GAP, USA; Sergio Sauer, Brazilian Association of Agrarian Reform, Brazil.

Free Admission. Wheelchair accessible

PUBLIC RITUAL WITH STARHAWK

8:00 PM

The Parsifal School, 1644 Bank Street

(Bank and Heron, behind the Canadian Tire)

Sunday afternoon at the movies:

'Life and Debt,' a movie about the IMF and Jamaica, is playing at the Mayfair Theatre (1074 Bank St.) at 2:00pm Sunday (\$5.00)

Saturday

November 17

RALLY FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND PEACE! RALLY AGAINST THE G20, IMF AND WORLD BANK!

9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Info: 237-0730, info_N17@flora.org

9:00 AM — Rally at one of three locations:

#1: Lebreton Flats - Booth and Oregon
(this is the best site for out-of-town buses)

MC: Jamie Kneen (GDO) & Denise Veilleux (CAZO)

Speakers and musicians include: Rev. Sharon Moon, First United Church; Soren Ambrose, 50 Years is Enough; Joe Comartin, NDP MP from Windsor-St.Clair; Raging Grannies; Dale Clark, President, CUPW and member of NOWAR/PAIX; Carl Hetu, Developpement et Paix; Pablo Leal or Columbian Activist.

#2: University of Ottawa - Morisset Terrace
(in front of the Morisset Library)

Speakers and performers: Denise Campbell, NAC; Marie-Lyne Laliberté, University of Ottawa GSA; community drummers.

#3: Hull - Laurier et Maisonneuve

10:00 AM — MARCH

Marches will converge enroute to the Supreme Court

11:00 AM — Rally at Supreme Court

Instrumental/jam band music will welcome marchers as they arrive.

MC: Jamie Kneen (GDO) & Denise Veilleux (CAZO)

Speakers and performers include: Halifax Initiative (speaker TBA); Maude Barlow, Council of Canadians; Andrea Karp Sims, singer songwriter; Christina Xydous, Montreal activist; Dave Bleakney, local activist, CUPW; Muslim Students' Association (speaker TBA); Gabriel Bernier, CAZO; Beth Cahill, Singer Songwriter; Art Manuel, BC Chief of Interior Alliance; Jean-Harry Clerveau, Haitian trade unionist; Josephine Grey, National Anti-Poverty Organization.

Green Zones

Two 'green zones' have been designated by the spokescouncil as zones where principles of non-violent dissent will be respected by all.

The two zones are the lawn in front of the Supreme Court, and the Byward Market, bordering the perimeter on Sussex and Rideau.

Getting the story out to the world

Indymedia Convergence Centre

The Ottawa and Ontario Independent Media Centres (IMCs) are coordinating media coverage of the protests and actions against the WB/IMF/G20 meetings.

It is almost exactly two years after the birth of the Indymedia movement in Seattle at the WTO protests.

The concept of Indymedia is that many people participate in the creation of the infrastructure and the content of this revolutionary media network.

We urge you to publish your experiences from Ottawa online.

A Convergence Centre has been set up on the U of O campus, at the Womens Student Association Centre (143 Seraphan-Marion) near Taberet Hall.

The centre plans to be open at least from 9:00am to 9:00pm both Saturday and Sunday. There will also be an informal introductory meeting on Friday November 16 at 7:00pm for those interested in details on Indymedia coverage for the protest.

To call in updates please call 562-5800 ext. 1271. To phone in updates for the audio webcast, please call 562-5965.

Internet access

AE Micro Internet Cafe

288 Bank St. / 230-9000 /
\$7.00 per hour / M-Fr 9:30am-Midnight, Sat 11am-Midnight, Sun 11am - 8pm.

Ottawa International Hostel

75 Nicholas St. / 235-2595 /
\$1.00 per 10 min / 7am-1pm.

The Mail Room

410 Bank St. / 233-6245 / \$0.40 per min, includes free B&W printing / M-Fr 7:30am-9pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun Noon-5pm.

Ottawa Public Library

120 Metcalfe St. / 236-0301 / Free (but often long lineups) / M-Th 10am-9pm, Fr Noon-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1pm-5pm.

Chapters

47 Rideau St. / 241-0073 / \$2.00 per 20 min / 8am-11pm.

Mailboxes Etc.

207 Bank St. / 233-2024 / \$3.50 per 15 min / hours unknown.

Cafe W3

University Centre, U of O / phone ?? / price ?? / 9am-7pm.

Tune in to the radio broadcast on CHUO 89.1 FM, 9am - 11am Sunday morning

