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**What can I practically do?....**Below are some ideas for action

- **Sign up for our low-volume email update and alerts list** – average frequency is 2 emails per week – contact [handsoffiraqoil@googlemail.com](mailto:handsoffiraqoil@googlemail.com)
- **Invite a speaker** from the Hands Off Iraqi Oil Campaign to come and speak at your local meeting
- **Fundraise for Iraqi unions** organising against the oil privatisation in Iraq – all 5 federations are opposed to the oil law and have called for the industry to remain in the public sector
- **Get Your MP to sign the Early Day Motion 1180 on the Oil Law** tabled by Katy Clark MP – 41 MPs have signed since Tuesday March 20th. View the EDM online at <http://edmi.parliament.uk> (click 'Search' and enter 1180). Find your MP and email or write to them at <http://www.theyworkforyou.com/>
- **Write to your MP/Congress Person** and ask for a public enquiry into the interference by the UK, US governments, IMF and oil companies in the drafting of the oil law. You can echo the demands of Iraqi civil society and Iraqi oil specialists which are calling for the law to be scrapped entirely and re-written when Iraq is free from occupation.
- **Write to your local or national papers**, urging them to report on what is happening to Iraqi oil
- **Organise information stalls at local events** HOIO has information sheets, leaflets, PLATFORM's Crude Designs report, an Early Day Motion and a model trade union branch motion all available on the website
- **Picket Local petrol stations** of the companies pushing to grab Iraq's oil, such as BP, Shell and Esso. HOIO has a generic leaflet that can be used or adapted to hand out to motorists
- **Be environmentally conscious** – reduce your carbon footprint, recycle, get involved in organising for green initiatives and alternatives; lobby your MP over adherence to international initiatives on climate change and renewable energy. The violent pursuit of energy security and profits by states and their allied oil companies is partly fuelled by our consumption habits. Not only is dependency on oil as a resource destructive to our planet and its' species including our own, it is fuelling conflicts all over the world leading to displacement, death and destruction for millions. See the link below for advice [http://www.foe.co.uk/resource/briefing\\_notes/50\\_climate\\_top\\_tips.pdf](http://www.foe.co.uk/resource/briefing_notes/50_climate_top_tips.pdf)