

Action Update

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A monthly round-up of ecological and other direct action from around Britain

"I'm not cute, I'm angry" anon petite femme.

Scott a lot of trouble!

Across the UK on 18th February offices, factories and peat extraction sites belonging to The Scotts Company (the world's largest horticultural company) were disrupted by protests against the continued destruction of rare raised peat bog habitats.

Godalming

At the Head Office in Godalming, Surrey, 20 people occupied offices for about an hour and a half before police with dogs arrived and people left. Most of the office was closed down and the front doors were locked using D-locks. By 5pm, 15 people were arrested, taken to Guildford police station and charged with burglary. They were released at 3am the following morning, not charged but on bail.

Wales

In Corwen, North Wales, activists descended on a 'home and garden plant' at 8am and proceeded to disrupt work at the factory. The office was occupied, as was the factory floor. A banner was hung overlooking the A5 road and the gates were temporarily locked shut. After a couple of hours hanging around getting in the way, more police showed up and it was leave or get nicked time.

Suffolk

At Bramford, Suffolk a group of 15 activists arrived at Scotts Fertiliser plant at 9am. Unfortunately the security were just securing the site after being notified of the Welsh action two minutes before. Four people rushed into the offices, one group closed and D-locked themselves to the exit gate,



Hatfield Moor blockade, April

and another headed for the entrance gate. After one person clung to the underneath of a lorry, the rest of the people were bundled out of the yard. Outside the entrance gate a lorry pulled up and was immediately D-locked to underneath, starting a tail-back up to twenty lorries long with many more being turned away. The blockade lasted for 3 hours and it took them about an hour to bolt-crop the activist from under the lorry. The police then arrested five people for either aggravated trespass or obstruction of the highway.

Cumbria

At Wedholme Flow, Cumbria about 10 people spent the day on the site of the Scotts peat works. There wasn't much work going on to disrupt, so they decided that time was best spent building dams to interfere with attempts to drain the land ready for harvesting peat in the spring.

Yorkshire

On Hatfield Moor, South Yorkshire 15 activists spent the day carrying out conservation, including filling in drainage ditches to prevent the moors drying out.

The philosophy behind Earth First! is the use of non-hierarchical organisation and direct action to confront, stop and eventually reverse the forces responsible for the destruction of the Earth and its inhabitants.

It is not a cohesive group or campaign rather a convenient banner for those interested in these ideas.

There were no police, so they just got on with it and left the moor around 5pm. They then proceeded to the front gates and stopped work in the factory for about half an hour, leaving before the police turned up because they were knackered.

In Goole, East Yorkshire two women entered the offices of the Scotts fertiliser & pesticide manufacturing facility, staying only to send a fax to Nick Kirkbride, UK Managing Director at the Head Office in Godalming, announcing their presence and opposition to Scotts involvement in peat extraction. A set of gates were locked shut by other activists.

and theres more...

The national day of action was followed in April by a blockade of the Hatfield Moor works (see back page).

Saturday 11th May sees a mass trespass on the moor in memory of Benny Rothman (a leader of the Kinder Scout trespass) who died in January this year. Meet Tyrham Hall Hotel on the A614 south of Hatfield Woodhouse. Camping is available and there will be a benefit gig in Hatfield that night. For more information on this and on-going ditch filling activities ring 0113 262 9365 or see www.peatalert.org.uk

The EF! AU is produced to aid the sharing of news, information and ideas amongst those interested in taking action. It is edited by a different collective each year to avoid the centralisation of power and information. We welcome submissions and articles (max 150 words) so if you've set up a group, taken action or want to publicise a campaign or project please let us know. No matter how big or small it seems, we'd like to share your news and inspiration. Feature articles and ideas are also appreciated.

News in brief...

- ★ A big welcome home to Paul Robinson, released at last from a Swedish prison following imprisonment for 'violent rioting' at Gothenburg.
- ★ A major revolt with thousands on the streets engulfed the area around the public market in San Cristobal, Chiapas on March 7th.
- ★ AMEC have pulled out of the controversial Yusufeli Dam project in Turkey (although they have holdings in another company still taking part).
- ★ Switzerland's largest bank, UBS, has ended its financial backing for the Ilisu Dam project due to campaigns against it.
- ★ The government is planning amendments to the Criminal Justice and Police Bill to prevent protests outside people's homes and tackle the sending of hate mail by electronic as well as traditional means.
- ★ Saboteurs caused over \$3 million damage in a single weekend following attacks on two separate logging companies in Tasmania.
- ★ February saw the first major strike by Ecuadorian banana workers in over 20 years. Letters of support are being called for www.bananalink.org.uk
- ★ Animal rights activists super-glued the locks and wrote in paint across the windows of the Arthritis Research Campaign shop in Newcastle.
- ★ New Zealand had its first RTS party on 29th March to oppose evictions for a new road in central Wellington.
- ★ State of Emergency is a new PlayStation game encouraging people to run amok as an anti-globalization anarchists and burn down shopping malls!
- ★ A farmer in East Pennard, Somerset, has pulled out of growing a GM maize following pressure from campaigners.
- ★ The Stop the War Coalition has launched a new campaign: "Don't Attack Iraq"
- ★ Secret documents have come to light ordering judges to impose extreme sentences on those convicted of "Mayday" offences.
- ★ George W. Bush and Tony Blair have been nominated for the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize.
- ★ Campsfield Detention Centre is due to close around the end of the year.
- ★ UK is "slightly smaller than Oregon" according to new CIA 'factbook' www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html

Castles in the mud

By the light of the moon in the early hours of April 25th, protesters moved into a 30 foot pink castle blocking the entrance to one of the two GM sites that besiege Littlemoor, near Weymouth. This was the first day that the experimental maize could legally be planted and it turned out that the crop was scheduled to be sown that day. Residents hope to remain there for up to 6 weeks to prevent the maize being sown successfully. The site, overlooked by Teddy Bear Woods, has enjoyed widespread local support from the residents of the estate who were responsible for over 75% destruction of the GM crop grown in the same field last year. Despite efforts, the farmer has managed to plant GM maize in other fields in the area and currently has some GM rape flowering.

More people and tat are very much needed - for directions, a wish-list and more info goto <http://say-hi.to/thecastle> or contact the castle on: 07815 925214/07733 133280

Bayer meeting blown

On April 26th seven GM activists from the UK and Holland attended Bayer's shareholder meeting in Cologne, Germany. Their mission: to let the directors, employees and shareholders of Bayer know that Bayer's new venture into GM crops will not go unopposed. After the introductory speeches, one person jumped on-stage and addressed the audience over the PA, two activists climbed 30 foot up the side of the stage shouting anti-GM slogans and other activists occupied the speaking podium grabbing the microphone and ranting at the board in German, blowing whistles and generally causing chaos.

All seven activists were eventually removed by security, arrested and held for an hour before being released without charge and banned from the area of the conference centre. Before being taken by police they were all given the chance to vote on a number of shareholder resolutions by Bayer representatives anxious that they should not be denied their voting rights!

Keep Free Trade!

Manchester City Council have closed the historic Free Trade Hall so it can be made into a luxury hotel as part of Manchester's 'Conference Quarter'. Grand plans for squatting the Hall had to be cancelled at the last minute. However, on February

2nd about 50 activists occupied the front part of the Hall. Ground-floor access was impossible so two 30ft ladders were brought along - it's amazing what you can get away with if you dress up like construction workers in hard-hats and fluorescent tops. The website www.freetradehall.org went live and the press turned up. A samba band in police hats played loud and long. The frontage was occupied for 3 hours and banners unfurled reading '*Peterloo Martyrs, Dickens to Dylan, Punks & window-smashing Suffragettes: REBELS ALL. We want to Dance! Celebrate! Protest! They want to sell Manchester's soul for profit.*'

Pie in the Sky I

On March 6th activists from a group calling itself 'Pie in the Sky' (part of the Rising Tide UK network) strolled into and disrupted a top-level conference about the new market in trading carbon dioxide emissions. As the Shell delegate was waxing lyrical on the new profit opportunities presented by this new market, several smartly dressed men and women entered the room, armed with a flip chart, a banner reading '*Emissions trading? Pie in the sky!*' and leaflets. The presentation was greeted with polite consternation by the £300+ a head delegates, and the UN representative told the friendly leafleter to 'Piss off!', though remained silent when asked if he could be quoted. The 'Pie in the Sky'ers left the hotel when requested by security staff, leaving an email address on their leaflets in case anyone had further questions. 'PitS' can be reached on 07762 252932 or pie_in_the_skyuk@yahoo.com.

Pie in the Sky II

On March 18th people from 'Pie in the Sky' walked into a second London high-profile emissions trading conference, distributing leaflets, having impassioned discussions with various delegates and declaring the whole event a profiteering charade that wouldn't make a significant dent in carbon emissions. One person was forcibly ejected by security, while others stuck around for a brief chat. The conference made no bones about its sense of priorities, seeing as it was called 'Profiting from Opportunities Presented by the Kyoto Mechanisms'. Pie in the Sky is an action group committed to grassroots climate change solutions that don't involve emissions trading and other market-based mechanisms (see www.risingtide.org.uk for more details.) Full report on www.uk.indymedia.org.

Contempt for GMOs

Donnie MacLeod, an organic farmer who was called as a prosecution witness at the trial of Matthew Herbert, has been sent to prison for 21 days for contempt of court when he refused to give evidence against Matthew. Matthew had been charged with cutting the 'X'-shaped swathe through the first GM trial crop at Munlochy on election day in June last year (see picture Issue 76). The case against Matthew has now been dropped. *"Donnie MacLeod was sent to prison for having the courage to stand by his principles and show support for fellow anti-GM protestors"* said Matthew. "By refusing to give evidence against another activist he showed clearly that he would not do the work of a system that has failed to protect the people of Scotland against the threat of GM crops." To contact Matthew Herbert call 01865 245678 (office hours) More info: Kenny Taylor on 01349 877625.

genetEX-snowballers

The genetiX snowball campaign started on July 4th 1998 when five women peacefully and accountably removed GM crops at a farm near Watlington, Oxfordshire. The last snowball action was in August 1999. Now that the outstanding legal issues arising from that final action are complete we have decided to close the snowball campaign. Our website is now being archived and it has moved from www.gn.apc.org/pmhp/gs to www.fraw.org.uk/gs. The genetiX snowball campaign was made possible by the many people who participated in it and many others who supported it in various ways. Thanks to everyone for their support over the years. Please remove genetiX snowball's mailing address or our email address, genetixsnowball@onet.co.uk from your address lists, email lists or website.

Manchester Animal Protection

Manchester Animal Protection (MAP) is currently focussing on Marsh UK, provider of insurance to animal cruelty laboratory Huntingdon Life Sciences. On March 19th, when 20 activists descended upon two Marsh's Manchester offices. At Oxford Road, protestors laid siege to the Marsh offices on the 6th floor. Workers inside were effectively imprisoned by their own security guards until police arrived, during which time activists let it

be known via megaphone that there would be no let up in the campaign until they severed their links HLS. Work was completely disrupted not only within the Marsh offices but in neighbouring offices as well, which only puts more pressure on Marsh. On City Rd activists occupied the main entrance with a noisy medley of drums, sirens and air horns. Paranoid security guards would not let anyone in or out of the building. To get involved ring 07932 547785.

Lodgers evicted

The Forest Lodge in Nottingham has been squatted since September 1998. It is a grade two listed building and was found in an awful state of disrepair. Over the three and a half years of occupation the squatters have secured the building, protecting it from vandalism and carried out repairs. The Lodge has afforded many people the opportunity to have somewhere to live and to go on to find more secure accommodation, often in local housing co-ops. On March 19th, the Council took the occupiers to court and won the right to evict them from the property. The Forest Lodge Collective along with members of the local community are very concerned about this, as the council have refused to enter into any dialogue. Support and publicity is much needed. Email: theforestlodge@hotmail.com or goto www.forestlodge.150m.com

Save or delete

In Hamburg on Thursday, 28th February, Greenpeace Germany blocked the MV Enif from entering the port of Hamburg and offloading another shipment of Brazilian mahogany. Greenpeace is currently taking the UK government to court over the failure of the government to stop Britain importing illegally logged mahogany from the Brazilian Amazon rainforest. The actions are part of an international Greenpeace campaign called SAVE OR DELETE - which is urging governments to take action at the forthcoming Ancient Forests Summit in the Hague to protect the world's remaining ancient forests. For more information check the background briefing on www.greenpeace.org.uk or call Louise Edge in the Greenpeace Press Office on 0207 865 8115. For more on the save or delete campaign visit www.saveordelete.com.

Diary Dates...

May

8-11th International activist meeting in Turkey Ankara. baraka@metu.net
<http://www.all.at/baraka>
11th Mass trespass Hatfield Moor (see page 1)
11th Sources of Radicalism, Manchester. For info/booking contact info@iimcr.org or anne.morrow@man.ac.uk
14-16th . Protest against German Atomic Forum, Stuttgart www.antiatomforum.de
25-26th Netherlands. Weekend celebration and skill sharing in remembrance of struggle against the Amsterdam port.
26th Save Titnore woods. Protest walk to defend ancient woodland!
pow@worthinga27.freeserve.co.uk or see www.worthinga27freeserve.co.uk

June

4-9th Climate conference prepcom, Bonn, Germany.
5th World Environment Day
7th Commonpoverty and the Commonwealth, Manchester email: june7@corporatedirtbag.com. For more info www.loombreaker.org.uk.
8-16th Stop the Arms Trade Week www.caat.org.uk
9-16th International Young Naturefriends iynf@iynf.org
10-13th World Food Summit +5, Rome, Italy
15th-July 13th Latin American Student Symposium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution. Monterrey, Mexico. www.iimcr.org/symposium/symposium2002-mx.asp
17th Critical Mass, Utrecht.
17-20th Eurosatory Arms Fair, Villepinte, France. www.caat.org.uk
17-23th Refugee Week. www.refugeecouncil.org.uk
20-21st EU summit in Sevilla, Spain.
21st Utrecht RTS. 6 Years of Dutch EF! goto www.groenfront.nl.
24-26th World Bank ABCDE Summit, Oslo, Norway
26-27th G8 in Kananaskis, Canada.

July

10-14th EF! SUMMER GATHERING
19-28th International no border-action camp, Strasbourg. enoborders@aol.com
20th - August 17th International Student Symposium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution. The Hague. info@iimcr.org or goto www.iimcr.org/symposium/symposium2002-intl.asp

August

3-17th Vegan Camp, Park Foot Caravan and Camping Park, Penrith, Cumbria. www.vegancamp.org or contact 0845 330 3918 before 9pm or email info@vegancamp.org
26th-Sept 4th. Earth summit, Jo'burg, SA.

November

10-11th European Youth Centre Strasbourg, France
21-22nd NATO summit in Prague. Contact: intersec@csaf.cz

Earth Summit

During the last week of August and the first of September the 'World Summit for Sustainable Development', aka Earth Summit, aka Rio+10, will take place in Johannesburg, South Africa. Activists all around express strong critique towards the summit and towards the whole capitalist interpretation of sustainable development, of seeing ecosystems and life-habitats, as a mere commodity or resource. Plans are being put together for a 'Caravan'. If you want to become involved, subscribe to the emailist by sending an email containing the word subscribe to joburgcaravan-request@engage.nu otherwise keep your ear to the ground for (or plan your own) UK based actions. Further info on the Earth Summit can be found at www.geocities.com/lionofjudah2021/earth.html

Return to Prague?

At least 43 heads of states, including Bush and Putin, and about 5.000 ministers, officials and another VIPs are going to Prague on November 21-22 for the first NATO summit to be held in the former Eastern Block. Czech anarchists are trying to plan an action - a meeting has already been held in March. For more info contact intersec@csaf.cz

Beyond TV

A new group in Manchester are organising monthly alternative media screenings. For more info contact info@beyonddtv.org, 0116 226 6814 or www.beyonddtv.org

Huge Apology

In the last issue of the AU we mistakenly printed that Jeff 'Free' Luers had been freed. THIS IS NOT TRUE. We are deeply deeply sorry for what was basically a stupid and downright dangerous mistake and apologise unreservedly for any distress caused. **Please do everything you can to stop this rumour in its tracks!** Free is serving an appallingly long sentence for eco-sabotage and very much needs our continued support. His address is back in the prisoners section

EF! Summer Gathering 2002

This years Summer Gathering will be between 10th -14th July, in the southwest. If you're interested in helping in anyway at all (running workshops, lending structures, joining the collective etc.) please get in touch. Help is always appreciated.

There is a new email address: summergathering2002@yahoo.co.uk

Please use this one instead of the old one!

There is also a new postal address:

EF! Gathering, Box 51, Greenleaf Bookshop, 82 Colston St, BRISTOL, BS1 5BB.

Nine Ladies

Transport for tat donations to 9 Ladies is available monthly from London. Contact ladiestat@yahoo.com. The site has also been without a main comunal kitchen for months so if your feeling handy.....There is a new site phone 07876 311709 and more info on upcoming stuff can be found on the website www.nineladies.uklinux.net

Cyber-gumfph

Schnews have remodelled their website and it now has lots of helpful features like a search facility. Email subscribers can now choose between text and PDF

versions. www.schnews.org.uk

Bristle, the Southwest's source of radical news, have updated their website at www.bristle.org.uk and can be also be contacted by email: editor@bristle.org.uk

The SWIOPS vortal is a new search engine for radical issues containing over 10,000 specifically selected webpages and information. Go forth and find stuff at <http://search.lifecycles.info>

The Earth Liberation Front have a new website at www.geocities.com/earthliberationfront/

Earth First! Some sort of links page has appeared at www.eco-action.org/ef/

Prisoners

If you know of anyone who you think we ought to be supporting get in touch with the AU or ELP (listed opposite), let us know as much as possible (what they're in for, how long, when they're due for release, details of any support campaign etc.). The AU prioritises listing new eco-prisoners ELP carry a more detailed list.

UK

Colin Brian Davies
HH 5239 HM Prisons,
Strangeways 1,
Southall Street
Manchester M60
9AH. Possession of
cannabis in connection
with the Dutch
Experience.
Tom Harris, HMP
Chelmsford, 200
Springfield Rd,
Chelmsford, Essex,
CM2 6LQ. On
remand charged with
burglary at March 7th
HLS demo.

Address Change

Dave Blenkinsop EM
7899 HMP
Bullingdon, Patrick
Haugh Road, Arcott,
Bicester, Oxon OX6
OPZ. 18 months for
saving guinea pigs &
3 years for violence
against the director of
HLS.

Europe

So far there are 4
Swedish anti-
globalisation
prisoners. There are
28 people either
facing or serving
prison sentences in

Sweden.

Ivar Andersén,
Anstalten i Åby,
Funbo, 755 97
UPPSALA, Sweden (8
months.)

Josse-Björn, Anstalten
i Borås, Box 221 13,
500 02 BORÅS,
Sweden (20 months.)

Hannes Westberg,
Anstalten i Skänninge,
Box 214, 596 29
SKÄNNINGE,
Sweden (8 months.)

Jonas Enander, KVA
ÅBYI, FUNBO, 755
97 Uppsala, Sweden.
**German animal rights
prisoner.** In jail for

smashing McDonalds
window. Write c/o
DBF-SG (Animal
liberation Front SG
Holland), Postbox
3607, 1001 AK
Amsterdam,
Netherlands, dbf-sg@zonnet.nl.

International

Jeffrey Luers,
#13797671, OSP,
2605 State St. Salem,
OR 97310, USA.
Serving - 22 years &
8 months for arson on
a car dealership &
attempted arson of an
oil truck.

Earth Liberation Prisoners support network

c/o BM Box 2407
London, WC1N 3XX
Online newsletter
earthlibprisoner@mail.com
www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk
Urgent ELP Bulletin sends out
names of new prisoners as
soon as ELP gets them
animalearthliberation@bigfoot.com

Writing to prisoners

Remember to include the
prisoners number and a return
address (prisons won't accept
the letter without one, not all
accept PO Box address) for
more tips on writing contact
ELP or Anarchist Black Cross
c/o 6 Tilbury Place
Brighton BN2 2GY

"Any political movement that does not support it's political internees is a sham movement"

Ojore Lutalo, political prisoner

ACTIONS SANS FRONTIERES

strasbourg international bordercamp 2002

THOSE INVOLVED IN IMMIGRATION STRUGGLES FROM ACROSS EUROPE WILL BE CONVERGING IN STRASBOURG THIS JULY, FOR A TEN DAY ACTION CAMP. IT IS THE LATEST INCARNATION OF AN IDEA WHICH HAS BEEN GATHERING MOMENTUM FOR FIVE YEARS.

HISTORY.

Anti-racist Bordercamps have taken place in Germany every summer since 1998. For the first three years they were at Germany's eastern borders, with Poland and the Czech Republic, where immigration police regularly patrol the border region. As well as trying to hinder them it has been an opportunity to challenge fascist activity and racist attitudes in the area. Also, it serves as an annual gathering for anti-authoritarian anti-racist groups, with many workshops giving the chance to effectively network the various struggles.

Last year, the German bordercamp moved to Frankfurt am Main, which is far from Germany's political borders, but instead focussed on Frankfurt Airport, from which more people are deported than any other location in Europe. The camp was huge, with around 1500 participants.

Last year also saw the bordercamp concept start to spread around the world. During the summer there were camps at the southern tip of Spain, where many immigrants die trying to cross the Straits of Gibraltar, at the border between Poland and Belarus (as Poland aims to join the EU it is now strengthening its own eastern borders), on the US-Mexico border and in Slovenia, by the borders to Croatia and Hungary.

This year there have already been two bordercamps. In Ecuador up to 1000 people joined the camp, which took place near the Columbian border, as well as in the capital, Quito. These border regions already feel the effect of the US's murderous Plan Colombia, which is set to become the norm for the whole continent as neoliberal initiatives such as the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas become implemented. In Australia, there was a camp over Easter at Woomera Detention Centre in the South Australian Desert. Resistance took place both inside and out, resulting in the fence coming down and several prisoners being freed.

CALL TO THE INTERNATIONAL NOBORDER-ACTIONCAMP IN STRASBOURG FROM THE 19TH TO THE 28TH OF JULY

02.Dec.01 - Freedom of movement and settlement are basic human needs. Migration is a fact, its autonomy could and cannot be regulated, as states and transnational organisations would want. Migration is a consequence of economic exploitation, political repression and war but also of the legitimate interest of people to find better or different living-conditions.

Free movement for everyone must become a reality which we have to fight for by any means necessary.

Freedom of movement has been a central demand in the last few years, when grassroot groups started to organise noborder-camps at different borders of fortress Europe: against the militarised borders around Europe, with their weapons, control technologies and the racist support of many people in the European countries. This is the opposite of our dreams to create a world without borders.

We are living in a worldwide capitalist system which divides people. This system of exploitation and exclusion is supported by both the internal and external borders of fortress Europe or the so called 'schengencountry'. It relies upon racist laws and the barbarism of detention and deportation. Thousands of people have died as a consequence of the border regime.

We are currently witnessing a strengthening of the repressive apparatus of the state across the world. Whilst the control of domestic populations and the movement of people across national borders is nothing new. It has been going on at an accelerated pace since the attacks against the WTC and the Pentagon as those in power have taken advantage of the cover of their 'war against terrorism' to push through new draconian measures of control. In Europe after the proposal of a European anti-riot policebody, we now have the project of a European arrest warrant and the adoption of common 'anti-terrorist' legislation. Behind this pretext of 'fighting terrorism' the states' real aim is to increase the control over the daily lives and struggles of everybody.

We seek to act concretely against the instruments of state control in all their multiplying forms. As part of this struggle the noborder network is organising a border-camp in the summer of 2002 in Strasbourg, France.

Strasbourg houses the Schengen Information System (SIS), a central piece of the control machine. This search and control database with tens of thousands of terminals across Europe aims first and foremost at migrants. However it is not only used at border checkpoints, but also serves to extend the state's control onto every street. The SIS can be instantly consulted to determine whether a person is wanted for deportation or arrest as well as providing other information used to monitor an individual's movements and activities.

Against this instrument of control and repression we want to be present in Strasbourg with our protest actions and our criticism of the European institutions and the interests they represent.

We aim to work against all forms of exploitation and division, by working together to create new forms of collaboration and resistance. We aim to create a platform for exchange of information and experience among groups and individuals involved in different political struggles with an emancipatory anti-capitalist perspective. We aim to work together with self organized groups of migrants. We aim to interconnect people working from different political practices and coming with different regional experience.

The noborder-camp will include a variety of direct actions, from public demonstrations to forms of 'communication guerrilla'. The camp will give space for a lot of international discussions and workshops and we intend to create a ten-days-laboratory of creative resistance and civil disobedience.

The Strasbourg camp expresses our ability to determine our own places and moments of presence, of action and communication.

We invite all interested people to come and participate, to contribute and support this international event ...

Agreed on by the European noborder network on 02.dec.2001 in Munich.



CUT IT OUT
NO MORE WIRES

ACTION UPDATE 2002:

Resisting Fortress Europe from Inside and Out: just some of the bigger actions that have taken place so far this year. Of course, there are also hundreds of acts of resistance and solidarity daily, enabling free movement, stopping deportations and surviving under the control of a hostile state.

18.01.02 Nearly all the detainees at Yarl's Wood detention centre go on hunger strike for 24 hours. Other longer hunger strikes have taken place this year at Yarl's Wood.

19.01.02 150,000 protest in Rome against Italy's new immigration laws

21.01.01 Five Romanians escape from Campsfield Detention Centre (with help from outside.)

24.01.02 Police attack a demonstration of rural immigrant workers in Almeira, Spain, injuring about 40 and arresting a similar number.

26.01.02 Detention centre deliberately 'dismantled' and forced to close during a demonstration in Bologna, Italy.

29.01.02 Spanish police violently evict camp which is blockading detention centre in Malaga. After one person who was arrested there is threatened with deportation, solidarity actions happen all across Europe.

2.02.02 Solidarity group frees a Turkish refugee being held in Switzerland, during a larger demonstration.

17.02.02 Inmates set Yarl's Wood detention centre on fire after a protest about an elderly, sick detainee being taken in handcuffs to hospital. Many escape and 35 million pounds of damage is done to the building.

20.02.02 Nine asylum seekers escape from Harmondsworth detention centre, near London.

2.03.02 Brussels office of deportation airline Camaroon Airways occupied.

12.03.02 Eight immigrants go on hunger strike in Ireland's Mountjoy Prison

15.03.02 Tamil peace activist freed during deportation from Germany.

25.03.00 Two hundred Chechen refugees start a protest at an immigration prison near Warsaw.

29.03.02 The fence is brought down and immigrants break free at Woomera Detention Centre, Australia

>>Another bordercamp will take place in Freiburg, Germany, the week before Strasbourg, organised mainly by immigrant groups that cannot leave Germany for legal reasons.

>>Camps are also planned this summer at the borders between Finland and Russia and Poland and Belarus, although dates are not yet confirmed.

>>The Strasbourg camp will host an international convergence of samba bands from across Europe.

>>an alternative call for the bordercamp exists at www.d.sec.info :: d.sec=database system to enforce control - focussing on the Schengen Information System as just one more database that is controlling our lives

>>At Strasbourg there will also be a presentation of the European Social Consulta, an initiative to create alternatives through grass-roots debate www.consultaeuropea.org

>>regular meetings are happening in London to mobilise and coordinate people planning for Strasbourg from this country - to get involved contact the adress below.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, READ THE WEBSITE WWW.NO BORDER.ORG
UK MOBILISATION E-MAIL LIST: NOII@YAHOOGROUPS.COM
(JOIN VIA WWW.YAHOOGROUPS.COM)
OR E-MAIL NOONEILLEGAL@AOL.COM

The Ecology of Racism... the self organised migrant group Brandenburg Fluchtlingsinitiativ from Germany uses the slogan "we are here because you are destroying our countries", about how Western imperialism forces people into becoming mobile. These processes of displacement are a continuum... hunter gatherers are forced into agricultural practices as the ecosystems that support them are destroyed. Subsistence farmers are drawn into the commercial agricultural economy and then further displaced into cities as the exploitation of landowners and global markets pushes down wages. Urban poverty, as well as political repression, pushes people towards the western countries where life is a constant battle against deportation and exploitation in illegal work. The UN estimates that there are currently 25 million ecological refugees, which it classifies separately from political refugees. But in a sense, without trying to belittle the struggles of those for who the oppression is most immediate, we are all ecological refugees, displaced generations ago from the ecosystems that once supported us and no longer able or allowed to live in a way that is close to nature.



Fences come down at Woomera 2002



Street barricades at Forst 2000

Action Groups

are local EF! contacts some are active groups others need more people to get in touch

Bath EF!
c/o PO Box 426
Bath, Somerset, BA1 2ZD

Dartmoor EF!
c/o PO Box 77, Totnes
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Moor peat action

The week before Easter saw a proposed 4-day blockade take place at the Scotts site at Hatfield Moor. By 11 am on Monday the crossroads by the peat works was busy with police activity. Protestors were allotted an area of road between 6am and 6pm. That bit of road being unsuitable for a blockade, in that it wouldn't stop the lorries, 100 people made their way to the crossroads and the police lines before suddenly heading off cross-country. The police were too slow to prevent this posse occupying the desired bit of road and successfully blockading all lorries for the afternoon. Eventually the blockade was broken when the police arrested 35 people under Section 14 (POA). Snatch squads seemingly targeted those in black and masked, and those with arm tubes or other equipment. By 4am all but 2 of the arrested had been released on strict bail conditions (due to the 'mysterious' slashing of £30,000 of peat bags the week before). The conditions meant they could not go within 2 miles of the works. Cops were, however, gutted to realise the conditions completely neglected to include the site (which is 2¼ miles from the works) or the south moors where most of the work Scotts is doing occurs. The ensuing days saw more blockades and a Friends of the Earth demonstration and forced Scotts to move their lorries in convoy and police to start hassling vehicles that left the base camp.

More summit trouble

Up to 300,000 people joined the final protest march against the EU economic summit in Barcelona on Saturday March 17th. Marching behind a banner that declared: "Against a Europe of capital —another world is possible" the

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demonstrators headed from Placa de Catalunya to the harbour. On Friday, as the two-day summit of EU heads of state and government got underway at a heavily guarded convention centre, 24 people were detained in skirmishes with baton-wielding police. Security was tight throughout the EU summit, with 8,500 police officers present, many bussed in from other parts of Spain. Several hundred people also demonstrated on Saturday in the streets of the French town of Perpignan and planned to join the protesters in Barcelona. But Spanish police at the border with France turned back cars and buses with people whom they suspected were planning to join Saturday's march.

Action for refugees

Last weekend members of the VAK (refugee aktion Komitee), CCLE (collective against expulsions and closed centres) and CRACPE (collective for resistance against detention centres) occupied the office of Camaroon airlines in Brussels to protest against the coöperation of CAMAIR with the Belgian government on expulsions. There were about 40 people participating in this non-violent direct action. There were no major problems with the cops. You can find photos and information in French and Dutch on www.indymedia.be. Other companies will be visited in the future.

Pie and beer

Chaos broke out during the Big Brother awards (organised by pressure group Privacy International) on March 11th. One man threw beer over Stephen Robinson,

assistant editor of the Daily Telegraph in protest at his newspaper winning a civil rights award. The soaked assistant editor, responded by grabbing the mans face. Activists also targeted ex-MI5 spy turned whistle blower David Shayler with a cream pie for his vocal support of the secret service agencies while accepting his own award. Fuller story with dramatic photographs can be found on www.undercurrents.org/bigbrother.htm.

..and it's goodbye from us!

Well this is the final issue of the AU from the Norwich collective (though special regards should be sent to our Bristolian connection for his remote endeavours, particularly on this issue). The AU will be winging its way to a fine new collective in Manchester, we wish them the best. For now keep sending correspondence to the usual address and we'll make sure it get there. In the tradition of previous collectives, we decided to part with a few personal words about the AU, from our now older, wiser(?) selves.

"Doing the AU is undoubtedly a unique experience, often inspiring, sometimes exasperating, occasionally downright odd. I'm not sure I can say much more, Ohh keep doing cool actions, DISTRIBUTE THE AU and, in the final analysis, I thing we've done OK - Hope you do to. Love you all" J - girl.

"Being part of this years AU editorial collective has been the best of times and the worst of times. It was a struggle but it was also enlightening and insightful. Hope everyone liked the finished product. I'd like to dedicate this issue to a friend who has just died. In his memory I'd like to say that understanding of each other is one of the biggest things we have to learn. Arrogance will destroy us." J - boy

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