

Earth First!

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Action



Update

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

BASF execs locked out in GM protest

On Tue 6th May 30 protesters from Earth First! shut down the BASF UK headquarters at Cheadle Hulme near Manchester, to take action against the company's role in pushing GM onto our plates.

BASF is planning to run one of only two trials of GM crops in the UK this year, a trial of blight resistant potatoes. This is the second year of trials at the Cambridge NIAB research facility. Last year the GM trial crop was destroyed by Earth Firsters in a night time raid, but BASF is determined to carry on. Well, so are the activists, who seem to have no desire for symbolic protest, but want to hit hard at the one thing corporations value most: their pockets.

At this most recent in a series of anti-GM actions, the posh headquarters were targeted with hundreds of top bosses and

medium level management shut out for the whole morning.

The blockade started at 7.20am when the activists used their vehicles to block the driveway whilst a team of eleven people with lock-on tubes took the ground in front of the long gate and others D-locked several side gates. Some people spoke to the guard - result: he wanted to shut the gate. The activists happily complied... Away went the arm-tubes and out came the heavy duty D-lock and motorbike chain which were fixed to the now firmly closed gate with an activist locked-on to it. Whilst BASF executives kicked their heels on the pavement, activists clambered onto a nearby flyover to hang a giant 30x10 foot banner saying 'Stop GM' so every-



one would get the anti-GM message.

Though, given the action happened on the border with Cheshire, one local inhabitant was curious as to what anyone could have against Greater Manchester! The weather was wonderful, sunny and warm, and activists relaxed on the road while all the BASF suits were told to drink coffee in M&S or sit in the B&Q car park – naturally they were leafleted so they had something to read while they waited.

The police were polite and let the protesters get on with it. When the blockade was lifted at 12noon at a negotiated time everyone left including the D-Locks and chains with no arrests. The only thing the cops were keen to keep was a large Sainsbury's banner which had been re-decorated with anti-GM messages. They apparently felt it should be returned to the rightful owner. The activists couldn't really say no to such a generous offer of delivering their anti-GM message back to the supermarket chain...

Evidence from other actions shows that the impact does not stop once the blockade is lifted, but the entire day will be lost. Meetings will have to be rescheduled, work-time caught up on, other offices will be furious about not being able to get in touch, and so on.

Says Mr Potato: "An excellent sunny day out... if it could not be spent on the allotment, the next best place is lying on a roadway. The pressure on GM companies has not gone away."

GM is not the answer!

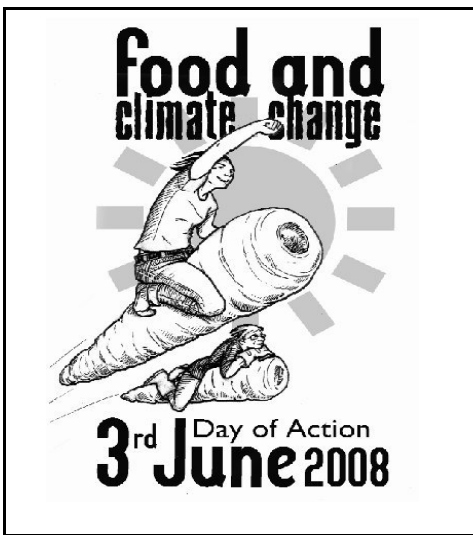
The genetics industry, against a backdrop of rapidly rising food prices due to climate chaos-crop failures, pressure on land from the demand for biofuels and the increasing costs of inputs such as oil, is again trumpeting about how 'GM can feed the world'. This is of course nonsense as the recent UN

report on the future of agriculture confirmed: conducted by 400 scientists and approved by 54 countries the report concludes that GM cannot provide the answer to world hunger – instead it is small-scale farmers and agro-ecological farming methods that will save the day. Despite this the government kow-tows to the industry, talks about co-existence (of GM, conventional & organic crops) and encourages GM companies to come and have another go in this green & pleasant land! Over £50 million of government funding goes into GM research annually, compared with £1.6 million for organic agriculture. GM soya, maize & beet are imported for animal feed, worldwide rice supplies have been contaminated by the old foe Bayer, and last year BASF attempted the first UK 'trial' plantings since 2003; this year they're having another go, along with friends at Leeds University. BASF is hoping that their potatoes will be the first GM crop to be commercially grown in this country. A lot of 'secret' research is also happening at University facilities. As one protester said: "It's time to put the boot in once again, dear friends - so dust off your shears and lock-ons and go reprint those leaflets & stickers."



www.agassessment.org www.earthfirst.org.uk/actionreports/geneticscrop

www.earthfirst.org.uk



About Earth First!

Earth First! is about direct action to halt the destruction of the Earth. We believe we can make a real difference by doing it ourselves rather than relying on leaders, governments or industry.

We're a loose network of people, groups and campaigns coming together for ecological direct action and we believe in non-hierarchical organisation.

The name Earth First! is a banner anyone who shares a similar philosophy can work under.

In the UK people have been taking direct action using the Earth First! name since the early 90s – stopping road building, the quarrying of coal, rock and peat, freeing our fields of genetically modified crops, protesting against climate criminals, fighting corporate power and much, much more.

If you believe action speaks louder than words, then Earth First! is for you.

The Earth First! Action Update brings you a quarterly collection of news and updates on ecological direct action from the UK and beyond. You can pick up copies from your local social centre, or even better: subscribe and get it direct. The next issue will be out in August, so if you've got news to share about your campaigns and actions send us your articles (150 words max.). actionupdate@earthfirst.org.uk or post straight onto our website: www.earthfirst.org.uk

Leave it in the Ground!

New Earth First! campaign against open-cast coal mining set up!

A new open cast coal mine site is about to get under way in beautiful Derbyshire - unless we stop it. Lodge House site which is east of the village of Smalley and spans either side of Bell Lane, is one of seven new sites that UK Coal is to open cast.

The area is about to be devastated. Despite objections from local councils, residents and local environmental groups the Secretary of State granted planning permission in 2007.

The 122 hectare site will have one million tonnes of coal ripped out over 5 years and UK Coal claims that it will be returned back to its natural state afterwards. However residents fear there may be more to the plot, as they were excluded from parts of the planning meeting under grounds of commercial confidentiality. According to campaigners UK Coal are one of those companies that looks to maximise their profits by raping the land and profiting from it any way they can. After coal extraction, they



often turn the area into business parks, housing and industrial estates. According to their website in some cases they return it to farmland and charge the farmers rent or in low grade land grow energy crops. They are apparently even into wind power, but have yet to erect a single turbine.

Coal is not clean energy and is a major contributor to climate change. With the new onslaught of proposed power stations, UK Coal are looking to cash in on climate devastation and destruction unless we stop them.

The area is rich with wildlife and backs onto Shipley County Park. Some houses, (the sort of place you dream of living in) have been shuttered up and items like toys, dog kennels and other personal bits remain looking like something from a hurried evacuation from a war zone. UK Coal has stated that the site will be returned to farm land, but they are able to expand beyond the 122 hectares without needing further planning permission. www.leaveitintheground.org.uk



TAKE ACTION!

To combat open cast mining a new action group "**Leave it in the Ground**" has formed, supported by Earth First! with an invite to a Picnic in the Park and a mass trespass. See the land before the destruction starts, meet the locals and have fun. Bring banners, music, food, and sturdy footwear.

Come and Discover Derbyshire!

Picnic in the Park and Mass Trespass
26th May '08, 12 noon, Bank Holiday Monday

Meet at the Visitors Centre, Shipley County Park
of Slack Lane, Heanor, DE75 7GX

For more info phone 07852 460871 , Email: derby@earthfirst.org.uk
Updates on: www.leaveitintheground.org.uk

Squat days!

The days of action for Squats and Autonomous Spaces on 11th and 12th April saw squatting actions around the UK - here's a quick round up. A squatters' estate agent opened in **London** while in **Birmingham** a warehouse turned into a temporary autonomous space hosting workshops, music and hot food. New squats were cracked in **Nottingham** and **Bristol** and the housing advice centre in **Leeds** was transformed into a cinema for the weekend.

The offices of Angel Group came under attack in **Leeds**. The front of the offices were redecorated, slogans painted and locks glued. 12 company vehicles had their tyres slashed and got attacked with paint stripper and spray paint. Angel Group makes their money by providing poor quality housing for asylum seekers, profiting from vulnerable people and racist asylum laws.

People dropped banners in **Brighton** before presenting the public with free food rescued from skips.

200 people held an unauthorised demonstration in **Manchester** city centre on Saturday night. The demo ended with the occupation of an old pub that was the focus of a successful local campaign against redevelopment.

In **Reading**, anti-capitalists re-opened the Common Ground squatted community garden for the day and held a community BBQ and music show. The Common Ground has been the subject of a year of struggle with the authorities and publicity was put out detailing the planned re-opening and explaining a 'Plan B' of relocating the whole event to outside the council building and cop-shop if the authorities managed to stop it happening at the gardens. However this time the council stayed away and let everyone get on with enjoying themselves.

Airport stopped!

4th March, Gloucester. 20 campaigners crashed a closed scrutiny committee demanding to contribute to the debate on whether Gloucestershire Airport should be expanded. As the politician supporting the expansion stumbled through an embarrassingly bad pro-flying pitch, people unfurled a huge banner saying 'Don't gamble with our future.' The council then decided against giving the airport any cash or land, saying global warming had not been given enough consideration in the plans!

Eviction resisted

On 16th April an eviction of the Wominspace in NE London was successfully resisted. Women barricaded themselves inside, whilst 40 supporters guarded the barricades and had a delicious breakfast. Seeing this, no attempts were made to evict the space by the bailiffs or the few cops lurking around.

It's a picnic!

Despite community support, Brixton's weekly 'Reclaim Your Food' action has faced police repression. On 2nd March, police served a Dispersal Order for an alleged Section 5 Public Order offence, under the controversial Anti-Social Behaviour Act. However when questioned, police could not satisfactorily show an offence was taking place. Despite the police intimidation (and grotty weather!), Brixton's town square was successfully reclaimed as a free public space for anyone to use. There was dancing, vegan food, and workshops. The project will continue in Brixton Town Square every Sunday. Everyone is welcome!

Plant sabotaged

An aggregates processing plant in the Yorkshire Dales National Park was sabotaged in February. Vehicles, including all bulldozers, had holes drilled in vital parts of their engines and their tyres. Both control rooms were broken into and all computers and instrument panels were smashed. Keys to all buildings and machinery were removed from the site. The Plant is owned by the group that owns the Glensanda Quarry in Scotland. The quarry, which has its own port, is Europe's biggest coastal quarry and the company plans to expand the quarry massively, including removing the peaks "The Mam" and "Lag a 'mhaim" from the skyline. This would threaten otters, seals, and golden eagles and on top of this 20% of the stone extracted will go to major road network construction across Europe. The message 'Stop Glensanda' was left at the sabotaged Yorkshire plant.

DAN at the DWP

17th April: 20 members of D.A.N (Disabled People's Direct Action Network) occupied the foyer of the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) protesting punitive changes to disability benefit and support.

News in brief

D1 demo

On 2nd Feb 20 people, some dressed as 'wolves in sheep's clothing', visited the D1 oil refinery in Bromborough on the Wirral for a day of protest against agrofuels.

BNP racists told to go home

A BNP campaign stall was disrupted in Wrexham on 12th April after a march protesting the re-election of BNP 'community councillors'. People blocked the stall with an 'End Fascism Now' banner, talked to passers-by about BNP racism and handed out leaflets.

Cops attack fund raiser

Brighton cops attacked a fund-raiser in a squatted ex-supermarket on 3rd March. They surrounded the building and refused entry and later attacked with pepper spray and dogs, hospitalising 1 person. They then tried to storm the building but were held back by hand to hand fighting until the door could be closed.
www.subterraneanartbrighton.org

Successful street party

The Space Hijackers Mayday street party in Shepard Market, London was a success despite heavy policing

M1 Conspiracy Case Dropped

7 activists against the widening of the M1 had their conspiracy case dismissed on 1st May. Arrested over a year ago for allegedly planning to disrupt construction, the protesters had been charged with conspiracy to cause a public nuisance.

Shell disrupted

Students disrupted a Shell recruitment event in Nottingham on 6th March by repeatedly quizzing the Shell recruiters about peak oil, climate change and the corporation's brutal history, completely ruining the event for the company.

Total Targeted

Bristol activists tired of Total lies have taken direct action to hit the company somewhere they really care about- their pocket. All the Total garages in Bristol were hit, with windows smashed, equipment disabled, and propaganda sprayed or posted so customers knew why the damage was done.

3 Days of Action

Gas terminals and coal mines blockaded, petrol stations occupied, 4x4s disarmed and fancy dress retailers around Britain baffled at the sudden rush on Polar Bear costumes. It can only be....

Fossil Fools Day!

Norfolk: Earth First!ers blockaded the UK's biggest off shore gas terminal at Bacton in Norfolk, where 40% of domestic gas comes ashore. They blocked the road outside the Shell and Exxon Mobil site in 2 places, holding up work for 4 hours and resulting in everyone getting arrested. Most cases have now been dropped.



People also stopped work at one of Europe's biggest opencast coal mines at **Merthyr Tydfil, Wales**. Several groups chained themselves to excavation machinery and another group blockaded a main entrance.

Work was stopped for the day at **Aberthaw coal power station**, the biggest emitter of CO2 in Wales, on 3rd April. People locked on to conveyer belts, blockaded the main entrance and occupied buildings disrupting work across the site. N power the company behind the plant then spent the day whining to anyone who would listen about all the good environmental work the blockaders had stopped them from doing!

30 paint covered people blockaded all entrances to E-on's **Nottingham** offices, in what was possibly the city's first paint blockade. Not wanting to get paint on their clothes, E-on workers waited outside while similarly clothes conscious cops tried to decide what to do.

Banks and Petrol stations part in fossil foolery was rewarded with a number of visits. An Esso petrol station was shut down in **Plymouth** when clowns climbed onto the roof and critical mass cyclists helped pedestrians block the forecourt. The occupation got positive attention from passing cars and the atmosphere felt celebratory until the usual

spoilsports showed up and nicked 7 people.

In **Norwich** communications Director Sarah Jones (who looked suspiciously like a Rising Tider) announced the withdrawal of Norwich Union's £6.1 million investments in major oil and car companies saying they were unsustainable in the current climate. 'Apology Sandbags' were also distributed, tokens of the company's regret over its past investments. Lots of spoof announcements were also made on behalf of companies in **London** while large crowds visited fossil fools in **Westminster, Glasgow, Manchester, Hastings** and **Worthing** and **Leamington Spa**. People hung banners in **Lancaster, Wrexham** and **Hull** and people with a 'Car Culture Kills the Climate' banner blocked the gates of a Hummer dealership in **Newcastle**. To round off the day loads of gas guzzling 4x4s and 10 swanky sports cars were disarmed with Mung Beans in a posh bit of **Edinburgh**.

Hundreds of actions took place across the pond, here are just a few specially juicy bits: In **North Carolina**, residents locked themselves to bulldozers to stop the construction of the massive Cliffside coal-fired power plant. Supporters also roped off the construction site with 'Global Warming Crime Scene' tape and held 'Social Change, Not Climate Change' banners. Sadly cops, eager as ever to do the dirty work for big business, soon showed up and used pain compliance holds and tazers to force people to unlock.

Meanwhile in **Massachusetts** a Shell garage was chosen for occupation. Banner carriers climbed onto the roof, while others blocked the forecourt.

4 people locked on to the front entrance of a bank in **Boston** because of its lending to infamous fossil fools such as arch Coal and Peabody Energy.

And in **New York** 'Billionaires for Dirty Energy' blockaded Citibank HQ to demand Citi stop risking their cash by investing it in something as short-term and risky as coal. 25 tuxedoed billionaires blocked the main entrance with at least 2 people chaining themselves to the front doors.

www.risingtide.org.uk



Biofools Day !

The Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (RTFO) came into force on 15th February, prompting campaigners to label it Biofools day. The RTFO mandates 2.5% biofuels at petrol pumps, which will more than double UK biofuel use. People demonstrated across the UK in response. People from **Bristol** Rising Tide and Espacio Bristol-Colombia informed the public about this issue at a Tesco's - selling biodiesel at their pumps. In **Edinburgh** people disabled the fuel pumps of 2 BP filling stations. BP was targeted since it is a major investor in biofuels. Five members of the Edinburgh Clown Army were arrested and charged with a breach of the peace, despite maintaining a friendly atmosphere.

In Glasgow protesters dropped a banner of a bridge to draw attention to the use of food to make petrol.

In **Brighton** a group of biofuel activists made a colourful banner and flyer tour of Brighton city centre and Sussex University.

Several protests were also held in London, including Downing Street, the Department for Transport, Tesco and BP fuel stations.

www.biofuelwatch.org.uk

Invasion of the climate snatchers!

The third day of action was **Mayday: invasion of the climate snatchers**, a national weekend of action against false solutions to climate change. As climate change rises up the political agenda, we are seeing a huge number of techno-fixes forming a new economic sector: from biofuels to nuclear power, carbon-trading to hydrogen fuel cells, dumping urine in the ocean to carbon capture and storage. Everywhere corporations are seeking the elusive elixir which will allow them to continue business as usual. All of these technologies are a distraction from the real solutions: a massive reduction in our consumption and the end to economic growth. Activists around the country got together to challenge these false solutions to climate chaos and show the real solution: far-reaching social change.

www.daysofclimateaction.org.uk

Eon coal greenwash protests



Power company E.on was targeted twice on Mayday by climate activists for their promotion of Carbon Capture and Storage. E.ON is exploiting the idea of a future CCS system to justify building a new coal fired power station at Kingsnorth. CCS requires up to 40% more coal per unit of electricity than coal generation without CCS. So more coal needs to be burnt; increasing the overall pollution caused. It also neglects to address the wider problems of over consumption or deal with coal's other social and environmental impacts.

London: The E.ON offices on Pall Mall were targeted by the new upstart Coal Cleaning Company who launched their enterprise with E.ON as their first customer. According to the chatty cleaners, "There's no mess too big! We make coal Fossil Fuel Fresh™".

E-on Coventry protest

Leamington Spa Rising Tide visited the E.on headquarter in **Coventry** to expose the truth behind E.on's greenwash about carbon capture. They arrived at 8am to hand fliers to the workers. Banners were erected reading "POLLUTE.ON NO MORE GREEN WASH". There was juggling and a picnic outside the doors of the building as the protesters waited for a march of students from Warwick University People and Planet to arrive at 1.30. The marchers came with a replica model of the coal power station and a game of 'catch the carbon' with balloons and nets. AS the protesters gathered outside the building the sign outside was painted green to symbolise greenwash and one protester occupied the roof of the building. The day was a great success with a festive vibe and no arrests.



RBS Banner Protest in York

On 1st May York saw a banner protest outside the Royal Bank of Scotland's central branch. Leaflets were handed out about RBS's climate crimes, with investment in new oil coming out tops.

Urban development sabotaged

Members of the Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front joined in by carrying out an action against unnecessary urban development in the **south-west**. Ecoteurs broke into the construction site that is building yet another bridge for the transport of motorized vehicles. A 4x4 was paint-stripped, tires damaged, whilst a truck and JCB had logos removed and sides stripped. The ecoteurs warned that the "flawed concept of 'building our way out of congestion' will no longer be tolerated at the expense of the rivers wildlife and £8 million of tax payers money spent on this project. No Compromise in Defence of Mother Earth."

Sizewell Critical Mass

People from Rising Tide and Earth First! got together on 3rd May for a Critical Mass to Sizewell nuclear power station to highlight that nuclear is not a solution to climate change. They were greeted at the meeting point by 15 police officers including some FIT from London. As they set out on a lovely sunny ride through the countryside, the extent of the over-the-top police operation became clear with unmarked cars full of FIT photographers lurking behind hedgerows, the entrance to Sizewell guarded by another twenty cops, and a further ten congregated at the end-point on Sizewell beach. It was a great critical mass, a good time was had by all, and the local press seemed as bemused as the protesters by the ridiculousness of the police operation. Wonder if there are any red faces in police intelligence this weekend?

And internationally...

In **Paris** INRA – the French agricultural research institute promoting biofuels and genetic engineering had the words AGRO-CARBURANTS = DANGER were chalked on its walls. Messages were also chalked around a number of cars. In **Toronto**, Canada a Green Living show was inspected and greenwash flyers handed out.

Coming up: 3rd June 2008
Day of Action on Food and Climate Change.
www.daysofclimateaction.org.uk

T5 protests

Flashmob: About 250 protesters demonstrated inside Terminal 5 when it opened on 27th March. The group all removed clothes to reveal red T-Shirts with 'Stop Airport Expansion' written on them. Luckily BAA and British Airways soon turned the opening into a farce all by themselves. Showing its not just the climate they're crap at baggage was sped off to wrong places, got left at Heathrow or was lost completely pissing off loads of passengers! Baggage handling jobs anyone?

Banner hung from Parliaments

On 27th Feb the final date of a government consultation into the expansion of Heathrow Plane Stupid activists hung two banners from the roof of the Houses of Parliament, reading 'No Third Runway' and 'BAA HQ'. The group also glided paper aeroplanes made from documents showing collusion between BAA and government on the planned expansion.

On 14th April Plane Stupid Scotland occupied the rooftops of the Scottish parliament, holding a massive banner saying 'Planestopping! Choose a future: NO airport expansion.'



Carry On Camping

Residents from Hull, South Yorkshire and the Calder Valley, recent flood-stricken areas, used pop-up tents to set up camp and blockade the main entrance of the government office in Leeds in protest against airport expansion. The action coincided with the imminent approval by government minister Baroness Andrews of the area's 15 year development plan, the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS), which allows for a threefold expansion of passenger flights from Yorkshire and Humberside.

International News

International Fight against Fossil Fuels

The last couple of months have seen direct action against the social and ecological cost of fossil fuels spiral with protests spreading around the world.

Pipelines destroyed in Nigeria

In Nigeria militant rebel groups blew up at least 3 oil pipelines in April. These actions are part of an ongoing attempt by rebels to damage the Nigerian oil export industries which rake in massive profits while people in the region remain in poverty. During one of the attacks the fighters bumped into soldiers who expressed support and left them to it.

Oil and gas blockades in the US

Earth First! blockaded a power plant construction site in Palm Beach county. 12 people with 200 supporters around them locked on blocking the entrance to the West County Energy Center's (WCEC) construction site. The WCEC is a proposed massive gas-fired power plant that would emit 12 million tons of CO2 every year. The blockade stopped construction for 6 hours before 27 people were nicked.

On 15th March a Chevron refinery was blockaded in California by people protesting the war in Iraq, environmental racism and climate change. 50 people locked on outside the gate shutting the refinery shut down for the day.

Work stopped on coal terminal

19th April, Australia. 50 people walked into the construction site for a new coal terminal on Kooragang Island, Australia as part of a campaign to stop construction. The site was held for an hour until a number of the group were arrested.

Shell blockaded

Meanwhile local people in County Mayo, Ireland are continuing their fight against the construction of a Shell gas pipeline across their land. On 12th Feb people blocked Shell from illegal surveying work at Glengad for 4 hours until Gardai forcefully removed the activists from the site. Blockades of workers and lorries are continuing while Shell have still not repaired illegal bore holes made 6 months ago.

Stop CarKill

On 17th April, 30 *Agrocrisis* activists chained themselves to the main gate of the Cargill factory in Ghent (Belgium) stopping soy trucks entering or leaving for the whole day in protest against the human costs of agrofuels. The police agreed not to intervene.



Just a month before that, on 13th March, delegates at the World Biofuels Market in Belgium found the doors to the venue had been chained and padlocked.

Sea Shepherd

More news from the epic battle to protect oceanic life from hunting. On 3rd March Sea Shepherd ship *Steve Irwin* caught the whaling ship *Nisshin Maru* on 3rd March and lobbed bottles of rotten butter and a slippery chemical onto the deck. The combination of stench and slipperiness made the whalers' work much harder for days afterwards. On 7th March the Japanese coast guard attacked the crew of the *Steve Irwin* with flash grenades and bullets.

Sea Shepherd's other ship, the *Farley Mowat*, which was out to stop the wholesale slaughter of seals was attacked just a month later by 30-40 fishermen while berthed at the island St. Pierre. The crowd cut the mooring lines, threw the gangplank into the water and chucked rocks at the crew. Luckily no-one got hurt.

Then on 12th April armed Canadian Police stormed the ship and arrested 2 people. The ship was seized and is still being held by the Canadian government. Members and supporters of the Sea Shepherd crew responded to this by occupying the offices of the Canadian consulate in Melbourne. They demanded that charges against the crew be dropped and the seal slaughter abandoned. www.seashepherd.org

Logging Camp

The battle to protect Australia's forests from logging is continuing. On 14th April activists succeeded in halting work at College Grove, a high conservation bushland area in Bunbury, Australia. As of 29th April a new camp has been set up. www.globalwarmingfg.com

City Hall Stormed

After a demonstration on 13th April people in Drapetsona invaded the local city hall and shut off the power switches in the middle of a congress on urban 'reconstruction' between construction agents and local authorities.

Rath Lugh Evicted

17th April, Ireland. Rath Lugh Camp which was set up in the path of the planned M3 motorway has been evicted, with 20 Gardai and about a dozen construction workers in attendance. Protests are continuing though! www.tarapixie.net

GM fields squatted

In Germany 5 GM fields have been squatted, two have already succeeded in having the trials cancelled. Crop-pullers are also gearing up for the new season, with the first GM field of GM wheat biting the dust on the night 21 April. www.gendreck-weg.de



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www.networkforclimateaction.org.uk

Genetic Engineering Network
www.geneticsaction.org.uk
has been resting, but now reviving.
Website a bit out of date.



Support Groups

Schnews

Free weekly direct action news sheet
and website. www.schnews.org.uk

Advisory Service for Squatters
0203 216 0099, 0845 644 5814
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Earth Liberation Prisoners
Prisoner support, email newsletter.
www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk

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Activist Tat Collective
Provides equipment and training.
www.atcoop.org.uk

Protest Camps

All these camps
and protest sites
are happy to
receive visitors and
support!

Nine Ladies
For 9 years the camp has opposed
the destruction of a beautiful part of
Peak District National Park by
quarrying. Campaign won! Awaiting
signatures on contracts before
dismantling.



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burgh has been occupied & fortified by
environmental activists intent on block-
ing road building and a new biotech re-
search facility.

Faslane Peace Camp
Shandon Near Helensburgh, Scotland
www.faslanepeacecamp.org.uk
01436 82091

Since 1982 opposing nuclear weapons at
Faslane Naval Base on the Clyde, 30
miles from Glasgow. Over the last year
there have been lots of actions by the
Peace Camp and Trident Ploughshares
resulting in over 800 arrests.

Camp Bling

Southend on Sea, Essex
www.savepriorypark.org
Opposing dual carriageway scheme. Des-
pite compulsory purchase and side roads
orders being granted last year, the coun-
cil is still seeking 17 million pounds
worth of funding.

Titnore Emergency Action (TEA)

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Camp and campaign opposing a Green-
field site on the outskirts of
Worthing/Durrington being turned into
a concrete jungle by road building, a
new Tesco Hypermarket and a housing /
commercial development. Camp set up
in May 2006 and going strong despite a
High Court order to quit.

**Sat 24th May: Celebrate the camp's
2nd birthday on the steps of
Worthing Town Hall. Bring music.**

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STUCK for something to do this summer?



27th Aug - 1st Sept '08, Norfolk

Want to take Direct Action to halt the destruction of the Earth?

Join us for 5 days of workshops, brainstorming and planning actions.

Plus skill sharing on ecological restoration and low-impact living.

Meet people, make links, take action.

www.earthfirstgathering.org.uk
summergathering@earthfirst.org.uk

More dates for your diary:

26th May - 'Leave it under ground! Picnic and Mass Trespass at new open cast coal mine in Derby. See page 2.
www.leaveitintheground.org.uk

31st May – Heathrow: A spring carnival of resistance to airport expansion. www.hacan.org.uk

3rd June – Day of Action on Food and Climate Change. Everywhere!
www.daysofclimateaction.org.uk

13th-16th June - UK Animal Rights gathering, Kent, www.veggies.org.uk

Saving Iceland Protest Camp

A summer of international dissent and direct action against Heavy Industry - swarming around Iceland from the 12th of July 2008!

Iceland is the last great expanse of truly magical wilderness left in Europe. It's a pristine area that we should be enjoying and celebrating but instead it's under threat from heavy industry – building dams and mining for minerals. Icelandic environmentalists are not prepared to allow Iceland to be devastated by corporate greed and they are asking for international help to fight for it. The past two summers have seen loads of effective direct action, with many people from the UK lending a hand.



This year's camp starts on 12th July with a programme of workshops, so be there by Friday the 11th, from which date camping and food will be available.

A number of people are travelling there from the UK and we suggest you arrive on the Smyril Line ferry on 3rd or 10th July. Book your tickets now!

Contact: savingiceland@riseup.net www.savingiceland.org/camp2008

Camp for Climate Action

3rd -11th Aug, Kingsnorth Power Station

This summer the Camp for Climate Action will pitch its tents outside Kingsnorth coal-fired power station in Kent for a week of direct action, education and sustainable living. Together, we will show that the blind pursuit of economic growth at any cost is simply insane, and is to blame for the CO₂ emissions and ecosystem destruction that are causing catastrophic climate change.

26th July - 3rd Aug – Climate parade from Heathrow to Kingsnorth. Travel by feet, wheels and water and say no to the expansion of fossil fuels on the way.

6th Aug – Agrofuels Day of Action: squashing the agrofuel industry before it sprouts!

9th Aug – Day of Action at the power station.

www.climatecamp.org.uk **Everyone is welcome!**



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