

We want to see

The government building enough quality public housing to accommodate the entire population

An end to the sale of public land to private developers and speculators

All council and social housing to come with a secure tenancy

A 'Use It Or Lose It' programme where empty buildings are forfeit or put on a tax escalator, where the owner can lose title after one year

All new homes, including flats, to incorporate at least a 10 pole allotment immediately adjacent

Protection of gypsy and traveller rights

Protection of squatters rights in empty buildings

Protection of boaters' rights, river and canal bank allotments, fair mooring & licence fees

Responsible, public-interest use of land owned by the monarchy. An end to all crown immunity, including under FOI act

A mandatory, publicly owned land registry

Open access to land managed by charities such as The National Trust and English Heritage

An end to mega-farms and industrial agriculture

A Parliamentary land rights lobby group

Taxation of luxuries, never life's necessities; adequate resources for government to house people and maintain/enforce all rights of way

Publicly owned nationalised infrastructure such as water, gas, the NHS, electricity, banking and railways. With services provided at or near cost

In order to achieve this we will

Take non-violent direct action

Support local campaign groups in the UK which subscribe to our aims

Lobby to enforce Article 25: 1, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by developing minimum legally enforceable standards of housing with secure tenure. *'Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and his family, including food, clothing, housing, and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood, in circumstances beyond his control.'* Article 25 UDHR

Hold conferences & commission expert reports

Promote traditional forms of land tenure such as Scottish crofting, collective land management and common rights

Draw up parliamentary bills, legislation to put land reform on the statute book

Set up co-operative businesses to provide ethical land-based employment & volunteer experience

Foster and develop links and exchange programmes with land rights groups in other countries where such movements exist such as Brazil and Indonesia

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We want to see an explosion of market-gardens and smallholdings, with programmes for road verges and other marginal public land to be planted with perennial crops and forest gardens for national food security.

The Land Is Ours was originally set up in 1995 by writer George Monbiot to campaign for what we do want, rather than against what we don't :))

People are assets, not liabilities

We want to move away from an ever-increasing dependence on money for food and other essentials, toward providing all life's essentials for free, like water still is in the Irish republic. In principle no one should have to pay for anything which is theirs by right under Article 25 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

Land banking and speculation

While some of us are desperate to get on the unaffordable housing ladder, other individuals & companies own so much land they don't know what to do with it. The stock market bubble has made land a safer investment, for those who have no intention of ever using it.

A sense of history

Enclosure had a devastating impact on Victorian society producing cheap labour for the industrial revolution. But landlessness and destitution for millions is back today with robotic mega-cartels taking our jobs & post-2008 bailout 'austerity'.

Land is a free gift to mankind, so landed gentry like the Dukes of Westminster & Buccleuch should not be 'owners', but custodians of their vast estates. The Diggers, Chartists, Highland Crofters, Irish Land League & the British Isles' other freedom fighter visionaries inspire us to roll back enclosure, the most unjust privatisation of them all, until everybody has a secure home.



The Land Is Ours

a land rights campaign for Britain

The Land Is Ours campaigns peacefully for access to land, its resources and the decision making processes affecting them, for everyone, irrespective of race, age or gender.

Land for homes:

planning for low-impact countryside settlers; stopping places for travellers; space for low-cost and self-designed housing in cities

Land for life:

a right to roam; protection and reclamation of common space; people power in planning and public enquiries; mandatory land registration

Land for livelihoods:

access to the land's raw materials; publicly maintained town & country workshop spaces; high standards of animal welfare; break-up of mega-farms and worst offending feudal estates