

- Are you fed up with bare-faced lies from politicians, big business and the media?
- Have you had enough of a world where corporate profit comes before life and dignity?
- Do you want to see an end to mindless consumption?
- Want to do something to help save the planet?

Then this Gathering is for you! Read on...



Earth First! is about organising in a non-hierarchical way and using direct action to challenge the forces which are heading us towards the destruction of our planet and its people. The Summer Gathering 2006 is an opportunity to spend five days with like-minded people in beautiful rural Wales, to share ideas, learn new skills, plan future actions and have FUN!

What's On: This year's sessions will cover a range of practical skills and struggles. Please contact us if you can run or facilitate a workshop: efgatheringworkshops@aktivix.org.

Sessions will be listed on the web site, but those already planned include kids' workshops, self-defence, climbing, action first aid, Faslane 365, road and airport expansion, setting up a squat, housing co-op or social centre, organising actions and campaigns, and blockade tactics. Some sessions will link with Climate Camp which is happening later in August: www.climatecamp.org.uk.

Facilities: There will be a reception tent, vegan catering by *Anarchist Teapot*, a café by *Veggies*, kids'/young people's area, reading library, a women's/queer space, compost toilets, first aid facilities and healing area, *Re-pressed* will be running a stall selling books and pamphlets. Commercial stalls are not welcome, but remember to bring along any information about your group, campaign or upcoming action.

Getting there: The nearest mainline stations will be on the web site at least a month before the Gathering, and the exact location of the site, map and bus times will be announced a week before. For a map and travel details by post, send a first-class stamped addressed envelope marked GATHERING MAP to the address on the back page. We will post it back to you so that it arrives on August 9th. Alternatively, check the web site from that date. We'll run pickups from the nearest train station for anyone who can't use the bus service, but we will need plenty of notice to arrange this.

Arriving and leaving: The first sessions start at 1pm on Wednesday 16th August, so aim to arrive by the evening of Tuesday 15th if you want to come to the whole event; the gate will be open from 12 midday. The last session will end on Sunday 20th at 6ish.

Set-up and tat-down: If you can help set up or tat down the site for a few days before/after the Gathering, please let us know as soon as possible.



Everyone is Site Crew. That means you too! Loads of stuff needs to be done, like chopping vegetables, entertaining young people, looking after the gate tent, keeping the compost toilets clean etc. Helping out is a good way to meet new people and learn how to do new things. Come prepared to volunteer. You can sign up for shifts when you arrive but you can also get involved beforehand. See the web site for more details. Being part of the camp means actively looking out for and looking after each other. There'll also be people around who can assist you to resolve any differences which arise.



Camping: The accommodation is camping only, so come equipped. A women's & queer camping space will be provided and also a quiet camping area. For people who are unable to camp, we'll have space for a limited number of live-in vehicles. Please don't just turn up with your vehicle. It's important to contact us and book in advance.

What to bring: You will need to bring shelter, warm waterproof clothes and boots. You'll need money for the gate and for food from Anarchist Teapot unless you're catering for yourself. Do photocopy and bring along any information about things you've been doing or planning which might be of interest to others.

Access: We aim to make this an inclusive and accessible gathering. The site is pretty level (although it is in a field), we'll have an accessible compost toilet with hoist and a basic washing facility, also a place to charge electric wheelchairs. If you, or any child you are bringing with you, have any special needs, please let us know what these are in plenty of time. More info on web site.