

Wednesday

Off site workshops

Lakeside

2.30pm - 5.30pm water based action training

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8:30am	Breakfast				
9:30am	Morning meeting				
10am	Finish set up of site 'putting up a marquee:practical workshop!' Water and climber trainers meeting				
12pm	Introduction to Earth First! and the Gathering	Dealing with the mainstream media - how to get your message across What the media wants and needs, delivering the whole package, radio, TV, press and mag's and interviews on camera and campaign image. www.seedsforchange.org.uk	Using radios Basic introduction to using radios, going on to explore marine radios and understanding marine radio traffic for those interested.	Future language An arts based approach to interpreting the criteria used to warn future generations of nuclear waste storage and an exploration of the current ideas and systems in place.	Introduction to first aid For those with no or little knowledge, covering the basics.
1pm	Lunch				

2.30pm	<p>Introduction to consensus decision making Consensus is a decision making process which aims to included the entire group. Its about finding agreement rather than creating winners and losers. A practical and useful introduction to direct democracy and the decision making process for the gathering or a refresher if you are familiar. www.seedsforchange.org.uk</p>	<p>Understanding sea charts How to read a navigational chart and use information from a nautical almanac to predict tidal flows and work out other navigational hazards relating to water based actions.</p>	<p>Squatting for Action Legal aspects of squatting buildings and land, increasing the costs for 'them' and slowing down the process through court.</p>	<p>Debt, the financial crisis and what it means for us. An introduction to some of the reasons behind the global financial crisis and how it will affect the environment, food supply and society. To include a discussion of "hedge funds" and how they are forcing industrialisation of the Global South.</p>	<p>Smash EDO - Decommissioning the Arms Trade Smash EDO has been campaigning to close down EDO MBM/ITT for over 5 years. Our campaign has encompassed diverse forms of direct action. In 2008/9 Smash EDO organised three highly successful mass demos where thousands of people have, quite literally, smashed EDO. In January this year, as the bombs rained down on Gaza, 6 people broke into the EDO factory and caused £300 000 of damage. They are arguing that they had lawful excuse to take their action. The workshop will discuss how to support the campaign and the growing network of anti-militarist groups around the UK</p>
4pm	Break				
4.30pm	Open space	Intro To Ecology	A guide how to spot	Fences - getting over	Action trainers skill

	<p>Speak to the workshops co-ordinator to use this space.</p>	<p>Ecology as a science is the study of the distribution and abundance of life and the interaction between organisms and their environment. this workshop introduces th basic concepts of ecology and explains stuff about ecosystems, ecological balance, ecosystems productivity, carrying capacity and what happens when ecosystems go into crisis. Fundamental knowledge for all ecoactivists!</p>	<p>and handle infiltrators. So you think you have an infiltrator. We will be setting out techniques for turning suspicion in to something concrete, and best practise for announcing your findings. We will be covering a variety of different situatons from local groups to national gatherings, processes for handling new people and also the different types of infiltrators that are encountered. www.activistsecurity.org/</p>	<p>them and taking them down Well, the powers that be seem to like putting fences in our way to stop us from getting where we want to. This is a practical workshop about techniques for getting over/through/under/round them.</p>	<p>share For action trainer to develop 'public order situations' workshops. www.earthfirst.org.uk/manchester/porder.htm</p>
6pm	<p>Library: Ecology and the rise of the far right</p> <p>Discussion: with the rise of the far right in Europe and the popular support for their policies, where does this leave us in a time of ecological crisis when increased state power is seen as a response? How does a libertarian ecologist deal with eco-fascism?</p>				
7pm	<p>Dinner</p>				

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10.30	Dealing with public order Situations Understanding police tactics and how we can deal with them and turn them to our advantage. www.earthfirst.org.uk/manchester/porder.htm Runs until lunch.	Introduction to Earth First and the Gathering	First aid around water The content assumes some prior knowledge of first aid. Looking at particular issues that may occur in contact with water based actions.	Space 5: Basic land navigation training Learn how to use maps and compasses for fair weather navigating. Night navigating workshop today 4.30 space 4.	
11.30	Break				
12.00	Dealing with public order Situations - continues.	Open space Speak to the workshops co-ordinator to use this space.	The Oppression Cycle How does the language we choose affect the way we	Readying ourselves for an age of unpredictability and no security in the UK.	

				think and act, and contribute to society's oppressive hierarchies? If we want to challenge oppression, is a careful choice of words any place to start? This workshop will argue 'yes', and lead people through the 'oppression cycle', to understand how stereotypes, prejudice, discrimination and oppression all feed each other, with particular regard to race.	What happens if climate change does kick in - how will it effect the UK/globally.
1:00	Lunch				
2.30	<p>Facilitation of meetings Facilitation is a box of tools for making meetings run more effectively and for getting everyone involved in the decision-making. An introduction and refresher for all those jaded by too many endless meetings.</p>	<p>Agrofuels: A major threat to wilderness, the climate and land rights. Encouraged by governments and corporate alliances selling it as a 'climate change policy' even though it accelerates ecosystem destruction and climate change whilst creating a 21st</p>	<p>Consensus for young people Games and exercises that look at working with each other cooperatively.</p>	<p>Space 4: Feminist Self Defence Introductory workshop for women and girls with simple techniques and ideas to improve our lives and keep ourselves safe. Practising effective physical techniques.</p>	<p>Using tripods for blockading Tripods are tall structures with three legs that are great for blockading roads or for defending/occupying a space. Learn how to make them, put them up, get up them and use them to maximum effect.</p>

	www.seedsforchange.org.uk	century imperialist land-grab. Presentation followed by discussion.			
4:00	Break				
4:30	Menstrual cycle tracking An introduction to tracking the menstrual cycle, this workshop will explain how to do it, why you might want to, and will explore how it fits in with feminism, sex education and pharmaceuticals. Everyone welcome.	Saving Iceland Saving Iceland is an international direct action campaign protecting the Icelandic wilderness from new aluminium smelters and other heavy industry projects. If all plans continue, all major rivers will be dammed and all geothermal areas exploited for heavy industry. The campaign will be introduced in one session, in a second session the camp this summer (2008) will be evaluated and in a third session we will look at the coming year, strategies and plan actions in the UK.	What's new in the world of law? A chance to get up-to-date with the latest changes in law affecting protests, including arrest process, criminal law and injunctions. www.activistslegalproject.org.uk	Advanced land Navigation training More advanced skills for poor visabilty and nighttime adventure. Evening expedition to practice your skills will go out after dinner.	The Antimilitarist Network Militarism is perhaps the most ecologically destructive aspect of human society, as well as the driving force behind war, displacement and social oppression. The Antimilitarist Network is a new and growing national movement organising non-hierarchically to take direct action against the arms trade and military forces. Come and see how you can get involved. www.antimilitaristnetwork.org.uk
6pm	Library: How to get sailing				

A chat about how to find affordable sailing courses, how to get taken on as crew on boats to build up nautical miles or for adventure.

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12.00	<p>DSEi 2009: 8th September, City of London. Destroy the Banks! Destroy the Investors! Destroy the Arms Trade!</p> <p>This year's DSEi will be making the link between climate change and the arms trade.</p>	<p>Introduction to Earth First and the Gathering</p>	<p>Animal Rights - an Earth First Perspective.</p> <p>A discussion on the importance of the animal rights movement in the growing struggle to confront, stop and reverse the destruction of the Earth, recognising the</p>	<p>Action Reconnaissance for beginners</p> <p>Learn about what to look for when reconnoitring a site for an action, plus how to do it without ringing alarm bells. Includes practical exercise.</p>	<p>Wild food Walk</p> <p>We will go out for a couple of hours and see whether we can find enough to feed ourselves.</p>

	<p>Come to the workshop, find out more, get involved, and let's hold the investors accountable for the death and destruction they cause worldwide. www.dsei.org</p>		<p>pivotal importance of acknowledging the integrity of all animal lives in this struggle.</p>		
1:00	Lunch				
2.30	<p>An introduction to taking Direct Action; blockading tactics</p> <p>A chance to learn and share blockading skills such as using your body, arm-tubes and d-locks to occupy a space for as long as possible. Includes safety tips, communication and different roles on the action.</p>	<p>Research and Destroy</p> <p>A DIY guide to researching corporations for campaigners.</p>	<p>RE-wilding, restoring a battered ecology.</p> <p>Environmental degradation and the destruction of the earth's habitats and species is massive and happening at pace. Restoration ecology is about restoring damaged ecosystems through active human intervention, this includes erosion control, reforestation, reintroduction of native species, as well as habitat improvement for targeted species. Learn about the principles,</p>	<p>Building a low impact raft.</p> <p>The only equipment you need is a tarp and some string (provided but donations welcome), everything else is from the immediate environment. Meaning you can carry minimal equipment and dispose of everything without leaving a trace of rubbish. Built it then test it!</p>	

			practicalities and ethical quandaries involved.	
4:00	Break			
4:30	An introduction to taking Direct Action; blockading tactics - Continues	Consensus decision making: in depth Consensus is a decision making process which aims to included the entire group. Its about finding agreement rather than creating winners and losers. Sharing skills, experiences, tools and techniques for making decisions by consensus and making meetings effective and inclusive.	Intro to permaculture Explore if/how we can feed, shelter and fulfill all other needs of 7 billion people without trashing the planet.	Breaking The Tools Of Disconnection Industrial Civilization has developed a set of powerful ways to keep people willing slaves of the industrial machine, disconnected from the real world. If we are to stand any chance of changing human society for the better these "Tools Of Disconnection" have to be broken down. In this workshop, we will start to work out where best to target our anger and physical efforts in order to make direct action much more effective against the industrial machine.
6pm	Library: Skill share on water based action tactics A chance for various campaigns using direct action on water to share strategies and tactics.			
7pm	Dinner			

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Cinema: Seas in danger

Film and information about marine biology, what's happening where and what we can do about it.

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10.30	<p>Where next for the radical climate movement?</p> <p>Open Space; come along, you create the agenda with the group and explore the different issues you want to talk about.</p>	<p>Planning covert actions including security for planning mass actions.</p> <p>Workshop and discussion on planning covert actions, from small affinity groups to large scale mass actions. Some dos and don't and various techniques to keep security strong but your actions effective. www.activistsecurity.or</p>	<p>Climate Camp International - Copenhagen Climate Talks</p> <p>This December, world 'leaders' meet in Copenhagen to thrash out a global deal to succeed Kyoto. Some are saying this is our last hope, that we have to put everything we can into getting the best deal possible, that without an agreement</p>	<p>Short History of Anarchy and Revolution</p> <p>A presentation of thousands of years of grassroots popular revolt against rulers and bosses.</p>	

		g/	in Copenhagen we are doomed. But not everyone sees things that way - we are helping to build a global movement for climate justice that encourages urgent action to avoid catastrophic climate change, that strengthens the voices of affected peoples, and that exposes the roles of false and market-based climate 'solutions' in worsening the climate crisis. www.climatecamp.org.uk/copenhagen	
11.30	Break			
12.00	Nuclear power Planning for action	Intro To Ecology Ecology as a science is the study of the distribution and abundance of life and the interaction between organisms and their environment. this workshop	FITwatch: Find out who the cops are behind the cameras and what you can do to stop them. Briefing/discussion workshop including information about individual cops, your	Introduction to Earth First and the Gathering

			introduces the basic concepts of ecology and explains stuff about ecosystems, ecological balance, ecosystems productivity, carrying capacity and what happens when ecosystems go into crisis. Fundamental knowledge for all ecoactivists!	rights and the FIT, and information and discussion of some of the tactics we use to stop them. www.fitwatch.blogspot.com	
1:00	Lunch				
2.30	Coal Planning for action		What is green anarchism? An introduction to green anarchism & liberatarian movements, and a look at how we approach some of the apparent conflicts with other anarchist stances.	Legal and arrest workshop Covers basic law for activists and the arrest process. If you've never been nicked before or want to brush up on your knowledge, this is for you. www.activistslegalproject.org.uk	Small is Beautiful??? A participant led exploration of the benefits and challenges involved with organising for action in affinity groups and on mass. There are no right or wrong answers, this is an open space to develop thoughts about the ways we organise for action.
4:00	Break				
4:30	Regional action planning meeting	Regional action planning meeting	Regional action planning meeting	Regional action planning meeting	Regional action planning meeting
6pm	Low impact living get together				

A chance for anyone living on boats, in vans or yurts etc. to catch up and find out about the Low Impact Living Organisation.

www.lilo.org.uk

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12.00	GM Planning for action		Introduction to Earth First and the Gathering	Banner making We will make banners!	Practical Plant Identification for beginners For those with little knowledge about British flora or who have been previously frustrated when trying to identify plants using a field guide book. This workshop is a basic

					introduction to local wild flowers and the principles of identifying them using identification keys.
1:00	Lunch				
2.30	Airport expansion Planning for action	Practical self defence (meeting space then moving somewhere else) if you come late follow the loud grunting noises! Introductory workshop practising effective physical techniques.	Future Language for young people An arts based approach to interpreting the criteria used to warn future generations of nuclear waste.	RE-wilding, restoring a battered ecology. Environmental degradation and the destruction of the earths habitats and species is massive and happening at pace. Restoration ecology is about restoring damaged ecosystems through active human intervention, this includes erosion control, reforestation, reintroduction of native species, as well as habitat improvement for targetted species. Learn about the principles, practicalities and ethical quandaries involved.	Winning your climate campaign How to get stuck into an issue and win. Exploring practical examples and tools for mapping out a route to achieving your groups aims.

4:00	Break			
4:30	Shell to Sea Planning for action	Activist Trauma Support Dealing with the psychological effects of police violence and the other stresses of activism. www.activist-trauma.net/	Crackdown on Anti Corporate Dissent: State Attack on the Animal Rights Movement The state and the police force, primarily the National Extremism Tactical Coordination Unit (NETCU), have been waging a media war against the animal rights movement. This media smokescreen helps to prevent the mobilisation of public opinion in solidarity with campaigners targeted with repressive legislation. The workshop will examine how to combat the police's attempts to isolate the movement.	Climate Chaos and migration What do No Borders perspectives and radical ecological perspectives have in common? What differences and challenges are there?
7pm	Dinner			