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Letter from the network team

Dear friends,

On Saturday 15 June our AGM and activist conference 'Not the G8: a real agenda for global justice' will take place in Leeds. We are very excited to have Raj Patel, bestselling author of *Stuffed and Starved*, speaking at the event, who will be joined by international economic justice speakers from Europe and the global south. The conference will be a chance to discuss and learn how social movements can combat the G8 consensus and what we can do to advance an agenda of global justice. It is shaping up to be an inspiring, informative and interesting event so we very much hope you can make it.

Spring is finally making an appearance and the sense of renewal is very fitting for kick-starting our new climate and energy justice campaign. Groups have started organising Carbon Capital stalls and stunts, and in May we targeted the HSBC AGM. We look forward to hearing how the campaigning groups have planned over the summer goes.

Happy campaigning!



Ralph Allen
Network Team

News bites

Carbon Capital

- HSBC is the biggest underwriter of fossil fuel bonds and shares of all the high street banks, and is responsible for enabling funding for projects such as the Cerrejón coal mine, Madagascar tar sands and coal mines in Central Kalimantan.
- In the run up to the HSBC AGM, over 3,000 people emailed the HSBC CEO in response to our email action, asking that they come clean on their carbon emissions. WDM held a 'carbon bubbles' stunt at the HSBC AGM.

Food

- The UK food sovereignty movement is organising protests on the day of the Hunger Summit in London and some other locations in the UK on 8 June. Please email info@foodsovereignty.org.uk for more information.

Action checklist

Groups

Food

- Organise a food sovereignty film night with on of the relevant films: Growing Change, Best Before or Seeds of Freedom (email ralph.allen@wdm.org.uk for a copy).
- Take action with the UK food sovereignty movement on 8 June - see info@foodsovereigntynow.org.uk for more information.

Carbon Capital

- Collect signatures for our new Carbon Capital action card, calling on Vince Cable to make banks come clean on their carbon emissions.

At your next meeting

- Plan a food speculation or Carbon Capital stall for the summer
- Plan an action for the day of the Hunger Summit. See info@foodsovereigntynow.org.uk for more information.

Activists

- Sign our new Carbon Capital action card, calling on Vince Cable to make banks come clean on their carbon emissions.

Inserts

- Carbon Capital leaflet
- Carbon Capital action card
- Bankers Anonymous leaflet
- Summer stalls ideas for Bankers Anonymous (*groups only*)
- Annual review (*groups only*)

Campaign update: Climate and energy justice

- WDM held a 'carbon bubbles' stunt at the HSBC AGM - the biggest underwriter of fossil fuel bonds and shares of all the high street banks.
- WDM will take part in a global 'dirty energy month' from 11 October to 11 November as part of the Global Campaign to Demand Climate Justice.
- We have a new leaflet mapping destructive energy projects and local resistance. We also have a new action card calling on Vince Cable to make bankers come clean on their carbon emissions.

New campaign materials

We have produced a leaflet and an action card for the Carbon Capital campaign which we hope will work well for summer stalls. The leaflet includes a map of energy projects around the world that are financed via the UK financial sector, as well as showing local resistance to these projects.

The action card calls on Vince Cable to make banks report on their financed emissions as part of the new Mandatory Carbon Reporting regulation that will come into force in October 2013. For more information, please see the info sheet we sent out in April or the groups' resources section of the WDM website.

Timing: The action card will be valid for the rest of the year, but it would be great to get as many signed before the new regulation comes into force in October.

The action card and leaflet should work well with the 'carbon bubbles' stunt or stall. You can order more materials by emailing Sam on sam.lund.harket@wdm.org.uk

HSBC AGM demonstration

WDM took action at HSBC's AGM in May. HSBC is the biggest underwriter of fossil fuel bonds and shares of all the high street banks, and is responsible for enabling funding for projects such as the Cerrejón coal mine, the Madagascar tar sands and devastating coal mines in Central Kalimantan. At the AGM we offered shareholders 'carbon bubbles' champagne containing an oil-like substance, and asked them to push HSBC to come clean on the emissions they are causing.



WDM staff and activists target the HSBC AGM

In the lead up to the AGM over 3,000 people emailed the HSBC CEO in response to our email action, asking that they start admitting what they emit.

Carbon Capital campaign packs

There have been some great Carbon Capital stalls up and down the country. Please send us your photos and feedback on how the stalls went, and if you want to order a pack to hold a stall or stunt over the summer, please email Sam on sam.lund.harket@wdm.org.uk

Tricky questions

Thanks for everyone who has sent in their tricky questions. We will be finalising this for the next *Think Global*, so please send any questions through to Sam and we will do our best to answer them sam.lund.harket@wdm.org.uk

Dates for the diary

11 October – 11 November: Dirty energy month

WDM will take part in a global 'dirty energy month' as part of the *Global Campaign to Demand Climate Justice*. This will take place from 11 October to 11 November. The month of action will coincide with some key dates for the campaign against dirty energy, including IMF and World Bank autumn meetings, a day against fracking, and the Ken Saro-Wiwa anniversary on 10 November. We are currently working on plans and will update you in the coming months, but for now please keep space for this in your plans.

Research trip to Central Kalimantan.

This month, Alex, policy officer on the Carbon Capital campaign, is going to Central Kalimantan in Indonesia to meet with Jatam, an anti-coal mining network in Indonesia, and research the impacts of the Kalimantan coal mines financed via the UK. Alex will be joined by Andrew, our fundraising officer, and Andrew Hickman from Down To Earth, a UK based organisation that also works in Indonesia. We'll update you with any findings from the trip when Alex and Andrew are back.



Laura Boughey, London area rep and member of the North and East London WDM group speaks to an HSBC shareholder at the HSBC AGM.

New campaign update

After two rounds of consultation with WDM local groups and activists, staff, council and allies over the last few months, we now have one issue which received more positive feedback across the board than any other: agribusiness. Given the feedback, a proposal will be put to WDM's council that agribusiness be WDM's next campaign. It will then be developed into a fully-fledged campaign ready to launch later this year or early next. A huge thanks to all of you who gave us feedback and we will take into account comments and concerns during the planning process for this campaign.

If anyone would like to discuss the outcome in more depth, we'll be setting up a conference call with a member of the campaigns team to do this. Please contact Sarah Reader if you'd like to take part.

If you have any comments, or suggestions for improvement, on the consultation process we'd be very pleased to hear them. Please email them to Sarah.

Campaign update: Food

- Most groups will have received emails from people who are interested in finding out about local activism through the latest Bankers Anonymous action. Please follow these up and let us have any feedback on this action.
- We've enclosed some materials for your stalls this summer: a short briefing with ideas to attract people and engage them on the campaign for your summer stalls and a new leaflet about the campaign. Please contact the office if you need any more materials for your stalls.
- The UK food sovereignty movement is organising protests on the day of the Hunger Summit in London and some other locations in the UK on 8 June. Please email info@foodsovereignty.org.uk for more information.

European legislation update

Unfortunately the European finance ministers did not discuss their position on food speculation in their May meeting. This means the decision could now take place any time between June and September.

Once the finance ministers have agreed their position, they will enter negotiations (called 'trialogues') with the European commission and European parliament. The triologue stage will take a few months and the three institutions will need to come to an agreement over a compromise text which will then be taken back to a full vote in the European parliament, probably around the end of 2013. There'll be a further window of opportunity to lobby MEPs at this stage.

We'll keep you updated with any developments in Europe.

Bankers Anonymous

The fifth and final step of Bankers Anonymous was for people to find out about their local group so over the last few weeks you may have received emails from people enquiring about your group. In total we've had 145 enquiries about local activism. This is the first time we have tried to encourage people on our email list to get involved in something that involves leaving the comfort of their computer so we are pleased with this response and we are hoping that you have been able to follow up on emails that have been sent to you. Do let us know if you have any feedback about this 'step five' – how it's worked and whether

you've had anyone come to one of your meetings or an action as a result of this.

Summer is coming!

Summer is just around the corner and groups are starting to plan stalls for festivals and events. We have enclosed a short briefing in this *Think Global* with ideas for games that can be played on stalls which will help attract and engage people. We have also produced a new Bankers Anonymous themed leaflet which you can use on your stalls to provide a bit more information about the campaign. (For those who have pre-ordered their pack, it is included with this *Think Global* and so will not be sent separately.) The current Bankers Anonymous postcard is also still live, so do contact the office if you need any more materials for your stalls: email dan.iles@wdm.org.uk or call 020 7820 4900.

Hunger summit

On 8 June, in the lead up to the G8, David Cameron is hosting a hunger summit in London, similar to the one held last year during the Olympics. This summit is a meeting where some of the world's biggest corporations (including Monsanto, Cargill, Vodafone and Unilever) are going to pledge to "stop" world hunger.

This is part of the 'New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition', a project initiated at the G8 last year. Through the New Alliance, African countries have to sign up to aid conditionalities that will open them up for private takeover of their land

and seeds and further resource extraction. Civil society and small farmers in Africa are not being consulted; their demands would be to put power into the hands of small producers, not large corporations.

On 8 June, the UK food sovereignty movement will be protesting by planting a community garden outside the hunger summit venue at 10am. There will also be some protests in other parts of the UK. So bring your barrows, plants, soil and seeds and show the world that food is for people, not for profit.

For more information about the location of the protests and any other information, please email info@foodsovereignty.org.uk

MP lobbying

If your group is planning to hand in your Bankers Anonymous action cards to your MP, please contact Dan (dan.iles@wdm.org.uk or 020 7820 4900) and we can check if we have other cards for your MP that have been sent to us.

We have also recently revised the MP briefing so you can give this to your MP if you are meeting them at the hand-in. You can find this on the groups section of the website.

Partner updates

The 'Econo...what?' reading group will help you understand the basics of the financial crisis and what that means for social justice in the UK and the rest of the world. Organised by Jubilee Debt Campaign, War on Want and the Trade Justice Movement, the reading group covers a range of material that looks at how the financial crisis happened, the history of how it built up, who is to blame, and who is paying the price. You can take part on your own, or in a group. Whether you know a little or know nothing at all, whether you are interested in austerity in the UK or global economic justice, this reading group is for you!

Find out more at www.econowhat.org.uk

Events

NOT THE G8

A real agenda for global justice

It's not long now until our national conference and AGM taking place in Leeds.

With speakers including:

- **Raj Patel**, bestselling author of *Stuffed and Starved: the hidden battle for the world food system*
- **Dorothy-Grace Guerrero**, climate justice programme co-ordinator, Focus on the Global South, Thailand
- **Luís Bernardo**, campaigner with Attac Portugal
- **Deborah Doane**, director of the World Development Movement
- **Ray Bush**, professor of African studies and development politics, University of Leeds

Sessions will include:

- Feeding the world in the 21st century: Do we need corporations?
- What's so wrong with neoliberalism?
- ¡No a la mina! An introduction to anti-mining struggles
- Carbon Capital: how the finance sector drives climate change
- Not the G8: What does a real agenda for global justice look like?
- Practical skills session on creativity and activism

Plus short films, campaign stalls and a global justice bookstall from Radish booksellers.

Please remember to book your free place!



Saturday 15 June

Leeds University Student Union, Lifton Place, Leeds LS2 9JZ • 11am-6.30pm • Book your place now at www.wdm.org.uk/not-the-g8 or call 020 7820 4900

The Spark

In the run up to the G8, Jubilee Debt Campaign and London Roots Collective are running a week of social justice workshops, trainings, music, theatre and film.

When: 10-14 June

Where: Blackfriars Hub, 58 Victoria Embankment, London, EC4Y 0DS

Find out more at www.thesparkspace.org

Food security or food sovereignty

What direction for Europe?

A debate on how fresh thinking could help Europe tackle global hunger.

When: Friday 5 July, 10.30 am-12.30pm

Where: European Parliament Information Office, The Tun, Edinburgh EH8 8PJ

With fighting hunger being a key priority for the European Union, and the G8 hosted by the UK this year, this event will debate the principles of food sovereignty and food security and examine some of the policies that the EU, UK and Scotland need in order to tackle the root causes of hunger.

With **Deborah Doane**, director of the World Development Movement and **Pete Ritchie**, director of Nourish Scotland.

Groups

Groups round-up

Glasgow WDM had a good day out at the May Day rally, talking to people about the new future-proofed savings offer from the 'Oil Bank of Scotland'. "Why worry about interest rates when you can invest your money in fossil fuels and ensure that there is no future in which to spend your savings?"

Ian from the **Watford WDM** group had a letter about food speculation published in the Watford Observer. The Watford WDM group are holding a stall at the arts festival 'Watford Live'.

Julia Dance from the **Bexhill and Hastings WDM** group spoke about WDM's past water campaign at an event organised by the Bexhill and Hastings United Nations Association group and the Rother Environmental Group. Julia spoke about WDM's successful campaign to get the UK government to use its aid money to fund public water initiatives in developing countries. The event was reported in the local newspaper.

Central Lancashire WDM held a Carbon Capital stall at a farmers' market in Preston.

Brighton and Hove WDM had a Carbon Capital talk with Kirsty Wright, WDM's climate and energy justice campaigner.

Bromley WDM held a stall at a Croydon Fair Trade event.



The former mayoress of Preston visits Central Lancashire WDM's stall

Glyn Thomas, WDM's web officer, spoke at an event organised by **Birmingham JDC** and attended by WDM local members.

The **Richmond and Kingston WDM** group held a Carbon Capital stall at the Kingston May Merrie.

South Lakes WDM held a film screening of Growing Change on the day of their AGM.

The **Manchester WDM** group held a Bankers Anonymous stunt. John Leech MP joined the group and the action was reported in the Manchester Evening News and the South Manchester Reporter. The group also held a stall in Gerald Kaufman's constituency.

Gill Haggie from **Rotherham WDM** had her letter on food speculation published in the Rotherham Advertiser.

Oxford WDM held a talk at their AGM with Dr Peter Dwyer, author and tutor in Radical Economics at Ruskin College, entitled 'The implication of the economic crisis for global political economy'.

Merseyside WDM held a stall at a regional assembly of justice and peace.

Members of **Cambridge WDM** attended a well-attended screening of Growing Change organised by Transition Cambridge.

The importance of sign-up sheets by Steve Huxton, Cardiff WDM.

While the variety and inventiveness of activities carried out by WDM groups never ceases to amaze, the trusty stall remains a core campaigning tool for many of us. Stalls provide a great opportunity to promote WDM's campaigns and raise public awareness, but also have the potential to provide invaluable information for WDM to recruit new members and supporters.

It's easy to overlook the importance of sign-up sheets when running a stall. Copies of the official

WDM sign-up sheet prominently displayed on your stall provides people with an easy way to get involved with WDM, both locally and nationally.

Once your stall is over, don't forget to use the information you've collected. When contacted promptly, people are much more likely to stay engaged with WDM. A short email with details of your group web page, Facebook page or next meeting can be sent to people interested in WDM locally, while for those who have expressed an interest in WDM nationally, it's really important to provide the network team with contact details as soon as possible.

Copies of the current WDM sign-up sheet can be downloaded from the resources page in the 'activism' section of the WDM website.

Notes and queries

Michael Jacklin, from Worthing WDM, asks:

When the coalition government first came to power, David Cameron gave a pledge to publish details of all lobbyists of the government. However, I have heard almost nothing on this matter since. Do you have any updates on the situation? Secret lobbying, from whatever source, is surely not part of good governance, and I feel that much of the opposition to WDM's campaigns comes from shadowy lobbyists acting on behalf of large corporations and other vested interests. Are WDM actively reminding the government about their pledge and pressing them to fulfil it?

Deborah Doane, WDM director replies:

In early May, the Tories abandoned their plans to set up a register for lobbying interests.

WDM has signed up to the Alliance for Lobbying Transparency. Tamasin Cave, from the Alliance for Lobbying Transparency, has said:

"The FT report[ed] ... that the government is abandoning its plan for a register of lobbyists as it seeks to focus next week's Queen's Speech on core policies aimed at swing voters. The shift is apparently the work of the Tories' election strategist, Lynton Crosby."

John Leech
MP joins
Manchester
WDM at
their
Bankers
Anonymous
action



You can read more about it on the Alliance for Lobbying Transparency's website: www.lobbyingtransparency.org

Best Before

Growing Change and *Seeds of Freedom* have gone down so well that we have added another new film to our library: *Best Before: the London Food Revolution* is a documentary about the food revolution kicking off across London. The film explores why this is happening and points the way towards a healthier, more sustainable and socially just food system in the UK.

In the UK, a handful of supermarkets dominate the food system, an incredible amount of food is wasted every day, and fresh, healthy food has become the privilege of the wealthy. With global energy costs expected to rise dramatically, many people argue that the UK will face a food crisis in coming years. *Best Before* explores the causes of these problems and depicts a picture of those who are shaping alternatives, from city farms to roof gardens, farmers' markets to food cooperatives.

If you would like to order a copy of the film contact Ralph at ralph.allen@wdm.org.uk

Current materials

Food

- LEAFLET: Bankers Anonymous ****new****
- ACTION PACK: Bankers Anonymous, including action cards, gambling chips, banner and action guide
- ACTION CARD: Bankers Anonymous
- A2 POSTER: This is how banks see our food
- A2 POSTER: Stop betting on hunger
- A2 POSTER: Food revolution (Corporate Watch)
- CAMPAIGN BOOKLET: Betting on hunger (8 pages, A5)
- BRIEFING: Frequently asked questions
- BRIEFING: Revised MP briefing, Spring 2013
- REPORT: The great hunger lottery
- REPORT: Broken Markets
- BRIEFING: Food sovereignty
- BRIEFING: Food sovereignty tricky questions
- DVD: Growing Change plus promotional leaflet
- DVD: Seeds of Freedom
- DVD: Best Before ****new****

Climate and energy justice

- ACTION CARD: Carbon Capital ****new****
- LEAFLET: Carbon Capital ****new****
- CAMPAIGN BOOKLET: Carbon Capital
- CAMPAIGN BRIEFING: Carbon Capital, web of power
- ACTION PACK: Carbon Capital, including petition to Vince Cable, template press release, Q&A

General

- LEAFLET: Join a local group leaflet (can be overprinted with groups' contact details)
- LEAFLET: Impatient for change? (recruitment)
- BOOKLET: Fighting the cuts, lessons from around the world

Austerity Machine poster

We have copies of an 'Austerity Machine' poster which maps out the debt and austerity cycle in a colourful and engaging way. If you would like to order a poster please contact Ralph at ralph.allen@wdm.org.uk

Diary dates

8 June: Hunger Summit: food sovereignty actions (organised by the UK food sovereignty network)

10-14 June: The Spark, London.

15 June: Not the G8: a real agenda for global justice (WDM AGM and conference), Leeds.

5 July: Food security or food sovereignty: What direction for Europe? Edinburgh.

11 October - 11 November: Dirty energy month, international day of action.

Partner updates

Islamic Relief and Jubilee Debt Campaign have launched a campaign on Pakistan's debt.

Pakistan's foreign debt payments have increased dramatically as the country starts paying off IMF bailout loans from 2008 to 2010. A new parliament was elected on 11 May. The new government is likely to face a financial crisis and come under pressure to take a new IMF bailout loan.

Islamic Relief and Jubilee Debt Campaign have written a new report on the history of debt in Pakistan, which was launched in May. They have also launched a global petition on Avaaz calling for "a public audit into the debt, debt cancellation and progressive taxation reforms, including getting elites and multinational companies to pay more in tax" and it would be great if you could sign it.

You can find a link to the petition on Jubilee Debt Campaign's website: www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk