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Letter from WDM's director

Dear friends,

I'm writing to let you know that I'll be leaving WDM at the end of August after four years with the organisation. I've enjoyed my time immensely at WDM, especially meeting our fantastic network of groups and activists.

I haven't managed to visit every group, but I have endeavoured to visit most corners of the country – from Scotland to the Lake District, to Bristol and Brighton. I've witnessed some great energy and creativity that has kept WDM in the news; and captured the attention of regulators, and I've been constantly inspired by your dedication and support.

After significant investment in our groups, we're now seeing new groups emerge - and we've just approved the recruitment of a northern organiser funded by a recent legacy donation.

I'm moving overseas with my family for a year or two, however I will certainly remain an active member of WDM.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our AGM and conference in June. If you wish to be in touch in the meantime, please don't hesitate to email me at deborah.doane@wdm.org.uk

With warmest wishes,



Deborah
WDM director

News bites

Food

- We have a new timeline on European legislative developments explaining the lengthy process with the three institutions (Commission, Council and Parliament): www.wdm.org.uk/mifid

Climate and energy justice

- The UK is a world centre for mining companies, with BHP Billiton, Anglo American, Glencore, Rio Tinto and Xstrata all listed on the London Stock Exchange.

Action checklist

Groups

Food

- Write to your local paper on food speculation if you haven't done so already
- Take step four of the Bankers Anonymous programme: Write to Treasury minister Greg Clark, and send him a picture from our kitchen gallery to remind him that banks should not be playing with our food (see www.bankersanonymous.org.uk)

Climate and energy justice

- Get clued up on the new climate and energy justice campaign with our booklet: Carbon Capital.
- Use the Carbon Capital pack to collect signatures for Vince Cable, asking him to make banks come clean on their carbon emissions.
- Write to your local paper about the web of power between the UK government, energy companies and banks.

At your next meeting

- Plan a Carbon Capital action or stall.
- Think about summer fairs and events where you could hold a stall.

Activists

Get clued up on the new climate and energy justice campaign, read our booklet: Carbon Capital (available on WDM's website).

New campaign scoping process

Please don't forget to give us your feedback in the final round of consultation on the three campaign options for the new campaign to begin later in 2013. All three papers were sent out with last month's *Think Global* and are also available at www.wdm.org.uk/think-global-april-2013 (scroll down the page to find them).

Please use the online survey, which will allow you to rank the options in your preferred order and give feedback individually on each. You can access the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/s/VT8J5XR

The deadline for feedback on the three campaign options is **5 May**.

Inserts

- Campaign briefing: Cerrajón mine case study
- Ecotricity leaflet
- One World Week flyer

Campaign update: Climate and energy justice

- The UK is a world centre for mining companies, with BHP Billiton, Anglo American, Glencore, Rio Tinto and Xstrata all listed on the London Stock Exchange.
- We have produced a briefing on the Cerrejón mine which we have included with this issue of *Think Global*.
- **Take Action:** Write to Vince Cable to demand that banks are made to come clean about the climate destruction they're bankrolling. You can take action online at www.wdm.org.uk/carbon-capital

Stories of resistance event

On 15 April, community activists from places as far apart as Mongolia, West Papua, Colombia and South Africa converged in London to tell the stories of people fighting the destruction caused by big mining companies. Despite hailing from vastly different parts of the world, all speakers had similar stories to tell.

The UK is a world centre for mining companies, with BHP Billiton, Anglo American, Glencore, Rio Tinto and Xstrata all listed on the London Stock Exchange. WDM is focussing on fighting the UK financial sector's role in financing these companies as part of our new Carbon Capital campaign.

Guardian environment correspondent John Vidal chaired the event and introduced the speakers:

Mongolian activist Sukhgerel Dugersuren spoke of how Rio Tinto's mine in Oyu Tolgoi was destroying the livelihoods of traditional pastoralist communities there and South African trade unionist Peter Bailey talked of miners dying on a daily basis in Anglo American's mines in South Africa.

Alexandra Theburt from Michigan-based Save the Wild and Roger Featherstone of the Arizona Mining Reform Network both talked about how Rio Tinto's mining activities threaten contaminating one of the world's biggest freshwater lakes and destroying indigenous holy sites in the USA.

For people who weren't able to make the evening, War on Want filmed some great clips with the speakers that you can see on their website: www.waronwant.org



Activists from communities resisting big mines around the world at the 'Stories of resistance' event

Stories of Resistance was co-organised by WDM as part of the London Mining Network, alongside War on Want, the Colombia Solidarity Campaign and others.

Stories of resistance in Brighton

The **Brighton and Hove WDM group** hosted a talk at Sussex University with Julio Gomez from Fecodemigua in Colombia, a grassroots organisation representing communities in the province of La Guajira who have been displaced by the London listed Cerrejón mine. The talk was organised jointly with Sussex Colombia Solidarity and was a great opportunity for Julio to meet with local campaigners. Thanks to everyone in the **Brighton and Hove WDM** group for organising this!

Opposing the Cerrejón coal mine

One of the projects that we have been focusing on as part of the Carbon Capital campaign is the huge Cerrejón coal mine in Colombia, which has led to the eviction of dozens of communities without

compensation and the emission of millions of tonnes of carbon dioxide from the coal that is exported for use in rich countries like the UK.

We have produced a briefing on the Cerrejón mine which we have included with this issue of *Think Global*.

Protest at Anglo American's AGM

Anglo American is one of the three companies behind the Cerrejón mine (see above). On 19 April, the company held its AGM. WDM activists joined forces with others, including War on Want and the London Mining Network, to demand that the rights of local communities be upheld.

The protest was attended by Julio Gomez from Fecodemigua, and members of the South African National Union of Mineworkers, who were protesting the deaths of miners from silicosis, a respiratory disease caused by working in mines without proper safety equipment.

Carbon Capital campaign pack

Last month, we launched the Carbon Capital stunt campaign pack. So far thirteen groups have ordered a pack, and we're looking forward to hearing reports back from stunts up and down the country.



If you're organising a stunt, don't forget to send us any photos or media coverage. If you would like to order a pack, or have any other questions, please contact Sam on sam.lund-harket@wdm.org.uk

Tricky questions reminder

As we said in last month's *Think Global*, we are working on a 'tricky questions' document for the Carbon Capital campaign. Please send any questions or suggestions you have to Sam.



Activists outside the Anglo American AGM

Campaign update: Food

- Check out our new timeline on European legislative developments! www.wdm.org.uk/mifid
- Groups will be receiving emails from people who are interested in finding out about local activism through the latest Bankers Anonymous action.
- If you would like a new stall-pack with ideas for communicating the food speculation campaign for your summer stalls, please contact us to order: dan.iles@wdm.org.uk or 020 7820 4900.

European legislation update

There is still no date confirmed for the European finance ministers to agree their position on food speculation. We are still expecting this meeting to take place between May 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.

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

Timeline for European developments

The legislative process in Europe is lengthy and involves the three institutions of the European Union (commission, council and parliament). We thought it would be helpful to develop a timeline on the process for local groups. The timeline tracks the key developments in the legislation on commodities regulation so far and also what we are expecting to happen next. You can find it here: www.wdm.org.uk/mifid

We hope that this provides a useful overview of the European process that we are trying to influence. If you have any feedback on the timeline, please let us know: dan.iles@wdm.org.uk or 020 7820 4900.

Bankers Anonymous

Our Bankers Anonymous microsite www.bankersanonymous.org.uk has been taking new and existing supporters on a journey of five 'steps' which will help in our food speculation campaign. We have just launched our fifth and final 'step' where we are asking people to get involved with a local group.

This means that you may be receiving emails from people enquiring about your group during May. Hopefully this will generate interest in our local groups more generally as well directing people who want to do more to their nearest group. If you receive an email from someone enquiring about your group, please do invite them to your next meeting and do let us know. We have not tried this type of action before and we would really appreciate any feedback about how it has worked!

Help with local media

If you are organising a Bankers Anonymous stunt, Miriam – our media officer – will be very happy to help look over your press release or give you tips to get media coverage. You can contact her either by email: miriam.ross@wdm.org.uk or by phone 020 7820 4900.

Local media coverage

Step three of Bankers Anonymous was to write a letter to a local newspaper. Local groups have also been writing letters too. So far, around 20 letters have been published in local newspapers which is fantastic. MPs and MEPs monitor their local newspapers and so we are making sure food speculation is something they can't ignore.

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 your MP if you are meeting your MP at the hand in. You can find this on the groups' area of the website.

Summer is coming!

Summer is around the corner and groups are starting to plan stalls for festivals and events. We will be developing a stall pack for groups to use in the summer months to help you engage the public on the food campaign. The stall pack will include ideas on how to attract people to your stall and up-to-date campaign materials. If you would like one, please let Dan know: dan.iles@wdm.org.uk or 020 7820 4900.



Fiona Rolls from Reading WDM at their Bankers Anonymous stall

International development committee inquiry

The House of Commons' International Development Committee is conducting an inquiry into global food security. We have already submitted evidence about food speculation to the inquiry through the UK Food Group (a coalition of NGOs working on food).

If your MP is on the committee, you may want to write to them or arrange a meeting to highlight the need to regulate food speculation as a particular issue that needs to be addressed in the inquiry.

Here is a list of the MPs who are members of this committee:

MP	Party	Constituency
Malcolm Bruce MP (chair)	Liberal Democrat	Gordon
Hugh Bayley MP	Labour	York Central
Fiona Bruce MP	Conservative	Congleton
Richard Burden MP	Labour	Birmingham, Northfield
Pauline Latham MP	Conservative	Mid Derbyshire
Jeremy Lefroy MP	Conservative	Stafford
Michael McCann MP	Labour	East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow
Fabian Hamilton MP	Labour	Leeds North East
Fiona O'Donnell MP	Labour	East Lothian
Mark Pritchard MP	Conservative	The Wrekin
Chris White MP	Conservative	Warwick and Leamington

Events

NOT THE G8

A real agenda for global justice

Raj Patel, author of *Stuffed and Starved* is confirmed as a keynote speaker for our national conference. We will also have speakers from our South-East Asian allies Focus on the Global South, and from the Attac network in Europe.

Groups will receive paper leaflets to advertise the event shortly. If you're not in a group and would like leaflets, contact ralph.allen@wdm.org.uk. And 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

WDM AGM: info for groups

Any group wishing to exercise a proxy vote should contact Sarah Reader by the end of May.

Further details about the AGM will be available at www.wdm.org.uk/agm-2013

We will be sending out paper leaflets and posters to groups shortly. If you aren't in a group but would like leaflets to distribute, contact Ralph at ralph.allen@wdm.org.uk

East Midlands campaigns day

WDM groups have organised a regional campaigns day to find out the latest about WDM's climate and energy justice campaign.

When: Saturday 1 June, 11am – 3pm (tea and coffee from 10am)

Where: Christchurch, 105a Clarendon Park Rd, Leicester, LE2 3AH

Free event with lunch provided

Meet other WDM group members, share experiences, and come up with ideas and solutions for effective local campaigning. Contact groups@wdm.org.uk for more information.

Ecotricity deal

Switch your energy supply to Ecotricity and WDM will receive a donation of up to £60!

Ecotricity's mission is to change the way energy is made, investing 10 times more than any other company in renewable energy. Ecotricity also promises to match the standard price of regional suppliers, so you won't pay extra for going green. Help fight climate change and global injustice by switching today. Simply visit www.ecotricity.co.uk/wdm or call free on 08000 302 302 and quote 'WDM'.

Groups

Groups roundup

Brighton and Hove WDM have been really busy organising a public meeting with Colombian mining activist Julio Gomez and WDM's skillshare which is taking place in Brighton. Eddy from the group managed to make it to London for the protest outside the Anglo American AGM.

North and East London and **South West London WDM** held a joint Bankers Anonymous action on the day of the Grand National. The group used the opportunity of the race to theme their stunt and had activists dressed up as jockeys with cardboard horses.

Members of the **London WDM** groups attended the event 'Stories of Resistance' and took part in the protest outside the AGMs of Rio Tinto and Anglo American.

Cambridge WDM held a Bankers Anonymous stunt, and had some brilliant media interest. BBC Radio Cambridgeshire recorded an interview for the day's news bulletin and Cambridge News published a report of the stunt with a great photo.

Nottingham WDM also held a Bankers Anonymous stall.

Miriam Ross did a talk on food sovereignty at a **Leeds WDM** event.

Oxford WDM organised a talk with Andrea Kazewski from WDM to encourage new people to get involved. They also held a Bankers Anonymous stall.

South Lakeland WDM held a film screening of Growing Change.

Brixham WDM (Brixham for Global Action) held a Question Time-style even on tax justice, trade and climate justice with Sarah Wollaston MP, Laura McAdam (Christian Aid), local councillor Matt James and a representative from Churches Action on Poverty. Fifty people attended and there was a good discussion.

Reading WDM held a Bankers Anonymous stall at Woodley car boot sale. They had interesting conversations and got 45 action cards signed.

Ralph Allen from WDM's network team visited the **Watford WDM** group and did a talk on our new Carbon Capital campaign.



St Albans WDM hold a Bankers Anonymous stall in St Albans market



Left: Cambridge WDM at their Bankers Anonymous stunt. **Center:** Members of North and East London and South West London WDM at their Grand National-themed stunt. **Right:** 'George Osborne' at the Manchester WDM Bankers Anonymous stunt

Many group members have written to their local papers as part of the Bankers Anonymous programme. Frank Smith from **Horsham WDM** had his letter published in the West Sussex County Times and Heather Grinter from **Bradford WDM** had her letter published in the Bradford Telegraph and Argus which was also published in the Wharfedale Observer.

Manchester WDM had an article published in the Manchester Mule about their upcoming Bankers Anonymous stall.

St Albans WDM had a successful Bankers Anonymous stunt in St Albans market. They had a placard thanking Barclays as a talking point for the public (which generated considerable interest from Barclays employees). The group put a blog post about the action on their website groups.wdm.org.uk/stalbans

South East London WDM is holding a stall at the Nunhead Cemetary Open Day on 18 May. To find out more contact selondonwdm@googlemail.com

Scottish gathering in Paisley

A good mix of newcomers and long-time WDM supporters came along to Paisley last Saturday for our Scottish gathering. The focus for the day was on bringing the new climate campaign to a Scottish audience. After a shared lunch, WDM climate campaigner Sam Lund-Harket gave us an overview of the 'Carbon Capital' campaign and this was followed by a very productive planning session on what we might do for the campaign in Scotland. The gathering came up with some very imaginative ideas for stunts and actions which we hope to use over the coming year. There was also some interest in starting a Paisley WDM group - so watch this space!

Free documentaries online

You can watch free documentary films online at www.topdocumentaryfilms.com The website has many films which are relevant to WDM's campaigns. The website was helpfully recommended by a member of the **Reading WDM** group.

Current materials

Food

- 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

Climate justice

- 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

No longer live

- ACTIONCARD: Stop betting on hunger and This is how banks see our food
- ACTION CARD: No aid for corporate gain
- ACTION CARD: We want a real green economy, not a trojan horse for bankers

Austerity Machine poster

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

Partner updates

Share Action (formerly known as Fair Pensions) have launched a new campaign calling on pension funds to start investing in low carbon companies and infrastructure instead of fuelling the carbon bubble.

If you have pension savings, you can use their quick and easy tool to email your pension provider and find out what they're doing to protect you and your savings from climate change.

Take action and find out more at:
www.shareaction.org/carbonbubble

Diary dates

1 June: East Midlands regional teach-in, Leicester.

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