

**WAR ON
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AND STILL WE RISE

• **THE WAR ON WANT FESTIVAL
OF SOLIDARITY & RESISTANCE** •

24 February 2024

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE,
EUSTON ROAD, LONDON, NW1 2BJ

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**PANEL
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**CLIMATE JUSTICE
WORKERS' RIGHTS
ECONOMIC JUSTICE
& MUCH MORE!**

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FESTIVAL

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“ Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise. **”**

– Maya Angelou

War on Want fights against the root causes of poverty and human rights violation, as part of the worldwide movement for global justice.

We do this by:

- Working in partnership with grassroots social movements, trade unions and workers' organisations to empower people to fight for their rights
- Running hard-hitting popular campaigns against the root causes of poverty and human rights violations
- Mobilising support and building alliances for political action in support of human rights, especially workers' rights
- Raising public awareness of the root causes of poverty, inequality and injustice, and empowering people to take action for change.

The success of our work relies on inspiring people to join the fight against poverty and human rights abuse.

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Letter from the Director



To new and old friends, welcome to War on Want's 'And Still We Rise' festival. The late, great, activist Maya Angelou wrote:

'Up from a past that's rooted in pain / I rise'...
'Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear / I rise'

Maya's words speak to this moment in history and to everything we do at War on Want: speaking truth to power, working with social movements, trade unions and communities across the Global South – and here in the UK – to connect the crises of climate, poverty, inequality, racism, and imperialism which are denying many the right to live with dignity.

That's why we've been campaigning for a Global Green New Deal: a vision and plan to deliver a world of justice and abundance, born from the wreckage of neoliberal capitalism and the corporate greed that is wrecking and burning our planet.

Today is about celebrating a 'movement of movements' drawn from the frontlines of the Global South and North – of connecting our visions of a just transition to greener, equitable economies, which guarantee everyone the right to live with dignity and in harmony with our planet – bound by our collective truth: through people's movements we can transform our societies and economies.

Now more than ever, while the world burns, while many cannot make ends meet, and while Israel commits genocidal acts against the Palestinian people – with UK government complicity – we must reject the future being offered to us: one of hate and division that enriches elites and corporations at the expense of people and planet.

That's why today we gather in solidarity to celebrate our struggles, connect, inspire, and plan together. Our love for all of humanity can and will triumph. The future we all want is only possible by fighting for it together.

Together, Still We Rise.

Asad Rehman
Executive Director, War on Want

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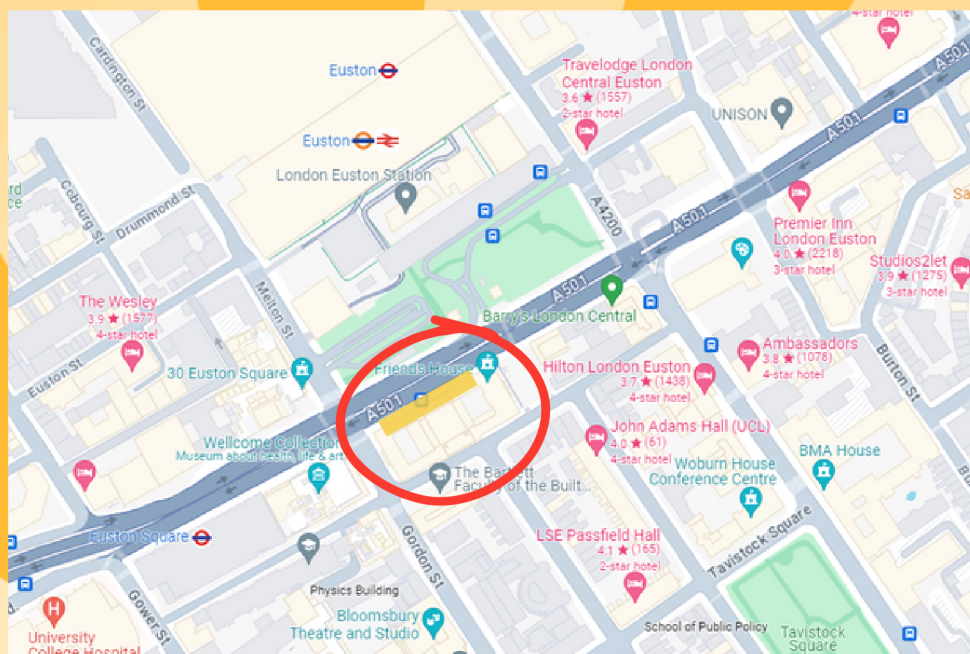
The Venue

Friends House

173-177 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ

Friends House is located in central London, directly opposite Euston Station and a short walk from King's Cross and St Pancras International stations. There is no on-site parking available at Friends House. The local roads have metered parking bays and fall within Transport for London charging zones.

The entrance is on Euston Road, as highlighted in yellow below.



FRIENDS HOUSE FLOOR PLAN

2 SECOND FLOOR

- George Fox
- Margaret Fell
- Elizabeth Fry (1 and 2)
- Benjamin Lay (1, 2 and 3)

1 FIRST FLOOR

- Marjorie Sykes
- Hilda Clark (1, 2 and 3)
- Abraham Darby
- Kathleen Lonsdale
- George Bradshaw
- Sarah Fell

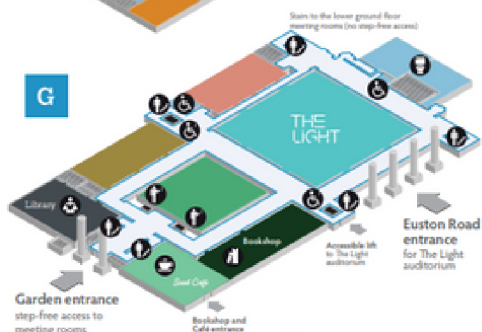
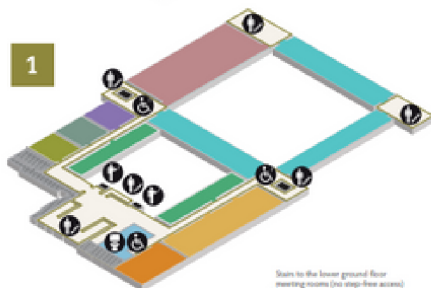
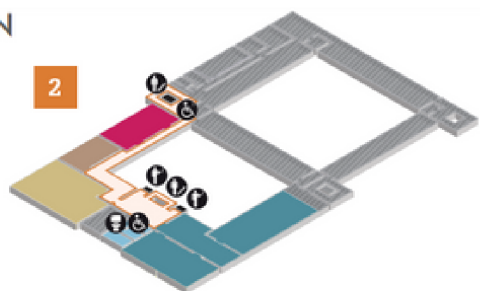
- The Light (Upper Level)
- Courtyard Balconies

G GROUND FLOOR

- Waldo Williams (1 and 2)
- Ada Salter (1, 2 and 3)
- The Light
- Courtyard
- Seed Café
- The Quaker Bookshop

KEY

- Toilets
- Accessible Toilets
- Stairs
- Lifts
- Accessible Lift
- Café
- Bookshop
- Library



There is a cloakroom on the ground floor, West Corridor.

Hot lunches will be available for purchase in the Seed Café and East Corridor between 13:00-15:00, including vegetarian and vegan options. The Seed Café will be selling food and hot and cold drinks throughout the day (open until 16:00).

The exhibitor stalls will be in the ground floor corridors.

Essential Information

- **Accessibility:** Friends House is accessible for wheelchair users, with lifts and accessible toilets on all floors of the building. For further information: friendshouse.co.uk/accessibility.
- **Capacity:** sessions are first come first served. Each room has limited capacity.
- **Covid-19:** all UK government-mandated Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, but please note that some attendees may be vulnerable. Please respect others' wishes on social distancing and mask wearing. Hand sanitiser and a limited number of face masks will be available, but we recommend you bring your own.
- **Gender-Neutral Toilets:** are located on the first floor.
- **Illness:** if you feel unwell please notify event stewards, who will escort you to the first aiders on-site.
- **Interpretation:** real-time interpretation is available via Interactio, for selected sessions where speakers do not speak English. The Interactio app requires attendees to bring a smartphone and earphones, and can be downloaded via the [Google Play store](#) and [iOS](#). Please check the programme to see which sessions will require real-time interpretation.
- **Photos:** staff and media personnel will be taking photos and videos throughout the day, with selected sessions recorded for use by War on Want. By attending the event you are consenting to have your image captured.
- **Quiet:** the Elizabeth Fry Suite is a designated quiet room for a moment of calm, with a prayer room located on the ground floor.
- **Security:** provided by Friends House and easily identifiable.

Highlights

With so much happening throughout the day, our Senior Movement Building & Activism Officer, Tyrone Scott, has put together some highlights so you don't miss any of the action.



Following an uplifting **opening ceremony** with the Bullerengue Circle and many inspirational speakers, you can reconnect with yourself and the causes we are fighting for in the Sarah Fell suite with **'Somatic Practices for Reparations and Building Power'** (10:30-12:00), from our friends at the Climate Reparations Network.

If you're feeling creative when you finish, head upstairs to the Benjamin Lay Suite and join the Extinction Rebellion **'Art and Activism'** workshop, open to drop-ins until 12:00. Alternatively, you could finish up your morning in the Hilda Clarke suite hearing why **our fight for climate justice must also be a fight for migrant justice.**

Taste some great food over lunchtime and use the time to examine the **'Reclaiming Roots: Exploring Debt and Climate Reparations'** exhibition on the ground floor — or explore the vast range of stalls and activities.

Feeling fuelled after lunchtime? Take part in the interactive **'Climate Emergency Game'** in the Marjorie Sykes room (14:30 -16:00), with 40 places available, or learn how we can avoid an unjust transition in the Waldo Williams suite at **'Green Face, Old Tricks'**, hosted by our media partners the New Internationalist.

Close your day with **'And Still We Rise'**, our closing ceremony from 16:00, bringing together all of the day's sessions and solidifying our power — not just as a movement, but as a movement of movements.



Programme

Opening Ceremony 09:45-10:30

Start the day with poets, activists and musicians. Experience an uplifting welcome address, followed by a ceremony that sets the tone for a day filled with sessions on building movements, tackling intersectional crises and working together for change.

Location: The Light

- Nnimmo Bassey, Health of Mother Earth Foundation
- Bullerengue Circle
- Tatiana Roa, Colombian Government - virtual
- Asad Rehman, War on Want
- Rafeef Ziadah, Palestinian poet and human rights activist
- Moderator: Roger McKenzie, War on Want

Closing Ceremony: And Still We Rise 16:00-17:30

Close the day with activists, thinkers and trade unionists from across our ecosystem of global movements as we reflect on the power of people.

Going beyond our individual struggles, hear how together we can defeat the power of capital, the forces of far-right extremism, build solidarity across our movements, and win power from the ground up – by posing an alternative to colonialist systems past and present.

Spanish to English / English to Spanish interpretation available.

Location: The Light

- Jeremy Corbyn MP, Peace and Justice project
- Naomi Klein, activist and author - virtual
- Mick Lynch, National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT)
- Moira Millan, Movement of Indigenous Women for Buen Vivir
- Meena Raman, Third World Network (TWN)
- Asad Rehman, War on Want
- S'bu Zikode, Abahlali baseMjondolo



Morning Session

10:30 - 12:00

Putting the Justice in the Just Transition

How do we ensure that transitions to sustainable, equitable and climate-protecting economies centre equality and justice? Current debates neglect the root causes of the climate crisis; its structural interconnections with deepening inequality, poverty and injustice – and the obligations of those who caused the most damage. How do we transition industries and economies to protect all workers and frontline communities' rights amid the drive for renewable energy?

Location: The Light

- Nnimmo Bassey, Health of Mother Earth Foundation
- Sabrina Fernandes, Ecosocial Pact of the South
- Tejal Kaniktar, National Institute of Advanced Studies
- Julia Steinberger, Lausanne University - virtual
- Matt Wrack, Fire Brigades Union (FBU)
- Moderator: Asad Rehman, War on Want

The Power of Capital: Understanding the Rigged Global Economy

Why is our current economic system incompatible with a climate-just and equitable future for all? Understand the colonial roots of the crises of inequality and climate, and how this plays out in our trade, tax and debt rules and institutions – and the implications unjust rules have on economic inequality between and within countries and regions, and for inequalities along race, gender, and class lines.

Location: Waldo Williams

- Nick Dearden, Global Justice Now
- Fadel Kaboub, Global Institute for Sustainable Prosperity
- Richard Kozul-Wright, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Priya Lukka, Goldsmiths, University of London
- Emilia Reyes, Gender Equity: Citizenship, Work and Family
- Moderator: Liz McKean, War on Want

The Business of War: Resisting the War Machine

This session focuses on how militarisation strategies are being rolled out – and what we can do to challenge them. From the new arms race to UK arms transfers to Israel, to militaries' exploitation of the climate crisis. Join this session to understand the ecological impact of militarism and the politics of the war machine.

Location: Ada Slater

- Alia Al Ghussain, War On Want
- Kate Hudson, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)
- Khem Rogaly, Common Wealth
- Rafeef Ziadah, Palestinian poet and human rights activist
- Moderator: Neil Sammonds, War on Want

Food Sovereignty and the Fight for the Right to Food

What is driving global hunger and malnutrition, inequality, and climate breakdown? This session will address the causes, while exploring radical and just solutions grounded in the principles of food sovereignty. From corporate takeovers of agri-food systems to popular resistance and concrete solutions, hear insights from international peasant movements, trade unions and grassroots movements actively building alternatives from the ground up.

Location: Sarah Fell

- Max Ajl, Agrarian South
- Angus Lam, GRAIN
- Morgan Ody, La Via Campesina International
- Shamila Rathnasooriya, Movement for Land and Agriculture Reform (MONLAR)
- Sarah Woolley, Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union (BFAWU)
- Moderator: Sabrina Espeleta, War on Want

Somatic Practices for Reparations and Building Power – Climate Reparations Network

This workshop integrates somatic practices to address the interconnected challenges of environmental, social, and personal harm. Collectively engage in guided movement, breathwork, and mindfulness to examine how trauma, grief, and oppression are embodied. This workshop employs social cartographies to connect participants with collective wisdom and ancestral resistance – and gain the confidence to cultivate worlds of care and repair.

Location: Marjorie Sykes

Using the Power of Words: The Culture of Resistance

This session will examine the transformative influence of words in securing justice. Join poets, authors, and activists to explore the potential of written and spoken language to inspire change and foster solidarity. Panellists will discuss the intersection of literature and activism, and how words can shape movements, followed by an interactive question and answer session.

Location: Hilda Clarke

- Zita Holbourne, author and human rights activist
- Yasmin Khan, author and human rights activist
- Mikaela Loach, climate justice activist and author
- Sao'i O' Connor, Alliance of Non-Governmental Radical Youth (ANGRY)
- Moderator: Daniel Voskoboynik, researcher and poet

Building Power in our Movement of Movements

In an era marked by the unravelling of our societies, disconnection and disjointed movement strategies are barriers to building collective transformative power. This session brings together diverse voices to explore how to cultivate an ecology of movements committed to just and equitable transitions. How do we deepen our understanding, nurture care-based relationships, and enhance our capacity for action in weaving together a fragmented world?

Spanish to English / English to Spanish interpretation available.

Location: George Fox

- Delmy Tania Cruz, Mujeres Transformando Mundos
- Mario Novelli, University of Sussex
- Jenny Ricks, Fight Inequality Alliance
- Tasneem Essop, Climate Action Network International (CAN-I)
- Moderator: Vasna Ramasar, Post-Extractive Futures

Art and Activism: Textile Block Printing Workshop – Extinction Rebellion

Unleash your creativity and make a statement for change. Express your voice on fabric in this interactive drop-in session — bring your own shirts, tote bags, or any fabric — and paint powerful protest slogans and solidarity statements.

Location: Benjamin Lay



Midday Session 12:00 - 13:30

Solutions: Fixing the Global Economy and Financing the Justice Transition

What are the changes we need to make to fix our unjust economic system and finance a just transition for all? This session will examine foregrounding Global South-led change, the call for reparations, the role of degrowth, and public ownership. Explore how progressive justice movements' demands for changes to our economic and financial systems can be realised.

Location: The Light

- Jayati Ghosh, Economist, India - virtual
- Jason Hickel, economic anthropologist, author
- John McDonnell, Labour MP
- Bhumiika Muchhala, Third World Network (TWN)
- Gyekye Tanoh, Global Ecosocialist Network
- Moderator: Ahmed Hafezi, War on Want

Workers of the World Unite: Strategies for Building Power

International solidarity is key to giving workers a voice, but what happens when workers face hostile governments and employers? How to keep the public onside, fight for workers' rights and engage working people to rebuild class solidarity? How to build power from the grassroots up within community organisations? This session will examine tactics employed in Brazil, Colombia, Sri Lanka and the UK.

Spanish to English / English to Spanish and Portuguese to English / English to Portuguese interpretation available.

Location: Waldo Williams

- Mick Lynch, National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT)
- Swasthika Arulingam, Commercial and Industrial Workers' Union
- Nick Rudikoff, Uniglobal Amazon Alliance
- Fernando Vicente Vivaldo, Central Única dos Trabalhadores (CUT Brasil)
- Tatiana Rodriguez Maldonado, CENSAT Agua Viva
- Moderator: Kate Lappin, Public Services International

Racialised Capitalism and Colonialism: The Past Shaping the Present

Explore the deep historical roots of global injustice and the systems which are driving further global inequality. In this session, academics and campaigners from the UK and across the Global South will unravel the links between racialised capitalism, colonialism, and the multiple global crises we face today. Join this session to explore the impacts on climate and wealth inequality – and how this intersects with calls for reparations and debt justice.

Location: Ada Slater

- Adam Elliot-Cooper, researcher, author
- Kai Heron, Lancaster University
- Harpreet Kaur Paul, Tipping Point
- Meena Raman, Third World Network (TWN)
- Moderator: Gargi Bhattacharyya, scholar and activist

Who Owns our Land? Reclaiming the Right to Land and Housing

Stories of resistance and alternative solutions to land and housing crises from the UK and around the world. This session will feature movement testimonies on struggles for the right to land and housing. What significance does this right hold in a global context? How do financial markets and global corporations – through extensive land grabs, speculation and the privatisation of natural resources – impede food production and housing provision for communities?

Location: Sarah Fell

- Khalid Mahmood, Labour Education Foundation
- Isaac Rose, Greater Manchester Tenants Union
- Sandun Thudugala, People's Alliance for Right to Land
- Mónica Vargas Collazos, GRAIN
- S'bu Zikode, Abahlali base Mjondolo
- Moderator: Amy Hall, New Internationalist

Spiritual Activism: Interfaith Perspectives on the Fight for Justice – Quakers in Britain

Explore the spiritual underpinnings of action for social and climate justice. Hear different perspectives on how justice shows up in various faiths and beliefs; what is radical about our practice of those faiths and beliefs, and what gives us strength in the face of broken social and economic systems – and the crises they engender. We'll engage in embodied activities to explore these questions for ourselves.

Location: Marjorie Sykes

Climate Justice is Migrant Justice

Justice on climate and migration means, in essence, the right to stay and the right to move. For communities to thrive and sustain despite the impacts of climate change, and to move with safe and legal pathways. This session will cover key aspects of the intersection of climate and migrant justice, with a range of perspectives from political policy to local community organising.

Location: Hilda Clarke

- Maya Goodfellow, academic and author
- Zack Polanski, Green Party
- Ravishaan S. Rahel Muthiah, Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI)
- Aliya Yule, Migrants Organise
- Moderator: Nick Cullen, Climate Justice Coalition

How to Win Campaigns for Justice

Hear from a diverse range of campaigners on how they are fighting to secure justice – with insights from those taking direct action on climate, to campaigning for boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS). Discover how campaigns are formed and engage with our panel to gain valuable strategies for your own activism.

Location: George Fox

- Charles Aprile, Independent Workers Union of Great Britain (IWGB)
- Francesca Di Giorgio, Young Friends of the Earth England, Wales and NI
- Atif Choudhury, Zaytoun
- Ellen Fearon, Green New Deal Rising
- Omar Barghouti, Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement
- Moderator: Gustavo Garcia-Undisciplined Environments

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Location: Benjamin Lay



Afternoon Session

14:30 - 16:00

Why we are all Palestinians

Discussion from the frontlines of the Palestinian people's struggle for freedom and self-determination. Explore how the Palestinian struggle for justice is central to all other struggles: that of Indigenous peoples, anti-colonialism, and anti-racism – and how we must effectively stand in solidarity with Palestinians, and each other.

Spanish to English / English to Spanish interpretation available.

Location: The Light

- Ghassan Abu-Sittah, British-Palestinian Surgeon
- Omar Barghouti, Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement
- Sidi Breika, Polisario Front
- Owen Jones, journalist and author
- Shanice McBean, Sisters Uncut
- Moira Millán, Movement of Indigenous Women for Buen Vivir
- Moderator: Alia Al Ghussain, War On Want

Green Face, Old Tricks: Strategies to Prevent an Unjust Transition (in collaboration with New Internationalist)

This session will examine the dominant market-led, neoliberal approach to the energy transition, and how the new economy is replicating the exploitative practices of the old one. Hear directly from the frontlines of this struggle – from Latin America to North Africa, from organised labour to grassroots social movements – about why we must challenge the prevailing narratives of climate capitalism. This session will explore strategies and visions for a genuinely transformative and just energy future.

Spanish to English / English to Spanish interpretation available.

Location: Waldo Williams

- Lilibana Buitrago Post-Extractive Futures (PEF)
- Lucio Cuenca, Latin American Observatory for Environmental Conflicts (OLCA)
- Hamza Hamouchene, Transnational Institute (TNI)
- Lala Peñaranda, Trade Unions for Energy Democracy (TUED)
- Chadli Sadorra, Asian People's Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD)
- Moderator: Seb Munoz, War on Want

In Harmony with the Earth: Communities, Biodiversity and Power

Structures of domination and hierarchy are standing in the way of a just transition. How do we shift away from a 'taker' mentality, which prioritises individual gain over collaboration? What transformative possibilities emerge when we reposition ourselves as extensions of a changing Earth? This dialogue will delve into novel movement approaches that help us understand and acknowledge our deep entanglement with the biosphere — our shared home.

Spanish to English / English to Spanish interpretation available.

Location: Ada Slater

- Shrishtee Bajpai, Global Tapestry of Alternatives (GTA)
- Vilma Beatriz Díaz y Zárate, Movement of Indigenous Women for Buen Vivir
- Niclas Hällström, What Next?
- Shamila Rathnasooriya, Movement for Land and Agriculture reform (MONLAR)
- Moderator: Tatiana Garavito, Post Extractive Futures

Fixing the Fashion Industry for Workers and Climate

Humanity faces a fashion challenge: eight billion people need to be clothed and shod in a way that does not wreak ecological havoc or cause human suffering. Speakers will share what needs 'fixing' – and how can we fashion the future with justice for workers at its core, and within climate and ecological boundaries.

Location: Sarah Fell

- Anna Bryher, Labour Behind the Label
- Gayani Gomes, Women's Centre
- Tansy Hoskins, writer and journalist
- Khalid Mahmood, Labour Education Foundation
- Paresh Patel, Unite the Union
- Pauline Rourke, Scottish Trades Union Congress
- Padmini Weerasooriya, Women's Centre
- Moderator: Ruth Ogier, War on Want

The Climate Emergency Game – The Red Plenty Games Collective

A group strategy game that's fun for all comrades. Use your imagination to figure out ways that an array of different groups and resources in a city can co-ordinate to fight the climate crisis, while moving the world in a progressive direction.

Location: Marjorie Sykes

Debt Crises, Inequality and Austerity: the IMF vs Argentina and Sri Lanka

A conversation between activists from Sri Lanka and Argentina – countries grappling with debt, inflation crises, and neoliberal austerity policies imposed by financial institutions including the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank. This session will platform movements' strategies of resistance and analyse the global context surrounding countries facing debt crises, while shedding light on proposed solutions from the Global South.

Spanish to English / English to Spanish interpretation available.

Location: Hilda Clarke

- Swasthika Arulingam, Commercial and Industrial Workers' Union
- Lucia Cavallero, Ni Una Menos Collective - virtual
- Devika Dutt, King's College
- Juan Grigera, King's College
- Sandun Thudugala, Law and Society Trust
- Moderator: Heidi Chow, Debt Justice

The Crisis of Democracy: Defending the Right to Resist

The world is facing multiple, global intersecting crises. By organising and campaigning together — protesting, striking and boycotting — we can overcome these challenges and build a better world. But the UK government, like many around the world, is passing laws to clamp down on our ability to campaign for justice. Hear from activists, lawyers and campaigners on how we defend our right to resist.

Location: George Fox

- Indigo Rumbelow, Just Stop Oil (JSO)
- Lord John Hendy, Member of the House of Lords
- Gareth Peirce, Solicitor and human rights activist
- Maureen Santos, The Federation of Organs for Social and Educational Assistance (FASE)
- Moderator: Kevin Blowe, Network for Police Monitoring

Singing for Solidarity and Justice: Choir Workshop – Stop Shopping Choir UK

Join this workshop led by a radical anti-capitalist action choir – for tips on singing in support of other struggles, and showing solidarity through song. Find your own voice and turn your chants into music that both moves and makes an impact.

Location: Benjamin Lay

Other Activities

Stalls

Explore a diverse range of stalls around the festival, featuring organisations and partners who are passionate about justice:

- The New Internationalist
- London Mining Network
- No Sweat
- Radical Tea Towel Co.
- Labour Behind the Label
- Zaytoun... and more.

Discover campaign information, ethical products for sale, opportunities to take part in campaign actions and more.



Exhibitions

You can engage with art exhibitions and interactive installations throughout the day, including:

Reclaiming roots: Exploring Debt and Climate Reparations
All day outside Waldo Williams Suite (Ground Floor)

In a collaborative effort between the Climate Reparations network, Debt Justice, the People's Health Collective, Post-Extractive Futures and the Make Polluters Pay campaign, "Reclaiming Roots" is an immersive and multimedia art installation aiming to confront the interconnected issues of environmental degradation, colonial debt, and the imperative for reparations amidst a multifaceted crisis.

Speaker Biographies



Ghassan Abu-Sittah is a British-Palestinian Associate Professor of Surgery and a Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon. He worked as a war surgeon in Yemen, Iraq, Syria, South Lebanon and the Gaza Strip, and has published extensively on the health consequences of prolonged conflict. Ghassan gave evidence for South Africa's genocide case against Israel for its attacks on Palestinians in the Gaza Strip at the International Court of Justice in 2024.



Max Aji is a Senior Fellow in the Department of Conflict and Development Studies at Ghent University, a visiting fellow at the Merian Center for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb and a researcher at the Tunisian Observatory for Food Sovereignty and the Environment. He researches climate politics, Tunisian national liberation, agrarian politics, and Arab intellectual history. Max is the author of 'A People's Green New Deal.'



Alia Al Ghussain is a War on Want Trustee. She works at the intersection of technology and human rights, and has been active in the UK's Palestine solidarity movement for a number of years.



Swasthika Arulingam is the President of the Commercial and Industrial Workers Union (CIWU) in Sri Lanka, and a prominent human rights lawyer and women's rights activist. She was an active member of the 'Aragalaya' movement (March 2022), and continues to advocate for freedom of speech, expression and assembly.



Shrishtee Bajpai is a writer, researcher, and activist working at the intersections of environmental justice, more-than-human governance, worldviews and systemic transformations. She is part of environment-action group, Kalpavriksh (India), a co-ordinator of Vikalp Sangam (Alternatives Confluence), a member of Global Tapestry of Alternatives, and serves on the executive committee of Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature.



Omar Barghouti is Co-Founder of the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement for Palestinian rights, co-recipient of the 2017 Gandhi Peace Award, an activist and academic. He is the author of 'BDS: The Global Struggle' for Palestinian Rights. His commentaries have appeared in the New York Times and the Guardian, among others.



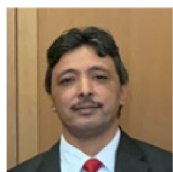
Nnimmo Bassey, activist, architect and writer/poet is Director of the ecological think-tank, Health of Mother Earth Foundation, which promotes environmental justice and food sovereignty in Africa. Nnimmo was formerly Chair of Friends of the Earth International, and a recipient of the Right Livelihood Award, (the alternative Nobel Prize). His books include 'To Cook a Continent: Destructive Extraction and the Climate Crisis in Africa'.



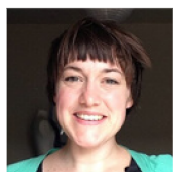
Gargi Bhattacharyya is an anti-racist activist, writer and researcher on issues including the American-led War on Terror, and more recently on racialised capitalism and austerity. Their books include 'Dangerous Brown Men', 'Rethinking Racial Capitalism', 'The Future of Racial Capitalism' and the multi-authored 'Empire's Endgame'.



Kevin Blowe was a founding member of the Network for Police Monitoring (Netpol) in 2009, and has been a staff member since 2014, becoming Campaigns Coordinator in 2021. Netpol's work highlights and challenges aggressive police tactics, intrusive police surveillance and the UK government's expansion of public order powers.



Sidi Breika is the Representative of the Polisario Front in the UK – an independence movement representing the Saharawi people of Western Sahara, against Moroccan occupation. The Polisario Front is recognised by the United Nations, the UK and the EU. Sidi was formerly a student leader within the Sahrawi Youth Union, and led the Saharawi Association of Families of Saharawi Prisoners and the Disappeared.



Anna Bryher is the Director and Policy Lead for Labour Behind the Label, a UK-based organisation which campaigns for workers' rights in the clothing industry and represents the Clean Clothes Campaign in the UK.



Liliana Buitrago is a Venezuelan ecofeminist, teacher, researcher, and activist – with the Ecosocial and Intercultural Pact of the South; Post-Extractive Futures Collective; Women, Bodies and Territories Collective; and the Venezuelan Observatory of Political Ecology. Liliana advocates for seed defence, climate justice, and biodiversity, and organises with the Latin American and Caribbean Platform for Climate Justice.



Bullerengue Circle is a London-based collective fostering the Afro-Colombian tradition of bullerengue as a conscious, artistic practice and way of life. Through drums, chants and dance, this ritual brings the community together in the present to reconnect to creative power, self-expression and joy. Bullerengue is traditionally practised by communities that have experienced slavery or violence – becoming a symbol of resistance and resilience.



Lucía Cavallero is a member of the Ni Una Menos (Not One Less) Collective (Argentina), where she works to coordinate the agenda on economic violence. She is a co-author of 'A Feminist Reading of Debt', and a co-author, along with Verónica Gago and Silvia Federici, of 'Who Owes Whom? Transnational Essays on Financial Disobedience'.



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Heidi Chow is Executive Director of Debt Justice, a campaigning organisation working to end unjust debt and the poverty and inequality it perpetuates. She is an economic justice campaigner with a track record spanning two decades of winning global justice campaigns.



Jeremy Corbyn MP is a British politician who served as Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Labour Party from 2015 to 2020. Jeremy has a long history of fighting for social justice and has stood shoulder to shoulder with movements fighting against fascism, apartheid and occupation. He founded the Peace & Justice project in 2021, which brings people together for social and economic justice, peace and human rights.



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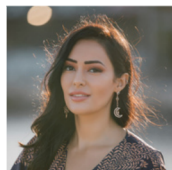
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Clare Farrell is an active citizen, devoting her creativity, energy, and occasionally personal liberty, to fight against climate collapse and the wider environmental crisis. As one of the Co-Founders of Extinction Rebellion (XR), Clare coordinated the creative team that delivered the identity and messaging the movement set out with in 2018; co-edited the bestselling book, 'This is Not a Drill'; and acts as an XR spokesperson.



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Priya Lukka is a PhD candidate exploring Global South approaches to repair and reparations towards alternatives to economic colonialism, at The University of Leeds, UK. As an economist in international development, she has led national, regional and global economic justice work with policymakers, philanthropists and activists on areas of policy and practice, covering debt, trade, tax, economic governance and climate colonialism.



Mick Lynch began working on the railway in 1993, and founded the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) European Passenger Services Branch. Mick was elected to the RMT National Executive Committee in 2009, Assistant General Secretary in 2015, and RMT General Secretary in May 2021. Since the high-profile rail strikes of 2022-2023, Lynch has become a spokesperson and symbol for the wider trade unionist movement.



Daniel Macmillen Voskoboynik is a researcher, poet, and musician. His work focuses on the encounters between climate justice, historical memory, counter-colonial economics and health. Daniel has worked for various organisations, including 350.org and Oxfam, and is a co-coordinator of the Post-Extractive Futures (PEF) initiative. He is author of 'The Memory We Could Be', a book exploring the origin and unravelling of the climate crisis.



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John McDonnell MP was elected for Hayes and Harlington in 1997. John campaigns for investment in local public services and the economy, and to protect the local environment. John served as Shadow Chancellor from 2015 to 2020, transforming the Labour Party's economic policy by developing a radical socialist programme aimed at redistributing wealth and power within society, and addressing the threat of climate catastrophe.



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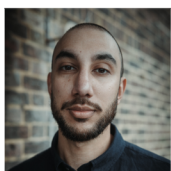
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Zack Polanski is Deputy Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales. He is also an elected member of the London Assembly. Before politics, Zack was involved in community art and activism. The power of grassroots movements runs throughout his work with an emphasis on intersectionality.



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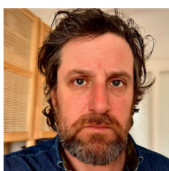
Khem Rogaly is a Senior Researcher at Common Wealth, a London-based thinktank, where he leads a research programme on the political economy of the military industry and the role of militaries in the climate crisis. Over the next year, Common Wealth are developing an alternative plan alongside workers in the military industry for a just transition away from military production.



Isaac Rose is an organiser for the Greater Manchester Tenants Union, a member-led union working across ten boroughs of Greater Manchester, fighting for safe, secure and affordable housing. He is the author of *The 'Rentier City: Manchester and the Making of the Neoliberal Metropolis'*.



Pauline Rourke is a life-long trade unionist with over 20 years' experience defending workers, winning legal battles, and fighting to improve working conditions with the Communication Workers Union (CWU). She is Chair of CWU Scottish Political Forum and a member of the Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC) General Council. In 2022 she became the first female President of the STUC.



Nicholas Rudikoff is Campaigns Director at UNI Global Union and co-coordinator of Make Amazon Pay, a global campaign bringing together more than 80 civil society organisations to stop Amazon squeezing workers, communities, and the planet. Before joining UNI, he spent more than 20 years in the US labour movement as a researcher and global campaigner taking on some of the world's biggest corporations.



Indigo Rumbelow is in non-violent civil resistance against the genocidal actions of the UK government. She is Co-Founder of Just Stop Oil and Insulate Britain. She has a suspended prison sentence for gluing herself to the M25 and has been arrested in a dawn raid for a speech she gave, but she will not stop resisting until the government stops investing in oil.



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Stop Shopping Choir UK are a radical anti-capitalist action choir formed in 2021. Rather than singing on the sidelines, they try to find opportunities to take action for people and planet and show solidarity through song.



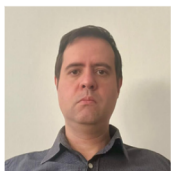
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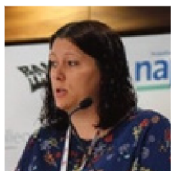
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Sarah Woolley is the General Secretary of the Bakers Food and Allied Workers Union (BFAWU). She became a member of the union when she started work as a weekend assistant at Bakers Oven, which later became Greggs. Sarah was elected as the first Female General Secretary of the union in 2019, taking up the role in 2020.



Matt Wrack is the General Secretary at the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) and President of the Trade Union Congress (TUC). Matt defends workers' rights and the right to strike, as well as taking joint action with other crisis movements to raise awareness that workers are at the frontlines of crises like climate change.



Aliya Yule works at Migrants Organise, organising with migrant communities and healthcare workers to build opposition to the hostile border system in the NHS, through the Patients Not Passports campaign. She works with the Solidarity Knows No Borders community of resistance to build power to dismantle racist border controls.



Rafeef Ziadah is a Palestinian spoken word artist, poet, and human rights activist based in the UK. Her work is powerful, emotional, and political; many of her poems are linked to the personal remembrance of Palestine, exile, survival, gender, and racism. Rafeef is also a leading activist in the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, and works to defy crackdowns on organising.



S'bu Zikode is the Founding President of the Abahlali baseMjondolo (shack dwellers) movement in South Africa. S'bu campaigns for the right to housing, calling for safe and dignified housing for all in our cities. Under his leadership, Abahlali membership has exceeded 120,000, making it the biggest social movement of the impoverished to have emerged in post-apartheid South Africa.

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CENSAT Agua Viva, formed in 1989, is a key environmental organisation in Colombia and globally. It is dedicated to building environmental justice and nurturing life. Collaborating with communities, movements and networks, it plays a crucial role driving just transitions, aligning with fossil fuel workers, and challenging corporate power. As a leader in the fight against environmental crises, it seeks to develop ecosocial transitions, autonomies, and innovative development alternatives.

Climate Action Network International (CAN-I) is the world's largest climate network made up of more than 1,900 civil society organisations in over 130 countries, together fighting the climate crisis. With its diversity of membership and long-standing experience of the climate movement, CAN-I seeks to build bridges with stakeholders across the climate movement and beyond, to pressure governments to take bold climate action and address the needs of the people most impacted by the climate crisis.

Dabindu Collective is a Sri Lankan worker and women's rights non-profit organisation established in 1984, and recently registered as a trade union. Over the years its work has grown to encompass research, publications, trainings, and advocacy and campaign work. It is part of a number of national and international groups, including Asia Floor Wage Alliance and Clean Clothes Campaign, amongst others.

GRAIN works to support small farmers and social movements across Africa, Asia and Latin America in their struggles for community-controlled and biodiversity-based food systems. GRAIN's support takes the form of independent research and analysis; networking at local, regional and international levels; and fostering new forms of cooperation and alliance-building.

Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF), founded in 2011, is a Nigerian ecological thinktank advocating for environmental and climate justice, and food sovereignty across Africa. It is guided by three core principles: safeguarding Mother Earth's rights, amplifying community voices against environmental oppression and pollution, and pursuing justice in environmental engagement at all levels.

La Via Campesina (LVC) is a global peasant movement, representing over 200 million peasants and small farmers from over 185 local and national organisations in 81 countries across Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. LVC struggles for food sovereignty, agroecology, peasant and popular feminism, and the right to land. LVC has achieved major victories in UN multilateral spaces, contributing to public policies in support of food sovereignty, agroecology and popular agrarian reforms.

Post-Extractive Futures (PEF) is a growing project co-created by War on Want, Junte Gente (Puerto Rico), Ecosocial Pact of the South, Global Tapestry of Alternatives, and Tipping Point. The collective is focused on reaching a rich, post-extractive future which does not fit under a single banner, but is associated with ideas around climate justice, just transitions, Green New Deals, Eco-Social Pacts, abolition and degrowth.

Power Shift Africa (PSA) is a thinktank providing cutting-edge analysis, solution-focused policy ideas, and media engagement from an African perspective. PSA's mission is to mobilise climate action in Africa, amplify African voices, and leverage these voices internationally. PSA brings together African civil society organisations, technical experts and leaders to limit global warming to the 1.5°C target through a transformative, Africa-led just transition to 100% renewable energy.

The Alliance of Non-Governmental Radical Youth (ANGRY) is a coalition of youth climate justice groups across the globe driving collective action to fight for climate and social justice from a grassroots perspective. The coalition supports youth climate justice groups seeking to engage with UN processes, rooted in a more radical, equitable and intersectional frame; challenge false solutions to the climate crisis; reimagine energy usage; and fight for rapid fossil fuel phase-out.

The Asian Peoples' Movement for Debt and Development (APMDD) is a regional alliance of peoples' movements, community organisations, coalitions and non-governmental organisations focusing on a range of issues – from climate justice and just transitions to the transformation of economic structures. It promotes an intersectional race/class/gender agenda for the social transformation of our economic, political, cultural and environmental systems by working with and connecting Global South and Global North movements.

The Central Única dos Trabalhadores (CUT) is Brazil's largest trade union and one of the biggest globally, with over 3.8 million affiliated entities and 23.9 million workers. Founded on principles of equality and solidarity, CUT is committed to defending workers' rights across all economic sectors, promoting better living and working conditions, and advocating for a just and democratic society. It plays a pivotal role in shaping Brazil's political, economic, and social landscape.

The Global Campaign to Demand Climate Justice (DCJ), established in 2012 in Bangkok, is the world's largest climate justice coalition of over 200 climate and human rights organisations, primarily from the Global South. Focused on climate justice and just transitions, it operates at international, regional, and local levels. It campaigns on energy transformation, food, land, and water issues, and is the voice of the climate justice movement at the UN Climate talks.

The Global Tapestry of Alternatives (GTA) seeks to build bridges between existing networks of alternatives around the globe and promote the creation of new networks. It views 'Alternatives' as those that challenge the currently dominant structures of oppression and unsustainability, such as hetero-patriarchy, capitalism, anthropocentrism, racism and caste-ism.

The Intercultural and Ecosocial Pact of the South was born from a group of social movements from Latin America but has since expanded into Asia and Africa. The Pact is driven by the urgency of counteracting capitalist readjustment, the concentration of wealth and the destruction of ecosystems emerging amid the Covid-19 crisis. It aims to configure a plural and collective transformation for the American continent and beyond, to guarantee a dignified future for all beings and territories.

The Labour Education Foundation (LEF), Pakistan, was established in 1993 by renowned trade union leaders, human rights groups and gender rights activists. Its aim was to organise, resource and advocate for workers' rights, provide informed input to trade unions, and support movements and civil society organisations for workers' rights throughout Pakistan. It supports and enables formal and informal sector workers to organise themselves, develop their knowledge, claim their rights, and transform unequal power relations. LEF is the leading advocate for a just transition in Pakistan and the region.

The Latin American Observatory for Environmental Conflicts (OLCA) supports communities affected by environmental conflict, building their capacities and advising on their rights. OLCA monitors environmental conflicts, develops management tools, conducts conflict management training, and researches environmental protections in relation to the rights of citizens. Through this work, OLCA is helping to build towards alternative models of development that are at the service of life, ecosystems, and the communities and towns that inhabit them.

The Law and Society Trust (LST) is non-profit organisation engaged in legal research, advocacy and human rights documentation in Sri Lanka since 1982. It aims to use rights-based strategies to promote and protect human rights, enhance public accountability, and strengthen respect for the rule of law. LST's interventions include rights education, advocacy, skills training, and engagements with community-based organisations and judges, lawyers and opinion leaders.

The Movement for Land and Agricultural Reform (MONLAR) emerged from the peasants movement opposing neoliberal reforms in the 1970s and 1980s. It is the representative of La Via Campesina in Sri Lanka. It raises the voices of rural communities and campaigns for agricultural and land policies that protect them. The movement helps to improve the self-reliance of small-scale communities through sustainable agriculture, seed conservation and teaching agroecological techniques, and developing alternative forms of food production.

Third World Network (TWN) is an independent international research and advocacy organisation that focuses on the needs and rights of peoples in the Global South, a fair distribution of world resources, and forms of development which are ecologically sustainable and fulfil human needs. It works to deepen the understanding of challenges facing developing countries and contributes to supporting movements and Global South countries around policy changes in pursuit of just, equitable and sustainable development at international fora, including the UN Climate talks and the World Bank.

Trade Unions for Energy Democracy (TUED) is a global network of unions and allies working to advance democratic control and social ownership of energy. TUED develops research and strategies that promote solutions to the climate crisis, address energy poverty, resist the degradation of land and people, and protect workers' rights. Established in 2012, TUED has grown to span dozens of trade unions, labour federations, social movements and policy allies from the Global North and South.

What Next? is a collaborative initiative that convenes dialogues, investigates new issues, and catalyses ideas into action. It focuses on climate, environment and development, creating opportunities for systems-thinking and exploring unconventional ideas. What Next? assists in generating strategies, establishing networks and providing support to activists and policymakers.

Women's Centre was formed by women garment workers in Sri Lanka's Free Trade Zones in 1982. It is a women's rights organisation which works for the dignity, equality and rights of women workers. It runs four open-access centres for women workers; raises awareness and trains women on gender and workers' rights; provides counselling, advice and legal support; and campaigns to end violence against women, and improve workers' housing and labour rights.



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