

Next phase of the food campaign

We are hoping that MIFID will enable all our campaign asks to be achieved and so once MIFID is concluded we will be moving onto another campaign area within the theme of food and finance.

Thank you to those who took part in our consultation on campaign options for next year. We collated feedback from local groups, staff, groups in the global south, WDM council members, and supporters and we discussed the campaign options. The outcome of the discussion was to go with the campaign option called 'Financialisation of food'.

However we decided that this had not been framed as a specific campaign but was more a broader narrative and so we have commissioned some further research to define the exact campaign that will fit under a 'financialisation of food' theme.

Following this research we may need to engage local groups again to input to the decision making process (if the research produces some very different options to those we have already consulted you on) and we will be contacting you about this if this is the case. In the meantime, if you have any questions on this please contact: heidi.chow@wdm.org.uk

Events

Making a movement

Skills, tools and networking for the fight for global justice: WDM groups' gathering

When: Saturday 17 September, 10.30am to 5pm
Where: Friends Meeting House, 25 Clarendon St, Nottingham, NG1 5JD

It's only a few weeks now until our groups gathering in Nottingham. This full day event will give you the opportunity to meet other WDM group members to share ideas and experiences. We'll be updating you with the latest on our campaign plans, and Pontus is running a session on 'using the web to grow your group'. There will also be time for one on one help from Pontus, so if you're keen to set up a new group website, or would like to learn about how you can make the most of the web to campaign, this is the event for you!

We will be providing lunch, and we're showing a film about a wind turbine school in Brazil, led by the Landless Workers' Movement.

We can also provide travel subsidies.

Contact Katharine to book your free place: Katharine@wdm.org.uk, or call 020 7820 4900.

EU food debate

Regulation, speculation and world food prices

When: Friday 16 September, 10.30am – 12.30pm
Where: European Parliament Information Office, The Tun, Edinburgh EH8 8PJ

Come and participate in a debate on how the European Union and UK should regulate the food commodity markets and the financial traders and pension funds who bet on the price of food. The event aims to bring together Scottish MEPs, WDM, local food groups and other interested people to consider how food commodities should be regulated. All welcome to attend. Registration is encouraged but not required: office@wdmscotland.org.uk

Take One Action film festival

When: 19 September – 2 October,

Where: Edinburgh and Glasgow

Now in its third year, 'Take One Action' is the UK's only major film festival celebrating people and films that are changing the world. The World Development Movement is sponsoring three films, with panel discussion afterwards, as well as an event for World Food Day on 16 October linked to the festival. If you live near Edinburgh or Glasgow, please come and join us for some excellent film viewing:

Even the Rain

When and where: Edinburgh Filmhouse on 21 September at 20:20 and Glasgow Film Theatre on 22 September at 18:00

There Once Was An Island

When and where: Edinburgh Filmhouse on 23 September at 20:30 and Glasgow Film Theatre on 24 September at 16:00

Enjoy your meal

When and where: Edinburgh Filmhouse on 30 September at 20:25 and Glasgow Film Theatre on 1 October at 17:45

For more information about films, panel discussions and to book tickets go to: www.filmhousecinema.com/tickets or www.glasgowfilm.org/theatre

Africa demands climate justice

WDM's climate justice speaker tour

When: 3 – 13 October

Where: Milton Keynes, Leeds, Lancaster, Derby, Brighton, Bristol, Eastleigh, London

Speakers: **Bandile Mdlalose**, general secretary of Abahlali baseMjondolo, a shack-dwellers' movement in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa (3-6 Oct)

Desmond D'Sa, coordinator of South Durban Community Environmental Alliance, which mobilises local people against industrial pollution (10-13 Oct).

Ahead of the international climate talks in Durban in December, join us to hear speakers from social movements on the front line of the campaign for climate justice in South Africa. Find out how you can take action against the UK's unfair policies that are prioritising corporate profits via discredited institutions such as the World Bank.

For full details of venues and times go to www.wdm.org.uk/events/africa-demands-climate-justice

World Food Day event

When: 16 October

Where: Edinburgh Details to follow in the next issue of Think Global, or please contact Jane at WDM in Scotland on jane@wdmscotland.org.uk

Hunger for justice

From food crisis to food sovereignty

When: Wednesday 19 October, 7pm to 9pm

Where: The Mechanics Centre, 103 Princess Street, Manchester M1 6DD

Speakers:

Sarath Fernando, Movement for National Land and Agricultural Reform, Sri Lanka

Speaker from Landless Workers' Movement, Brazil (to be confirmed)

Christine Haigh, World Development Movement

Our speakers will explore the idea of food sovereignty, a way of putting both people and the planet first, re-localising and democratising our food system and challenging the corporate dominance that makes it so unsustainable.

WDM annual general meeting 2012

We have set the date for next year's AGM –

Saturday 23 June, in London. Please put the date in your diaries, we will circulate more details as plans develop.