

Events

Madagascar and tar sands

Thousands of lives are under threat from French oil giant Total's plans to mine tar sands in Melaky, one of the poorest regions in Madagascar.

Hear directly from Holly Rakotondralambo about the campaign to stop tar sands in one of the world's poorest counties and greatest biodiversity hotspots, and how we in the UK can help.

- 23 May, 6-8pm: Boyd Orr Building, Glasgow University, free.
- 24 May, 6-8pm: Talk and Petropolis film screening. Augustine United Church Edinburgh EH1 1EL, with Take One Action, Entry by donation for film.
- 25 May, 6-8.30pm: Talk and Petropolis film screening. Malet Suite, University of London Union, entry by donation for film.

P.S. Holly's trip was made possible by our first ever 'crowd-funding' appeal – thank you to everyone who helped, we almost doubled our fundraising target!

Africa: Exploitation & resistance

When: Saturday 11 June, 11am to 6pm

Where: Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, New Inn Hall Road, Oxford OX1 2DH

Our national conference will host an exciting line up of speakers including Njoki Njoroge Njehu (a leading global justice campaigner in Kenya), Yash Tandon (Ugandan author and activist), Jonathan Glennie (Overseas Development Institute) and Firoze Manji (Editor in chief, Pambazuka News), amongst others.

Sessions include:

- Africa beyond aid
- Where now for climate justice?
- Is fairtrade working?
- How Europe underdeveloped Africa

Our conference aims to provide the opportunity for both seasoned WDM campaigners to get their teeth into some interesting debates and those new to WDM to hear from some inspiring speakers. Learn

about struggles and alternatives and find out how to answer some of those difficult questions group members often encounter on stalls...

For a full view of sessions and speakers visit www.wdm.org.uk/africa-conference

Accommodation

Oxford WDM group members are kindly offering beds to fellow group members travelling from far afield, either on Friday or Saturday night, or both. If you would like to take them up on this please contact Katharine on katharine@wdm.org.uk

Travel

Why not arrange for several group members to travel to the event together? Attending our national conference is a great way to get new members of the group involved, and to give them the chance to meet other WDM-ers. You can save money on train tickets through the 'group save' scheme, see <http://tinyurl.com/groupsave>

Annual general meeting

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The agenda, minutes of the 2010 AGM and the summary of proposed changes to WDM's articles of association are now available on our website - www.wdm.org.uk/agm-2011

WDM network skillshare

When: Saturday 17 September, 10.30am to 5pm

Where: Nottingham (provisional, to be confirmed)

We are planning a full day gathering for WDM groups. The event will include campaign updates, website and social networking training, in addition to a full afternoon of 'open space'. The afternoon will be facilitated but the agenda will be determined by what group members there on the day are most keen to discuss. It would be great to see someone from each group at the event.