

Groups

Groups round up

Oxford WDM are having a busy time, with a fundraising pub quiz held on 21 October and a One World stall coming up in mid November.

Watford WDM had a meeting featuring Baroness Sal Brinton talking about 'the House of Lords and development'.

Leicester WDM will be running a stall on food speculation at their local Vegan Fair in November.

North & East London WDM have organised recent stalls at a university screening of Just Do It and talked to shoppers about WDM's campaigns on a Saturday morning on Islington High Street

Climate justice speaker tour

Several groups hosted speaker tour events; we were really pleased with the lively discussions that took place during these meetings. They were an ideal opportunity for people to come together to discuss the issues and plan actions, as well as listen to our speakers. We will certainly plan to run future events along the same lines. Big thanks to all the groups who helped the speaker tour to run smoothly by publicising events, organising refreshments and chairing the meetings.

If you didn't make it to the speaker tour by any chance, our colleague Tom Pursey has put together a brilliant audio-slideshow with photos of the London event along with a commentary and summary of the talks and quotes from the speakers. It will be available in the climate section of our website soon.

Promoting your events

We have included a new 'top tips' sheet, to give you some ideas about how best to promote local events. We've also enclosed template posters/flyers/e-flyers, which we hope will be helpful to you when designing promotional materials for local events. All these materials can be

downloaded from the groups section of the website.

In addition, a reminder that if you are promoting local events we can help you by providing you with mailing labels for WDM supporters in your area, and/or sending an email on your behalf to local supporters – unfortunately we cannot provide email addresses from our database for data protection reasons.

Tony Gardner

Tony sadly passed away in October. He was one of the founder members of East Dorset WDM and was involved with the group for over twenty years. Donations given at his funeral will be given to WDM, which we very much appreciate. Our thoughts go to his friends and family.

WDM regional representatives

As you know part of WDM's democratic structure features regional representatives who act as a liaison point between groups and the office. Currently reps meet with Katharine twice a year in person and once via a tele-conference. Several reps will be standing down at next year's AGM and so we have recently discussed ways in which we could revitalise the forum and make it more transparent to the network.

Therefore from the end of November onwards we plan to run bi-monthly tele-conferences. Ahead of these we will send an email around the groups email list, asking groups to feed into the tele-conference agenda. We hope that this will make the reps' discussions more directly useful to groups in terms of the forum coming up with ideas which will benefit your local campaigning work on a regular basis. We will email again nearer the time, inviting ideas for the agenda. If you would be interested in volunteering as a regional rep please contact Katharine for more information.

Making the most of the web

The web is increasingly becoming a useful campaigning tool and can be used to publicise local events, your WDM group meetings and actions, as well as find out about other local campaigning groups in your area – and much more! We have produced a web guide called 'Making the most of the web' which is included for groups in this mailing. In addition to a useful checklist for making sure your group is making the most of the web, the guide gives an overview of WDM groups' websites and provides an introduction and tips to blogging, social media, photos and video. The guide will be available for download from the groups' resources page of the WDM website but you can order a paper copy by emailing groups@wdm.org.uk

If your group would like some help, training or advice on using the web for campaigning you can get in touch with WDM's web officer Pontus Westerberg by calling 020 7820 4900 or emailing Pontus.westerberg@wdm.org.uk



The parliamentary event WDM co-organised with Friends of the Earth. Bongani spoke alongside Murray Worthy from WDM, Pascoe Sabido from FoE and Mark Lazarowicz MP.

Diary dates

- 1-4 November:** G20 meeting in Cannes and alter-forum in Nice, France.
- 20-27 November:** Week of action: World Bank out of Climate Finance
- 28 Nov – 9 December:** UN climate talks in Durban, South Africa
- 3 December:** Global day of action on climate change
- 23 June 2012:** WDM annual general meeting, London