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JUSTICE TONIGHT!**

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solving the  
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# Letter from the network team

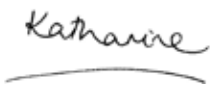
Dear friends,

October has been a busy and exciting month on all fronts. As staff we have felt hugely privileged to have met amazing activists from South Africa, Sri Lanka and Brazil, who we thank for taking part in our climate justice speaker tour and our food sovereignty public meeting in Manchester. Building such relationships feels like a core part of what WDM is and should be doing.

We have seen 900 actions taking place across the world on Saturday 15 October; surely the highest number of co-ordinated actions to have ever taken place; as people in hundreds of countries rose up against a global economic system which is steadily increasing inequality almost everywhere. By the time this newsletter reaches you WDM hopes to have organised a workshop as part of Occupy London; therefore playing a small part in the important activity that has been taking place outside St Pauls over the past week.

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in our events over the past month; it has been good to have seen many of you so recently.

All the best



Katharine Talbot  
Network development officer

## News bites

### Climate justice

- 8-16 October was an international week of action on debt. Many groups have been collecting messages about climate loans on paper chains, to hand in to their MPs. Although the week of action has now passed, you can still take this action.

### Food speculation

- The G20 finance ministers backed proposals which said that position limits (a cap on the amount of the market that financial speculators can hold) could be considered rather than backing mandatory position limits. This is not strong enough to effectively curb speculation-fuelled price hikes.
- The US commodities regulator voted to introduce position limits. Though these limits will help to rein in the biggest speculators they don't go far enough to prevent speculation from increasing food prices on the world's largest food markets altogether. The US commodities regulator still needs to go further.

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# Action checklist

## Groups

### Climate debt

- Plan your 'no new chains of debt' action if you haven't already done so.

### Food

- Start planning your MEP lobbying for the food campaign (late November to January)

### At your next meeting

- Think about having a 'celebrating success' social event in December. More info on this in the groups section below.
- Think about how you can circulate 'The Real George Osborne' viral films when they are released in November (more on this below!)

## Activists

### Climate debt

- Distribute and fill in the new action card.

### Food

- Use the template letter enclosed in the last issue of Think Global to write to your MP, if they have responded positively to previous correspondence.

## Inserts

- 'Making the most of the web' guide (groups only)
- Promoting local events top tip sheet (groups only)
- Template flyer (groups only)
- Fairtrade flyer
- Ecotricity flyers

# Campaign update: Climate justice

With the upcoming UN climate talks (COP17) taking place in Durban, South Africa, the next few months will be crucial for climate justice campaigning. With local group plans that came out of our speaker tour, a week of action on debt, a World Bank out of Climate Finance day of action and 'Durban Watch', it will be a busy time for the climate campaign.

## Africa demands climate justice!

In October we had the privilege of hosting two South African activists for our climate justice speaker tour 'Africa demands climate justice'. (More about this on page 10)

Bandile Mdlalose, general secretary of the South African shack-dwellers movement Abahali baseMjondolo and Bongani Mthembu from the South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA) travelled around the UK and spoke at eight local events, were interviewed by different journalists and took part in parliamentary lobbying with MPs. Both Abahali baseMjondolo and SDCEA are very involved in the Civil Society Committee (C17) that has been set up to mobilise South African civil society in the run up to the COP 17 and are organising the alternative summit.

Not only was it great to hear from Bandile and Bongani about their organisations and how South Africa is being impacted by climate change and World Bank funded projects, but the events also provided a chance to discuss local plans for taking action during the climate change talks.



Bongani joins Lidy Nacpil from the Philippines and Maria Adebawale at the London speaker tour event

## Taking action in Eastleigh

WDM has been active in Eastleigh which is Chris Huhne's constituency, the UK's Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. In addition to holding stalls at local events and speaking at a local college, we also had a successful speaker tour event where Bongani spoke alongside Sarah from WDM and a representative from the Eastleigh Transition Network. At the speaker tour event there was a lot of discussion and energy for lobbying Chris Huhne and organising a local action in the run up to Durban.

Chris Huhne will be responsible for the UK's position at the UN climate talks in Durban and so it is crucial that he pushes for grants not loans for climate change adaptation and that he doesn't undermine the UN process by continuing to support the World Bank.

If you are interested in getting involved in an action in Eastleigh, contact Sarah by emailing [climatejustice@wdm.org.uk](mailto:climatejustice@wdm.org.uk).

## Debt week of action

The 8-16 October was an international week of action on debt during which WDM groups and supporters focused on 'climate debt' - the debt that is being created for developing countries by money offered as loans for climate change adaptation. Over \$1 billion of debt has been created for already debt burdened countries because of loans channelled through the World Bank's 'Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience' (PPCR). WDM groups and supporters have been collecting messages on green strips of paper to form green 'chains of debt' to highlight this unjust debt and to call for the UK to offer its climate finance as grants through the UN Adaptation Fund and not loans through the World Bank.

If you ordered a debt action pack, although debt week has passed, it is still a good action to do and so feel free to continue collecting messages and

building your paper chains until you stage a hand-in and photo stunt at your MPs office.

If you would like to order more strips of paper email Sarah at [climatejustice@wdm.org.uk](mailto:climatejustice@wdm.org.uk).

## **COP 17: Durban, South Africa**

The UN climate talks taking place in Durban from 28 November to 9 December could be our last chance to save the current international climate deal. The talks are expected to set up a new green climate fund to deliver finance needed by countries affected by climate change. The role of the discredited and undemocratic World Bank is likely to be controversial at the talks, as it, and rich countries, push to give it a central role in climate finance against the wishes of developing countries.

WDM will be following the talks and civil society mobilisations and taking part in the international action planned during the talks.

### **Durban Watch**

Kirsty Wright, WDM's senior climate campaigner and Murray Worthy, WDM's policy officer will be attending the UN talks in Durban. They will both observe and report back about the negotiations, whilst also taking part in the alternative conference being organised by our partners in C17 and civil society mobilisations.

Kirsty and Murray will be regularly updating 'Durban Watch', WDM's online blog dedicated to the talks, with photos and news reports from what is going on inside and outside the talks.

### **New Durban briefing**

We have produced a new short briefing which explains the UNFCCC talks and gives a brief history of the talks since the Conference of Parties (COP) talks in Bali in 2007. The briefing provides a useful background to the UNFCCC process but also what we might expect from Durban. You can download a copy of the briefing from the climate section of WDM's website or order a printed copy by contacting Sarah at [climatejustice@wdm.org.uk](mailto:climatejustice@wdm.org.uk) or calling 020 7820 4900.

## **World Bank out of Climate Finance week of action**

20-27 November

A week before the UN climate talks take place in Durban, groups across the world will be taking part in a World Bank out of Climate Finance week of action to highlight the World Bank's damaging role in climate finance. It would be great if WDM local groups could organise a local action or event to highlight the World Bank's damaging role in climate finance.

### **Tell DECC how the UK is spending its climate finance!**

The UK government is currently channelling over 80 per cent of its finance for climate adaptation through the World Bank as loans and is pushing for the World Bank to have more of a role in delivering climate finance. Our report *Climate Loan Sharks* highlights how damaging these loans for climate finance through the World Bank are.

As part of the World Bank out of Climate Finance week of action, we thought we should let the Department of Energy and Climate Change know how DfID is spending its climate finance and that it's not on projects that are benefiting local communities.

Join us for a phone-in during the week of action in which people across the UK contact the Department of Energy and Climate Change. We will be sending groups more information nearer the time, including some suggested points to raise and questions to ask.

### **Stand up for climate justice**

(Campaign against Climate Change)

On 2-3 December, as part of the global day of action on climate change, campaigning group Campaign Against Climate Change will be organising a symbolic climate refugee camp in London. More details will be available from their website soon [www.campaigncc.org/](http://www.campaigncc.org/)

# Campaign update: Food

Last month, there were a series of key developments in the global campaign to regulate excessive food speculation:

## The G20

The G20 finance ministers in October concluded their meeting by promising better regulation of commodity markets. WDM co-ordinated an open letter from more than 450 economists urging the finance ministers to agree to strong regulation. You can read the open letter in the food section of our website. Unfortunately, the finance ministers backed proposals which said that position limits (a cap on the amount of the market that financial speculators can hold) could be considered rather than backing mandatory position limits. This is not strong enough to effectively curb speculation-fuelled price hikes. The UK was thought to be blocking agreement on tougher controls. Discussions may continue at the next G20 meeting in November.

## The US

The US commodities regulator voted to introduce position limits. Though these limits will help to rein in the biggest speculators they don't go far enough to prevent speculation from increasing food prices on the world's largest food markets altogether. The US commodities regulator still needs to go further.

The introduction of position limits has been massively contentious in the US as the banking lobby have been ferociously fighting against them and trying to weaken their effectiveness by lobbying for the cap to be set so high that they can carry on trading at their current levels.

The introduction of position limits is one of the core demands of our campaign for European regulation. While the new US position limits are only a partial success, it puts strong pressure on the EU to introduce position limits to ensure Europe (and particularly the City of London) does not become a haven for de-regulated food speculation.

## Europe

The European Commission finally announced its long-awaited proposals for financial market regulation called 'Markets in Financial Instruments Directive' (or MiFID for short). One of the key asks of our campaign is for transparency. Most food speculation is done in secret with almost no publicly available information about the deals and little if any regulation. The European proposals take greater steps towards transparency as all trading now has to take place on exchanges (like the stock exchange) where there is proper regulatory oversight. This trading will also be made much more transparent through the introduction of 'position reporting', which means that information on all the major traders' bets will now have to be made public.

Transparency is essential for effective regulation as authorities need to know what is going on in these markets in order to regulate them. However transparency measures on their own are not sufficient to tackle the harmful impacts of excessive speculation. The European proposals also include the introduction of position limits but say that this could be done using "alternative arrangements." This is a massive loophole which could enable countries like the UK to 'wriggle' out of the implementation of strong position limits, allowing speculation to go on unchecked.

The good news is that there is still everything to play for. The European proposals will be debated and voted on by both the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers over the coming months. This gives us the opportunity to lobby MEPs to ensure that amendments are made to the proposals to ensure the text is tightened up and loop holes closed.

## What next?

The global campaign continues to fight for effective measures that put the public interest before the profits of the investment banks. Our allies in Europe and the US will be continuing their campaigning in their respective regions.

In the UK, our priority will be to influence MEPs and George Osborne:

## MEPs

The European Parliament will have joint responsibility with the Council of Ministers to discuss and approve MiFID. This means that our MEPs will all have a say on this legislation. We sent you MEP lobby packs in September to help you plan your MEP lobbying in your region. Do let us know if you need anymore packs.

## MEP briefing

We are currently producing a MEP briefing which will include reference to MiFID proposals and will be available mid-November. We will be sending these out as soon as they are available.

## Funding for MEP lobbying

Last month we offered local groups access to some funding for MEP lobbying. This is to help local groups with expenses incurred through lobbying MEPs this autumn. Due to the size of the regional constituencies, groups may incur expenses due to travelling to see MEPs or through organising a MEP event such as venue hire, promotional costs or refreshments. Any group organising an MEP event or a lobby meeting can apply to receive up to £500. To apply for this fund, you will need to complete the application form (which was enclosed with last month's Think Global or you can download it from the groups' resources section of the website) with an outline of your key costs, please remember the deadline to submit this form is 15 November 2011 (send to [Katharine@wdm.org.uk](mailto:Katharine@wdm.org.uk))

## Understanding the issues

If you are planning to speak to a MEP or someone influential in your local area on the campaign and would like to talk through some of the more detailed aspects about food speculation, please feel free to call the office and ask for a member of the food team who should be able to explain any parts of the report or help you in your preparation to meet a MEP.

## George Osborne

The UK government has been a major obstacle in both the G20 and EU processes for regulatory reform. George Osborne is the minister responsible for this area of policy and will represent the UK at the Council of Ministers.

This month we will be launching a digital campaign to create a fresh wave of public pressure on George Osborne to do the right thing to regulate food speculation.

We will be launching a 16 part viral comedy series about George Osborne and the decision that he faces on food speculation. The videos will be broadcast on the online video site [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) Each episode will only be around 90 seconds long and we are hoping that these comedic sketches will be circulated on the web to help spread the word about the campaign to a wider audience. There will also be an associated e-action which can be taken after watching the videos.

The key to the success of this digital campaign will be getting the videos circulated as widely as possible to create a buzz on social media websites. We will be relying on local groups to help spread the word about these virals online and will be sending you emails nearer the time so you have more information about how you can do this.

This is an exciting and new tactic for us and we will be working hard to get media coverage about it too. We hope that it will help us connect our campaign to a more mainstream audience and that George Osborne will get a stronger sense of public pressure on this issue.

# Events

As mentioned before (and below!) October was a busy month for events, with climate justice speaker tour events taking place around the country, a food sovereignty meeting in Manchester, and WDM's comedy night in London. The latter raised an impressive £6,000. WDM Scotland also held an event with Oxfam Scotland, Take One Action Film Festival and a host of local food organisations in Edinburgh to mark World Food Day. There was a meal cooked by volunteers from the Leith World Food Kitchen, live music, journalist and food writer Alex Renton speaking and then workshops on a whole range of food issues from global to local. More than 100 people came along, and there were 20 very interested people in Liz Murray's workshop on food speculation. All-in-all, a very successful event.

The end of November and early December sees various actions and events taking place linked to the climate talks in Durban (more detail in the climate justice section).



WDM's food sovereignty event in Manchester with speakers from Brazil and Sri Lanka

## 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.



WDM director Deborah Doane with the comedians at WDM's 'Joking for justice'.

## Christmas Santa Run

**Have a laugh, stay warm, and raise some Christmas spirit (and money!)**

Run, jog or walk your way round the parkland of Greenwich Park in London or Heaton Park in Manchester with hundreds of santas, Father Christmases, and maybe even the odd Rudolph or elf.

Perfect for anyone who can walk, all you need is a good pair of trainers or walking shoes to help raise vital funds for WDM's campaigns. It's also open to children 8 years and up!

For those wanting to push themselves that bit further, a 10k run is also available on the same day.

The London event is on **4 December 2011** and the Manchester run is on **11 December 2011**.

There is a non refundable deposit of £20 and a very achievable fundraising target of £100! You will get a free Santa suit and goodie bag.

To request an information pack and booking form, please email [debby.boon@wdm.org.uk](mailto:debby.boon@wdm.org.uk) or call 020 7820 4900.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:Pontus.westerberg@wdm.org.uk)



**WDM GROUPS  
GUIDE**

**MAKING THE MOST  
OF THE WEB**

**World  
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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

# Current materials

## Food

- ACTION POSTCARD: This is how banks see our food
- ACTION POSTCARD: Stop betting on hunger
- A2 POSTER: This is how banks see our food
- A2 POSTER: Stop betting on hunger
- CAMPAIGN BOOKLET: Betting on hunger (8 pages, A5)
- BRIEFING: Frequently asked questions
- BRIEFING: Parliamentary guide
- REPORT: The great hunger lottery
- REPORT: Broken Markets **\*\*new\*\***
- BRIEFING: Key messages (for groups' use only)
- BRIEFING: Supporting quotes
- BRIEFING: MEP lobby pack

## Climate justice

- ACTION POSTCARD: Stop the World Bank
- ACTION POSTCARD: Climate debt
- A3 LEAFLET/POSTER: Mapping destruction: why the World Bank must stay out of climate finance
- A2 POSTER: Climate debt
- BRIEFING: Time to pay climate debt (6 pages)
- REPORT: Climate loan sharks
- REPORT: The climate debt crisis (48 pages)
- LETTER: Template letter to MPs
- BRIEFING: UN climate talks; from Copenhagen to Durban **\*\*new\*\***
- BRIEFING: Updated tricky questions **\*\*new\*\***
- BRIEFING: Parliamentary, climate loans **\*\*new\*\***

## Clean the banks

- BRIEFING: Greening the bailed-out banks (2 pages)
- REPORT: A bank for the future
- REPORT: Towards a Royal Bank of Sustainability
- REPORT: Cashing in on Tar Sands

## General

- LEAFLET: Impatient for change? (recruitment)
- REPORT: Out of Time: The case for replacing the World Bank and IMF

## Groups

- FILM PACK: Cinema for social change
- TALK PACK: Powerpoint presentation and outline of talk for the food and climate debt campaign
- BOOKLET: Fighting the cuts, lessons from around the world
- TALK PACK: Talk on WDM's perspective on anti-cuts campaigning

## Partner updates

Stop Climate Chaos and Campaign against Climate Change are both organising actions during the UN climate talks. Stop Climate Chaos is encouraging groups to organise local Africa-themed events and to arrange a Durban-specific meeting with MPs as a continuation of 'The big climate connection'. For more information see [www.stopclimatechaos.org/](http://www.stopclimatechaos.org/)

Campaign against Climate Change will be organising a symbolic refugee camp from 2-3 December. For more information see [www.campaigncc.org/](http://www.campaigncc.org/)