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# Letter from the network team

Dear friends,

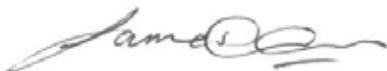
There's now only a month to go until our second 6 Billion Ways event in London. It will be a huge and diverse event, and a unique chance to catch international speakers such as Walden Bello, Bolivia's UN Ambassador Pablo Solon, Lidy Nacpil of Jubilee South in the Philippines and Palestinian human rights advocate Omar Barghouti.

But it won't be just about global issues. For instance, several sessions will analyse the public spending cuts agenda and how we can organise to stop vital services being cut. This is because 6 Billion Ways is not just about individual campaign issues, but about the links between them, and about building a generalised movement for progressive change where different campaigns take inspiration from each other and build solidarity.

As those of you who came the first time round in 2009 will know, this also made for a lively event with a real buzz to it. Packed with stalls, film showings, music and art, and with over 30 different debates and workshops to choose from during the day we hope it's going to be a really inspirational event again. Many group members get involved in local campaigning with WDM after going to one of our big events, so it's worth persuading your contacts to make the trip too – you could end up with a stronger group, or for activists, even the possibility of starting a new group.

If you want posters, stickers, leaflets or an email flyer to help promote 6 Billion Ways, email Mital Patel ([mital.patel@wdm.org.uk](mailto:mital.patel@wdm.org.uk)) or phone us on 020 7820 4900. And I hope to see you all on 5 March!

Best wishes,



James O'Nions,  
Events and outreach officer

## News bites

### Climate justice

- Governments celebrated the outcome of the UN climate talks in Cancún however concerns were raised by the global justice movement and WDM.
- Following a freedom of information request it seems DfID were misleading us when claiming they couldn't process the send a pound donations.
- WDM will be meeting with the head of climate finance at DfID.

### Food speculation

- The European commission is conducting a consultation for their proposals to regulate food speculation. We have an urgent e-action calling for regulation and transparency. The deadline is 2 February. Take action here [www.wdm.org.uk/foodconsultation](http://www.wdm.org.uk/foodconsultation)
- WDM has a new food campaigns officer: Heidi Chow and Christine Haigh will be doing the role on a job-share basis. You can contact them by emailing [heidi.chow@wdm.org.uk](mailto:heidi.chow@wdm.org.uk) or [christine.haigh@wdm.org.uk](mailto:christine.haigh@wdm.org.uk)

# Action checklist

## Groups

### Climate debt

- Distribute 'send a pound' cards and order more for stalls and events.
- Organise a 'World Bank out of climate finance' action.

### Food

- Take the urgent e-action regarding the government's consultation on regulating speculation.
- Order a human blackjack action pack and organise a stunt.

### Government aid

- Write to or email Andrew Mitchell about the aid reviews which are taking place

### At your next meeting

- Think about organising a WDM cuts talk and linking up with local anti-cuts group (see page 8).
- Register for 6 Billion Ways at [www.6billionways.org.uk](http://www.6billionways.org.uk) and organise a group trip to London.
- Talk about holding a 'World Bank out of climate finance' stunt.
- Discuss if you would like to hold a 'human blackjack' stunt or stall and get in touch with Heidi at [heidi.chow@wdm.org.uk](mailto:heidi.chow@wdm.org.uk) or by calling 020 7820 4900.

## Activists

### Climate debt

- Post your 'send a pound' card and order more to distribute to friends and family.
- Write to your MP on climate debt if you have not yet done so.

### Food

- Take the urgent e-action regarding the government's consultation on regulating speculation.
- If you have met with your MP, please send the feedback form back to Sarah.

## Inserts

- Top tips: How to run a great meeting (groups only)
- Food campaign press coverage (groups only)
- Ecotricity flyer

# Campaign update: Climate justice

## Send a pound update

The send a pound campaign has had a great response and the subsequent actions such as the protest outside DfID at the end of November have made a real impact. Thanks so much to all the groups who've made it such a success. So far over 1500 people have sent in pound coins, and they're still coming in. As you'll remember, DfID told WDM last year that they couldn't pass the money on to the UN Adaptation Fund for 'legal reasons'. Not wanting them to pass it on to a local charity as they had threatened, WDM agreed to accept the money and deliver it directly to the chair of the board of the UN adaptation fund in Cancun.

However, after much delay from DfID, we've finally received documents under a freedom of information request that show that DfID have been misleading us about the supposed 'legal reasons'. From what we have read, DfID clearly could have passed the money on themselves – they just chose not to.

At this stage, ahead of the Multilateral Aid Review (see more on page 7) it is important to keep the pressure up, so we are still encouraging people to send in the pounds to show them we're not giving up.

If you think there is more you can do with the send a pound campaign, now is the time. The next few weeks could be critical. It would be great to spread the word to new audiences too – if there are other networks in your community that you think might be interested in campaigning against new unfair debt, please consider asking them to get involved. This could be transition towns, church groups, or your local UN Association – and we're sure you have plenty of other ideas.

The action taken by our groups and supporters are definitely making a difference. After trying for months to get a meeting with Andrew Mitchell, WDM and Jubilee Debt Campaign have been invited to meet with the head of climate finance at DfID – not quite what we'd hoped but a step in the right direction. We don't think this would have

happened without all the pressure that send a pound has helped to create. We're hoping to meet with them soon to explain why locking people into deeper poverty with World Bank loans are a completely unacceptable way to compensate some of the world poorest countries for the damage the rich world has created through its historical responsibility in causing climate change. We'll let you know how this goes.

## UN climate talks in Cancún

Low expectations at the climate talks meant that governments celebrated the outcome despite concerns raised by the global justice movement and WDM. Though some were pleased there was an agreement because they felt this would help continue the multilateral process, others, especially many of our partners in the global south, were disappointed with the overall content of the agreement. While WDM agrees that the continuation of climate talks through the UN is vital, much of the content of the agreement in many ways represented steps backwards. Of particular concern was the acceptance of 'voluntary agreements' on emissions cuts, which many commentators fear could mean the death of a legally binding deal on emissions reductions.

For WDM's campaign on climate debt, there was little to be pleased about. There were no new funds pledged towards the UN Adaptation Fund, and disappointingly the World Bank has been given a role as the 'interim trustee' for the first three years of the newly established Green Climate Fund. How much involvement they will have in the new fund remains to be decided. This makes it vital to build strong pressure as we head towards the next climate talks in Durban, South Africa, at the end of the year. The climate talks also failed to provide a statement in the next text about whether climate finance would be given as grants or loans. However we will continue to push for climate justice by linking up with grassroots movements.

You can read our blogs from Cancún here: [www.wdm.org.uk/blog/cancun](http://www.wdm.org.uk/blog/cancun) or the article in the latest Action magazine for more detail.

# Campaign update: Food

## Urgent action: European regulation

The European Commission have been working on proposals to regulate speculation on food prices and in December they launched their consultation on these proposals. WDM will be sending in a comprehensive response pushing for strong and effective regulations.

**We also created an urgent e-action to enable individuals to respond too.** Investment banks, like Goldman Sachs, are responding to this consultation to push for weak regulations to allow them to continue making millions in profit from betting on food prices in financial markets. So it's vital that the commission also hear from as many people as possible that strong and effective regulation is needed to prevent millions facing further hunger and malnutrition.

**The closing date for responding is 2 February** so you may still have time to do the action or circulate it widely if you haven't done so already. You can find the action at [www.wdm.org.uk/foodconsultation](http://www.wdm.org.uk/foodconsultation)

## Press coverage on food campaign

You may have noticed that there has been a lot of media coverage recently about food prices. At the beginning of January, the UN's Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) reported that food prices have now reached the levels they were at the height of the global food crisis in 2008 and media coverage on the protests in Tunisia and Algeria where food price inflation has played a part in sparking unrest.

WDM's food speculation campaign has been mentioned in the media too and we have enclosed some photocopies of recent news articles for you to use on stalls to add to the media coverage pack we sent to you last year.

We also have obtained copies of a couple of radio programmes which may be useful for you. The first one is a BBC world service programme about Haiti and food prices where WDM's policy officer, Murray Worthy is a guest on the show. The other

radio programme is Radio 4's Face the Facts programme which was broadcast on 13 January, dedicated to the subject of financial speculation on food. WDM provided input to the programme and it gives a good overview of the issues around food speculation. These will be available to download on the groups pages of the website.

## Fairtrade and the food campaign

We are adapting our standard talk on food speculation to include an introduction which refers to Fairtrade. This may be useful for you if you are attending a Fairtrade event or activity during Fairtrade Fortnight. The talk and powerpoint slides will be available for download on the groups resources webpage. If you would like a copy of the talk on a disk, please email [catherine.negus@wdm.org.uk](mailto:catherine.negus@wdm.org.uk)

## New campaigns officer

Heidi Chow and Christine Haigh will be job-sharing as our new campaigns officer on the food campaign. Both of them will be able to answer any enquiries. Heidi was already a member of WDM staff, while Christine is not just a food campaigner at Sustain, but a WDM local group member too.

You can contact them on the office telephone number 020 820 4900 and their email addresses are: [heidi.chow@wdm.org.uk](mailto:heidi.chow@wdm.org.uk) and [christine.haigh@wdm.org.uk](mailto:christine.haigh@wdm.org.uk)



Christine, who with Heidi Chow is our new campaigns officer

# Campaign update: Government aid review

## Thought overseas aid was safe?

Think again! At a time of domestic budget cuts, the continued commitment to increasing overseas aid to 0.7 per cent by 2013 has been seen as a minor miracle by those of us fighting to keep international development issues on the agenda. However, somewhat under the radar, the government has been undertaking an extensive and concerning review of its aid spending. This review was triggered by wider government objectives around ensuring policy coherence, results-based outcomes and value for money across Whitehall.

Whilst the rhetoric doesn't sound unreasonable, there are serious concerns about what this could mean in practice. 'Value for money' has been widely interpreted as the government wanting aid to deliver returns to the British economy. Similarly, 'results-based outcomes' could translate as a narrow focus on measurable short term outputs, rather than investing in transformative long term impacts. Perhaps most worryingly, 'policy coherence' has implied a redirection of aid from the poorest parts of the world to those that more closely fit the UK's broader foreign policy and defence agenda, under the direction of the new National Security Council.

WDM is now seriously concerned that UK aid spent could move towards a focus on seeding British business opportunities or funding counter-terrorism operations rather than fighting poverty and injustice.

The way in which DfID has been conducting this process has been far from ideal. Whilst DfID has historically actively sought the views civil society on potential policy changes, this time no formal consultation process was launched. However, several domestic organisations and international institutions, such as the World Bank, were hand picked to provide their views.

WDM was not invited to input its views, but we submitted them nonetheless. We reaffirmed that DfID should adhere to its core mission to alleviate

poverty through an approach driven by the welfare needs of the world's poorest people, not UK economic or security interests.

## Take action!

These reviews are due to be concluded by the end of February. We want to make it clear to DfID that the public wants to ensure that DfID's overall remit should remain focused on ending poverty, rather than furthering British domestic interests.

Please write to Secretary of State for International Development, Andrew Mitchell about the aid reviews. You can either email [MARcomments@dfid.gov.uk](mailto:MARcomments@dfid.gov.uk) or send a letter to Secretary of State for International Development Andrew Mitchell, 1 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HE. You could also write this as a joint letter from your group.

Key points to make are:

- DfID should adhere to its core mission to alleviate poverty through an approach driven by the welfare needs of the world's poorest people, not UK economic or security interests
- UK aid should not be spent on seeding British business opportunities or funding counter-terrorism operations, but should focus on overcoming poverty.

**If you would like a copy of WDM's response to the review, please email Sarah on [sarah.reader@wdm.org.uk](mailto:sarah.reader@wdm.org.uk)**

## Campaign update: The cuts

### March for the alternative

On 26 March WDM will be joining in the biggest march the TUC has organised for many years. Join us as we call for a fair and sustainable alternative to the cuts.

If you would like to come along and say no to the spending cuts and yes to alternatives, join the WDM contingent at **11am on Saturday 26 March**. Meet on Temple Place, near the junction with Surrey Street. This is close to Victoria Embankment where the march will be starting.

Placards are a great way of getting messages in the media so if you have any witty and/or incisive placard suggestions, please email [effie@wdm.org.uk](mailto:effie@wdm.org.uk) so we can turn your words into placards.

### Talk idea

WDM can provide a speaker for those groups who would like to run a public meeting linking WDM's broad work opposing neoliberal economics in the global south and the cuts at home. This is a great way of linking up with local anti-cuts groups as well as giving your WDM group a reputation for having its finger on the pulse!

The talk would ideally involve both a WDM speaker and an anti-cuts campaigner with some knowledge of the ideological background for the cuts. Below is a possible (slightly edgy) title and some blurb. Note that the part in brackets should be smaller than the first part, and the quotation marks are important!

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### 'Britain's becoming a third world country.'

(spending cuts, privatisation, tax cuts for corporations)

For decades, countries in the global south have had privatisation, public spending cuts, and lower taxes for the rich and corporations pushed on them by economic institutions controlled by the rich world. They were told it was a recipe for prosperity - but most people there are still desperately poor.

As the UK gets it's own dose of free market policies, join the World Development Movement to discuss the legacy of 'neoliberal' economics for the world's poor majority, and what we can learn from their struggles.

## Campaign update: Cleaning up the banks

Bonuses are back with the news that taxpayer-owned RBS will be paying out roughly one billion pounds in bonuses at this year's AGM. The government is seemingly powerless to rein in the banks even in the face of a vitriolic reaction from the public.

Last spring WDM groups took part in a national day of action with stunts outside 20 RBS branches and protests at the AGM over their dirty investments in Canadian tar sands. In Madagascar, ranked seventh poorest country in the world, tar sand projects are beginning to take hold where the environmental and social damage is expected to be even greater.

Since the bailout, RBS have provided finance totalling over £300 million pounds to oil company Total, who are building infrastructure to develop the tar fields in the west of Madagascar.

At this year's RBS AGM in April we plan to continue to expose the public money financing climate change, and call for RBS's investments to be aligned with those of a green investment bank. We will soon be handing in the postcards and signatures collected by WDM groups in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Sheffield, Warrington to the chancellor. If you have any more cards please get them in soon or take the e-action.

# Events

## Making Food Fair

Can we balance food access with sustainability? WDM director Deborah Doane joins a panel of experts in discussing what are often seen as conflicting issues in the food system.

**When:** Wednesday 9 February, 5.30-7.30pm

**Where:** Manchester Town Hall

**Price:** Free

More information at <http://kindling.org.uk/making-food-fair>.

## What replaces poverty?

Ecumenical Development Conference. A weekend conference with talks and workshops.

**When:** 11-13 February 2011

**Where:** High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire

For more information and booking go to [www.ewdc.blog.com/booking/](http://www.ewdc.blog.com/booking/)

## 6 Billion Ways

A day of workshops, debates, music, art and film with a top line-up of speakers.

**When:** Saturday 5 March

**Where:** Rich Mix, London EC1, and surrounding venues

For more info and to book your place go to [www.6billionways.org.uk](http://www.6billionways.org.uk) or contact the WDM office on 020 7820 4900.

## Has Fairtrade asked for enough?

WDM director Deborah Doane will be joins a panel of experts questioning the future of Fairtrade.

**When:** Tuesday 1 March, 6.30-8pm

**Where:** New Theatre, East Building, London School of Economics and Political Science

## Scottish campaigner's convention

Visions of global justice: Unfolding the story of change.

Come to WDM's annual Scottish campaigner convention.

**When:** Saturday 19 March, 10am- 4.15pm

**Where:** Renfield St Stephen's Centre, Bath Street, Glasgow, near King's Theatre

**Price:** Free. £4 donation for lunch.

Featuring:

- Susan George, political scientist and world-renowned author will talk about her new book on challenging the world's super rich neoliberal elite with an achievable greener, fairer future.
- Danny Chivers, poet, researcher and activist will share his experience of using poems to communicate campaign issues and help us do the same.
- The story of change, a workshop on using stories and changing narratives to win campaigns.
- Plus WDM campaigners will share our campaign plans for 2011 and how you can be involved.

## March for the alternative

### Jobs, growth, justice

Join WDM staff and supporters on the biggest march the Trade Union's Congress has organised for many years.

**When:** 26 March 2011, 11am

**Where:** Meet other WDMers on Temple Place, near the junction with Surrey Street. This is close to Victoria Embankment where the march will be starting.

If you would like more information or have any questions email Effie at [effie@wdm.org.uk](mailto:effie@wdm.org.uk).

# Groups

## Groups' roundup

**Manchester WDM** are helping to promote and support the event 'Making Food Fair' with WDM director, Deborah Doane.

Following lobbying by the **South West London** group, Chuka Umunna (MP for Streatham) tabled a parliamentary question on the impact of speculation on the supply of food in developing countries. He also asked a question regarding the government's discussions with Europe on regulating commodity markets and ensuring transparency.

**East Cleveland WDM** have been busy lobbying their MP Tom Blenkinsop and managed to get him to sign the EDM 1015.

**Watford WDM** held a talk with Tim Jones from Jubilee Debt Campaign (JDC) on 'Debt and poverty'.

The **London WDM** groups held a teach-in at the WDM office. About 25 people attended and it was a really interesting event with a mixture of campaign updates and skill-sharing sessions. The teach-in was also good for encouraging new people to get involved with the different London groups.

**Bristol WDM** are organising a speaker and film event on 22 February titled 'Hunger for justice'. To help organise it or get involved with the group please email [dan.iles@wdm.org.uk](mailto:dan.iles@wdm.org.uk).

**Brixham WDM** presented the money they collected in the 'send a pound' campaign to their MP Sarah Wollaston. They also smashed a world 'piggy' bank to protest against the use of loans instead of grants for funding climate finance.

**Oxford WDM** will be lobbying their MP, Nicola Blackwood, on 11 February.

**East Dorset WDM** held a fundraiser to raise funds for our campaigns.

The new **Inverness WDM** pop-up group is meeting Danny Alexander MP to discuss RBS and the Green Investment Bank.

**Horsham WDM** presented a large climate debt cheque to their MP. They also wrote to their MP during the UN climate negotiations in Cancún. The group also held a public screening of 'The Age of Stupid'.

Many groups are busy organising events for Fairtrade fortnight:

**Lingfield and Dormansland WDM** are also holding a Kenya talk with Caroline from WDM on 15 February.

**St Albans WDM** will be holding a stall to raise awareness about Fairtrade. They will be serving Fairtrade tea and have cotton bunting for passers-by to decorate as part of this year's Fairtrade cotton campaign. **Watford WDM** and **North Kent WDM** will also be holding stalls during the fortnight.

**Bexhill and Hastings WDM** and the Bexhill Fairtrade group are organising a public event called 'Tackling global hunger'. Heidi, WDM's food campaigner and Abi Petit from Gossypium will be speaking on the impact of the food crisis and how Fairtrade has affected people in developing countries.

**Derby WDM** along with Derby Justice and Peace group have organised a public event called: 'Banking and the food crisis, gambling on life in Kenya'. Caroline Griffin, WDM staff member will talk about the impact the food crisis has had on people in Kenya based on her travels there.

**When:** 1 March 2011, 7pm

**Where:** St. Mary's Church Hall (at junction of Darley lane and Handyside street)

Caroline Griffin, WDM staff member will give a talk based on her travels of the impact the food crisis has had on people in Kenya.

## Taunton

There is a WDM member currently looking to start a group in Taunton. They are looking for local members to help. If you would like to get involved, or know someone who would, please email Dan at [dan.iles@wdm.org.uk](mailto:dan.iles@wdm.org.uk).

## Maximising WDM's website

If you haven't visited the WDM website, now is a good time to do so as there is lots of interesting content.

On the WDM blog, our campaigners write regular updates about our campaigns and the global justice movement. WDM campaigners recently used blog posts and videos to report back from Cancún.

You can also find a lot of information about our current campaigns including briefings, reports and our latest e-action.

We often put up short campaign videos which can be great for starting a meeting with if you have internet connection and a laptop.

Our local groups page has recently been redesigned and we will be working on our resources page so that you can find and download useful materials more easily. We've included a map of our local groups so people can find their nearest one. Most groups now have their own websites which can be found on the 'groups listed by area' page.

## Top tips

Each month we usually give a couple of tips in Think Global relating to groups activities and meetings. I'm sure all of you have tips on what works well or examples of events that went really well. It would be nice to include these in future issues of Think Global. Eventually we will also feature some on the groups webpage. If you have any tips or ideas, please send them in to [sarah.reader@wdm.org.uk](mailto:sarah.reader@wdm.org.uk) or post them to Sarah Reader at the WDM office.

## Feedback on the food campaign

With many groups organising talks and events about the food campaign, we would love to know how you have found its messaging. Have you found the campaign easy to communicate? Is there any imagery that would be more suitable in explaining the campaign?

If you have any feedback regarding the messaging of the food campaign, please send your comments to [sarah.reader@wdm.org.uk](mailto:sarah.reader@wdm.org.uk) or post them to Sarah Reader at the WDM office.

## Governance changes

Thank you to those who sent in comments regarding the proposed governance changes. If you didn't manage to discuss it as a group before the deadline or have any other feedback please email Sarah at [sarah.reader@wdm.org.uk](mailto:sarah.reader@wdm.org.uk).

## Annual questionnaire

Thanks to groups who have returned their questionnaires. Your comments are vital for knowing how we can best support you with your campaigning activities. Could those of you that haven't yet done so please return the completed forms by 28 February.

## Groups subscriptions

The deadline for paying the groups subscription fees is approaching. Could you please ensure your group has paid the sub by 28 February if you haven't done so already.

We do encourage all groups to set up a direct debit to pay subs if at all possible; it saves us money and should make life easier for you as well!



**FREE EVENT**  
**DEBATES MUSIC**  
**WORKSHOPS**  
**FILMS ART**



## Saturday 5 March

9.30am-Midnight at Rich Mix

35-47 Bethnal Green Road, London E1 6LA

### Speakers include:

Walden Bello, Caroline, Lucas MP, Pablo Solon, Lidy Nacpil, Rob Newman, Samir Amin, Omar Barghouti, Dave Randall, Mark Serwotka, Hilary Wainwright, Patrick Bond, Nina Power, Ronnie Kasrils, Sue Branford and many more.

### With sessions on:

Tackling climate change... Beating public spending cuts... Ending occupations in Afghanistan and Palestine... Strengthening democracy... Curbing consumerism... Fighting global poverty... Building activism and resistance... and much more...

### Plus Movimientos party with DJs and live music, 8pm-Midnight

Register now at [www.6billionways.org.uk/register](http://www.6billionways.org.uk/register) or call WDM on 020 7820 4900.

Contact Mital, [mital.patel@wdm.org.uk](mailto:mital.patel@wdm.org.uk) for leaflets, posters, stickers or the e-flyer to help publicise it.

6 Billion Ways is organised by the World Development Movement, War on Want, Rich Mix, People & Planet, Jubilee Debt Campaign, Friends of the Earth and City Circle.

## Diary dates

**9 February:** Making Food Fair, Manchester Town Hall, Manchester

**11-13 February:** Econemical Development Conference, 'What replaces poverty?', Hertfordshire

**28 February- 13 March:** Fairtrade Fortnight, Across the UK

**1 March:** Has Fairtrade asked enough? LSE, London

**1 March:** Banking and the food crisis, St Mary's church hall, Derby

**5 March:** 6 Billion Ways, Rich Mix centre, London EC1

**19 March:** Scottish campaigner convention, Renfield St Stephen's Centre, Bath Street, Glasgow

**26 March:** TUC march for the alternative: Jobs, growth, justice