

# International Day of Action against the root causes of Climate Change! Friday 8th July

Calling groups and individuals from all over the globe to take action on the causes of climate change on this day!. From actions against huge dams in Iceland, indigenous resistance to oil exploration in South America, to actions on oil infrastructure and peat mining in Scotland. This coincides with the last day of the G8 summit in Gleneagles Hotel Scotland.

For more info on why to take action and what is going on, check out [www.dissent.org.uk/G8climateaction](http://www.dissent.org.uk/G8climateaction)

This call for action is part of the **Dissent! Network of Resistance against the G8**. It is part of a diary of resistance that will be sweeping across the UK from early June to July 8th. Diverse groups from across Europe will be taking actions on issues ranging from stopping Britain's nuclear submarines, blockading the G8 summit, resisting the casualisation of labour, stopping the deportation and victimisation of refugees and climate change, to the positive creation of some of the community based alternatives we desire.

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## Tony Blair's Solutions to Climate Chaos

Tony Blair has declared that he will use this year's G8 summit to press the other seven world leaders to "tackle climate change".

However, his policies show starkly that he plans no real action:

- £5.5 billion road-building programme to build 200+ new roads.
- Massive UK wide airport expansion (12 new runways across Britain), whilst refusing to tax aviation fuel
- £500 million of public money given as export guarantees to the oil and gas sector per year in the last three years.

And yes, with temperature rises of around 6 degrees expected by scientific experts, the problem really has got so severe, that doing nothing is not an option, and turning off the odd light bulb is NOT ENOUGH!

## Oil fuels capitalism

The claim to tackle climate change whilst fighting wars for control of dwindling oil reserves is as hypocritical as it is ridiculous. There cannot be an end to global warming without an end to the system that causes it.

Our current ways of life are completely unsustainable and rely completely on burning of fossil fuels. The natural world **can** provide us with the resources we need to sustain our communities, but what is needed is a radical rethink of our societies to drastically cut our energy consumption.

Alternative power if controlled by small scale projects owned by communities could provide us with environmentally responsible power.

## Nuclear power is not an alternative

It too depends on a finite natural resource, and the extraction process is massively oil intensive. Just as the oil industry exploits people and planet for financial greed, so would the nuclear industry and large scale 'renewable projects' unless we saw a massive change to how our system is run. Then, of course there is potentially catastrophic nuclear waste to deal with.

## We need to act now!

We have a unique opportunity and a global responsibility to act. Not only for our own sakes but also for the millions of repressed people, ecosystems and future generations around the planet who cannot.

**We see the G8 2005 mobilisation** as an opportunity to move beyond symbolic protests against a symbolic summit. We believe that all those committed to a sustainable, socially just world, can work together and use the moment of the G8 summit in the UK to expose the hypocrisy of our government's green rhetoric.

We can demand a stop to their plans for new roads, wars over oil, airport expansions and support of the oil, gas and nuclear industries that perpetuates the exploitation of the developing world.

We are building a network of groups and individuals around the country and worldwide who can share their inspiration and ideas for concrete plans for action around energy, climate change and oil.

**Get involved and take action before  
it is too late.**