

ACTIONS AT ALDERMASTON

This weekend saw further evidence of the re-emergence of the anti-nuclear movement in Britain, as Trident Ploughshares 2000 activists from around the South-East, took part in protests against the manufacture of nuclear weapons at Aldermaston.

In the evening of Saturday March 20th two people scaled the perimeter fence, hanging banners from the barbed wire and decorating the fence posts, before being escorted out by MOD police. Others planted rows of sunflower seeds alongside the fence. Sunflowers absorb radiation, lessening the impact of contamination from the base to the local environment.

On Sunday morning protesters gathered outside the main entrance, blocking the entry of traffic to the base. They and MOD police were kept entertained by the first performance of the anti-nuclear play 'Monster'

Contact: 01865-209294 or 01235 868319.
TP2000: see contacts list.

GLEN OF THE DOWNS

On the 19th of March the High Court gave the go-ahead to widen the existing road through the Glen o' Downs nature reserve near Dublin.

Wicklow County Council want to start work on the road but there is still the possibility of them being prevented if there is a Supreme Court

appeal. More details on this will be known by April the 11th.

A tree camp already exists in the valley and direct action may well be needed soon.

Contact: 01 497 3773

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CARBERTH HUTTERS ON ALERT

After losing their case for possession in Stirling court, the low impact dwellers of the Carberth huts near Glasgow are keeping a sharp eye out for the bailiffs. So far none have been spotted, and an appeal against the court decision is being made. Legal aid for the appeal has been refused, so any help with fundraising would be much appreciated. A demo in the village is planned for May 29th. Also discussed is the launch of a Hutters Union, uniting and defending the interests of low impact dwellers throughout Britain. Contact: 0141 562 5640.

START 'EM YOUNG!

Kids and parents of Chevassut primary school in Hulme, Manchester, have taken to direct action after a Secretary of State decision to close the school was made on Tuesday 16th March. The following morning, pupils, teachers and parents jointly blocked the road past the school for an hour before school started. The same action had taken place the Monday before, this time including a tripod and other local residents. Police were present but their instructions to clear the road were ignored. Subsequently it was decided by those involved to continue with the early morning blockades until the future of the school is secured. Contact 0161 226 6814

121 CENTRE UPDATE

The 121 centre is still there after 18 years of squatting and almost 60 days of having been barricaded to resist the imminent eviction. Parties, a weekly cafe, meetings and video nights are still held. Action has been taken outside the centre with an occupation of the office of the head of Lambeth Council, a cafe on the High Street and a public Drink-In in defiance of a newly imposed ban on drinking in public for Brixton.

On April 10th at 2pm the action will be stepped up further with a Brixton Street Party for which many hands are needed in preparation and on the day.

Help is greatly appreciated from anyone who can spare a few hours or days to help with the day to day running of the centre, and to sit in the building so it's not empty when the coppers turn up. Contact 0171 274 6655

DTI OCCUPIED

On Wednesday 3rd March activists from the Simon Jones Memorial Campaign held two protests in London. Simon was a casual worker who was killed on his first day of work at Shoreham Docks, having been forced off the dole and in to casual work.

The first protest was staged outside the House of Commons to coincide with the debate on casualisation. People then made their way to the Department of Trade and Industry where they occupied its entrance lobby, demanding that Personnel Selection, the recruitment agency that 'found' Simon the job, be prosecuted for his death. The entrance was blocked for an hour while employees enjoyed an extended lunch break and hundreds of leaflets were distributed to employees and passers by, many of whom expressed support for the campaign.

Simon's death highlights the spread of low-pay and casualisation across Britain; as a spokesperson from the campaign said: "If you want to kill someone, the easiest way to get away with it is to do it at work."

Contact: Simon Jones Memorial Campaign, PO Box 2600, Brighton, E.Sussex, BN2 2DX
www.simonjones.org.uk/

OI - NO!

Quarry operators Pioneer Aggregates have begun blasting work to extend the quarry at Ashton Court into adjacent meadowland. A protest camp was set up last year to resist this and after months of activity it has now been taken down. It did not, however, go without a noisy exit.

A week of action took place in early March. To kick it off, protesters visited Ian Wattle, Pioneer's planning manager, and translocated his lawn on to the pavement outside his house. The daffodils from his garden were planted in his car.

Later on in the week, two people abseiled 100 feet down onto a ledge in the quarry five minutes before the face was due to be blasted. They proceeded to pitch a tent, put up an official squatting notice, erect a dry stone wall and unfurl a banner reading 'OI-NO!' Climbers had to fly in from Dublin to remove the protesters before blasting could continue.

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"Every morning I awake, torn between a desire to save the world, and a inclination to savour it.." - E.B. Whitte

CRYSTAL PALACE SITE EVICTED

The protest camp at Crystal Palace has been evicted at a cost of over 1 million pounds. The camp was set up in April of last year to resist the planned 18 screen multiplex development on park land in South London.

On the 3rd March, bailiffs, accompanied by around 350 police, moved on to the site and began removing the 50 people present from the various tree and bunker defences.

The eviction was completed a record breaking 19 days later when the last two occupants of the site voluntarily came out of the bunker they had been in since the beginning of the eviction. They chose to come out because the bailiffs had almost got through to them anyway and they had run out of food and water.

All those who were on site when the bailiffs came were arrested. 30 were charged with obstructing an officer of the court, two with assaulting an officer and one with affray. One man was remanded, due in court on March 30th, charged with obstructing an officer of the court and breach of bail. One resident of the site, Animal, was remanded in custody, see prisoners section.

Meanwhile, on the 20th a solidarity action was staged at the Universal Cinemas International cinema in Leicester Square. Four people with placards climbed up on the roof and took down the union jack which was flying there while a crowd, estimated by police to number around 900, gathered on the ground below.

The campaign is far from over. Contact: 0181 693 8200

'As Anarchists we understand Direct Action to be the only way people are empowered and real change achieved . . . As capitalist media cannot be expected to fairly represent any action that undermines the capitalist system, we will not be saying any more.' (from the joint statement of the last two people evicted from the site)

WOMEN WALK FREE

Two women, charged with £605,000 worth of criminal damage, appeared at Plymouth Crown Court on Monday 29th March to hear that all charges against them had been dropped. The three hundred supporters who gathered in the rain outside the court were kept entertained by music and street theatre. A flag, bearing a crossed scythe and spade over a biohazard symbol, was flown from the court's flag pole.

The women faced up to ten years in prison for 'conspiracy to cause criminal damage' after taking part in the destruction of a crop of genetically modified maize on 3rd August 1998 from a test site near Totnes in Devon.

After seven months of severe bail conditions, which included a 10pm curfew, the defendant's lawyers received a highly unusual one-line letter saying that "for complex reasons the Crown intend to offer no evidence in the above case." The Director of Public Prosecutions himself appears to have felt that the planned defence of 'lawful excuse' would have stood up, creating an unwanted precedent. There was certainly no lack of evidence against the two women as both have always admitted damaging the maize.

One of the women commented: 'this decision shows that we were right to stand up to the bullying of the biotech companies. I hope this encourages other communities to take action to protect our environment.'

Prior to the planting of the crop, six hundred local people had marched to the test site in protest. When this failed to persuade the government to halt the trial, the crop was removed by about 20 people. Ten others were also arrested on the day but it now seems unlikely that any of their cases will come to court. In the weeks after the arrests, 3000 local people signed a statement saying that they felt that the action taken to remove the maize was in the public interest.

Contact: Totnes Genetics Group 01803 867951 or 07957 188621.

MANCHESTER SQUAT CAFE

The OKasional cafe is back in Manchester for the fourth time, to celebrate it's first birthday. The cafe collective has re-squatted the building in which the cafe made its first appearance. The Grade II listed building is located opposite the university, smack bang in the heart of Manchester's student 'ghetto'. Since it was last occupied, the owner had simply boarded it up, half heartedly cut off the electricity and water, and left it to stand empty. He was said to be not amused to see the building he wants to sell re-squatted, especially by the same people he'd previously introduced to the courts and Under Sheriff.

So far, the cafe has been home to big free parties, dozens of workshops, discussion evenings, meetings and direct action film all-nighters. It serves vegan, mostly organic fair-trade food on a donations basis, with any money raised going into environmental and social campaigns.

The squatters decided not to enter into negotiation with the state or the mainstream media, as 'it's a space we're collectively creating, and will defend for as long as we want.' One of the collective is quoted as saying: 'The owner has not so far issued court proceedings, and when the local Tactical Support Group (riot police) turned up, we showed them the door.'

Visit and get involved in the cafe while its stocks last. The cafe is located at 325, Oxford Road. Telephone 0403-674363, or write c/o Manchester EF! See contacts list.

The Action Update is a monthly roundup of ecological and other direct action news and forthcoming events in Britain. Feature articles inside:
List of genetic engineering test sites.
Office occupation tactics
Computer tampering.

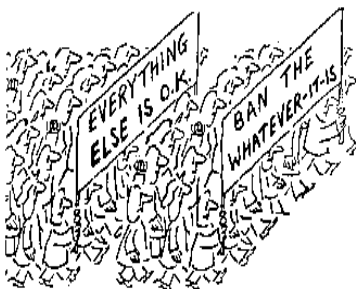
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News In Brief

◆ Anarchists and EFlers in the Czech Republic are appealing for help to defend themselves against a fascist attack on May 1st. This date has in Prague, as in many other places, been a day of anarchist activity for many years but this year fascists from all over Europe are planning to stop it, threatening to burn all anarchist squats and rid the Czech Republic of anarchism. More info: zemepredevsim@ecs.cz

◆ March 11th. A genetically modified potato crop in New Zealand was destroyed by a group called Wild Greens, The research project, worth \$200,000 was ruined. Sadly the activists discarded gloves and clothes at the scene and DNA samples were taken. Greenpeace NZ put out a media release condemning the attack. Subsequently, security on GE sites in the country has been stepped up Wild Greens website: <http://www.econation.org.nz/>

◆ Corporate Watch have produced a guide to the involvement of the oil industry in British universities price £10-20. See contact list.

◆ Wild Things; ecological education collective, are looking for a new member. They teach radical ecology and tell direct action stories to children and work with groups to empower them to work non hierarchically and take direct action. No specialised knowledge needed, just the will to move to Nottingham. Contact Wild Things. 182 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham. NG1 3HW

◆ Earth Liberation Prisoners have a new address c/o Leeds EF! and a new webpage: www.geocities.com/rainForest/Jungle/1664 To subscribe to ‘Spirit of freedom’, the regular free prisoner listings, send s.a.e’s. Email for info or subscriptions (earthlibprisoner@hotmail.com)

◆ Newcastle City Council are about to chop a lot of trees on Barrack Rd, Newcastle. If you want to go on the phone tree, contact TAPP (see contact list) or send ne991ta@yahoo.com your phone number(s).

◆ Fifty farmers in Russia, while defending their land against a pipeline from the Yamal Peninsula, charged 30 police with scythes and a tractor. The police opened fire with plastic, and real bullets, injuring the tractor driver in the leg.

◆ B92 is an independent Serbian radion station continuing to broadcast despite internal oppression and war in their country. News in English and Serbo-Croatian daily 9.15-10pm on ORF, MW1476kHz Info helpB92@xs4all.nl

◆ Faslane Peace Camp is still going strong with currently 7 residents. Unfortunately, the latest action, scheduled for equinox, did not happen due to a lack of people attending. The next submarine arrival, and therfore action, is expected in early April. Contact 01463 820 901

STOP THE NEW DEAL! REED TARGETED

On 8th March, a coalition of workers, students and the unemployed, otherwise known as Leeds EF! and friends, visited the Leeds office of Reed Employment, the company which is administering the New Deal Gateway Centre in Hackney.

Ten people entered the offices, while a further ten remained outside with a banner and leaflets. There were around double this number of staff in the building, which made any serious disruption difficult. Some staff were prevented from working however, and the police were called. Eventually it was agreed to leave, in exchange for a phone call with Reed’s head office, letting them know that the action had taken place.

The media was not contacted about the action, instead the group decided to put some effort into creating their own publicity: Dole offices were leafleted afterwards, and, the following day, a report of the action, together with information on other campaigns, was flyposted around the city.

Some people, while visiting council offices later in the day, climbed the columns of the offices and cut down their New Deal banner, nicely rounding off the day’s events.

For more details of the campaign against Reed contact Haringey Solidarity Group 0181 374 5027.

SUPERMARKET ACTIONS

On Thursday March 4th, activists removed genetically modified products from the shelves at a Sainsbury’s store in Cardiff, to ‘inform the public of the risks that GM foods pose to human health, the environment and the developing world.’ Stores in Aberystwyth, Bangor and Swansea were also targeted with a variety of protests.

On the 6th of March 150 people staged a protest at Safeway’s store in Totnes. The manager was presented with the results of a survey showing that over 70% of customers wanted Safeway to go GE-free. A banner was displayed which read "GMO-Free - the only safe way". Similar actions have also taken place recently in Plymouth, Bodmin, Newcastle, Worcester, Warminster and Taunton.

On March 29th, genetiX snowball activists delivered 50 items of genetically modified food to the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, declaring it to be a biohazard. The food items had been ‘confiscated’ from a Tescos supermarket the Saturday before. Attempts to take more items from Safeways were stopped by police. One woman was arrested for stealing the food. GenetiX snowball: 0161 8340295

STOP THE CROP

On March 28th a protest was held at a genetics test site near Edinburgh. The action was called by Fife Earth First! and took place a year to the day after 60 people openly pulled up a crop of genetically modified oil seed rape near Fife.

This time round the protest consisted of over 100 people who, after listening to a couple of speeches, proceeded to march to the field. Fifty police, with horses and dogs, had got there in advance, but 12 people managed to climb the perimeter fence and began pulling up the plants within. About one third of the crop was trashed, possibly invalidating the experiment.

Six people were arrested and charged with vandalism, one was also charged with theft of plant material. Contact Fife EF! 01334 477411

DOING IT IN THE NORTH GOES TO LIVERPOOL

On March 11th, about 60 folks arrived in Liverpool for the third ‘Doin’ It In The North’ action, with the intention of getting in the way of the genetix industry just a bit more.

A small group went to leaflet supermarkets in Liverpool city centre while most people went to Cargill’s Docks where genetically engineered maize and soya is imported. Unfortunately, the police arrived on the scene simultaneously and the gates to the docks were shut before anyone managed to gain entry. A scuffle with police and security guards broke out as people tried to get over the gates. Some people did manage to get through when an undercover person on the inside found the gate control button, and two briefly gained entrance to the offices. All in all seven people were arrested and charged with Disorderly Behaviour.

At this point it became obvious that the docks and offices were not going to be occupied. However, the gates to the tanker loading bay were successfully blockaded for nearly 2 hours, temporarily halting the collection of the GE maize and soya oil that is processed at the docks. Discussions of the issue with Cargill workers also took place.

At a pre-arranged time participants headed back for the de-brief and evening socialising that are an important part of the DIITN actions. One of the most positive aspects was the inspiring and strengthening effect the days action had on the Liverpool group.

The next DIITN action is to be held in Sheffield on May 17th.

FELLING STOPPED

On the 27th of March, Manchester Airport began felling trees in Moss wood, but were stopped by residents of the camp in near by Arthurs Wood. A new camp was then set up to guard against future felling,

The trees in question will prevent the use of radar for the airport’s second runway if left to stand.

A vegan camp has also been set up, and the first camp, which has been involved in legal proceedings to try to maintain possession, is now safe from eviction untill August when their case goes to the house of Lords.

See contacts list for site ‘phone number.

AGRO-CHEMICAL ACTION

On March 22nd, 10 people breached the perimeter of the Rhone Poulenc factory in Norfolk, and were almost immediately arrested on suspicion of criminal damage to the perimeter fence. Twelve people outside displayed a banner reading ‘Hazard’ and gave out leaflets to workers and passers by.

The factory is mainly concerned with the production of agro-chemicals, including the world’s supply of bromoxynil, a chemical which is so toxic that it is illegal to use it the EU and the USA, but which is exported for use in the third world.

Rhone Poulenc is a French based multinational which is also heavily involved in genetic engineering. One of its subsidiary companies is involved in genetically engineering cotton to be resistant to bromoxynil!

BULLDOZERS BANISHED AT TOYTOWN

The camp at Toytown, set up to defend one of Cheltenham’s local green spaces from a Waitrose supermarket, closed down a few months ago but the campaign continues.

Direct action is sometimes surprisingly little effort. On learning that the council were coming to level the site, five people came down to try and stop work. They climbed on the bulldozers and said to the drivers “Go away and take your machinery with you”. And to everyone’s surprise they did!

As far as the campaign knows, there are no immediate plans for the bulldozers to reappear, but if and when they do, people will take the same action again.

Contact Cheltenham EF! See contacts list.

COMMUNITY TAKES OVER FROM CHURCH

The Community Centre on Gloucester Rd in Bishopton, Bristol, has been occupied by its local users for several weeks now, after the Church of England, original owner of the premises, decided to replace it with a church. This despite the fact that there are 6 other churches in the area already and none of them are exactly packed out every Sunday.

The residents of Bishopton are keeping up daily events catering for deprived people and offer the space to everybody for meetings and other activities. They have taken their struggle to London, with people chaining themselves to gates outside Lambeth Palace, and pressing the Archbishop of Canterbury to intervene. Help with the running of the centre is always welcome, as well as legal advice and donations. The case for possession of the centre will be in Bristol Crown Court 10am on April 19th - be there to show your support and put the pressure on. You can also go and tell the Planning Dept in the City Council what you think of them for giving consent to the change of use of the buildings.

Contact 0117 944 4401

Earth First! National Projects

Last month saw three meetings to plan EF! national projects; an outreach project, a Summer gathering and a national campaign / series of actions. The following is a brief report on the upshot of these meetings.

Outreach Project

The ‘Blatant Incitement Collective’ (working title, formerly known as Not the Earth First! Roadshow) now exists ‘to empower people to organise themselves without hierarchy, for radical action towards social ecological change, by sharing skills, knowledge and inspiration.’ So far things such as direct action and climbing workshops, slideshows on radical cultivation and garden squatting, and earth education for kids, are looking likely. To get involved or offer things contact BIC c/o Manchester EF!. See contacts list. Next meeting: Saturday 8th May , 1pm at the Rainbow Centre, Nottingham.

National Actions

The chosen target is Tarmac with the first action to be held on the 17th of July this year. Contact Norfolk EF! See contacts list.

Summer Gathering

This meeting was attended by only 3 people, none of whom were willing to commit to anything more than a peripheral role. A further meeting will take place on April 11th in Leeds, to coincide with the EF!AU weekend. If there is no further interest then there will be no gathering this year. Contact National Gathering c/o Leeds EF!. See contacts list.

STUDENT OCCUPATIONS

Earlier this month, over 200 students at Goldsmith’s College, London, occupied the university’s administrative centre in response to the recent expulsion of eight students unable to pay their tuition fees.

The action had the backing of the student union. Lectures were allowed to continue as planned and students to continue their work in the building.

The occupiers built barricades and demanded the reinstatement of all expelled students, no further expulsions due to inability to pay fees, notification of the student union of any students not paying fees, the college to call on the government to increase funding for higher education and immunity for all students involved in the occupation. Seven days later they walked out, all of their demands having been met!

This protest is one of many across the country in response to the assault on working students and free education. Occupations have also happened at Camberwell, where some demands were met, Guildhall, where all of them were met, and University College London where the occupiers were removed by police.Many of these campaigns have pointed out the parallels between New Labour’s attacks on students and their other oppressive policies, including racist anti-immigrant legislation.

ROAD RAGE IN ROSLIN VALLEY

For over a year the Non Alignment Action Group (NAAG) have been opposing plans by Midlothian Council to have a £20 million, privately financed road built through Roslin Valley, South of Edinburgh. The planned road would damage an SSSI and effectively destroy a part of Edinburgh’s greenbelt.

While the Council has been reluctant to start a public enquiry, campaigners are keeping the pressure on with monthly walks of the planned route. The next such walk is planned for the 4th of April.

Contact 01968 675109 to participate in the route walks.

General contact: NAAG 0131 448 2713

Action Diary

April

early. Faslane. Arrival of HMS Vengeance. 01436 820 901
10. Street Party in Brixton, in solidarity with the 121 Centre (see article) meet at 121 Centre, 2pm
10-11. Action Update Weekend, See box, below
15-30. World wide days of action against genetix
17. Silent Spring - local accountable GE test site trashings. GenetiX Snowball 0161 834 0295
19. GenetiX Snowball court case demo in London. 0161 8340295

18. National action at Hillgrove 0121 632 6460
28. British Aerospace AGM action. CAAT: 0171 281 0297
30. RTS Manchester, meet 12 noon outside Students Union on Oxford Rd, contact 07970 043 882

May

1. Anti fascist actions in the Czech Republic. See News in Brief.

1. World Cannabis Day Demo in London.

1. Resist Globalisation Action. Birmingham 0961 810356

1-2. Bradford Mayday events.

1.-9. Festival of Hope and Resistance in Preston, coinciding with the court case against Bread not Bombs Plowshares. contact TP2000 (contact list)

15. International Climate Action Day. ASED +31 20 6682236

16. Doing It In The North action number 4. Sheffield

21. Annual General Meeting of Zeneca, the UK’s largest biotech company. Action details: 0161 224 4846. If you want to get a share, phone before 12 April

22. Gene Free Jamboree in London - Info, entertainment, and action planning. Contact GEN 0171 281 4621

24. International day of action in solidarity with Mumia Abu Jamal. 0171 326 0353.

24. Tarmac AGM. Contact Notts EF!: 0115 9585666

27-30. Inter-Continental Caravan in Britain. 07970 896 736

June

18. Actions in financial centres around the world. In Britain it’s the square mile. Contact RTS. 0171 2814621

July

17. National action against Tarmac. Contact Norfolk EF!

August

10. No GMO Rally in London, meet Hyde Park 1.30pm, Trafalgar Square 4pm

September

14 - 17 Action against arms exhibition, London. CAAT 0171 281 029

Prisoners

This is by no means a comprehensive list of prisoners. For a full list and other info on earth and animal liberation prisoners, contact Earth Liberation Prisoners. See contact list. Or check out their new website: www.geocities.com/RainForest/Jungle/1664

The cherry pie threee. Homelessness activists doing 6 months after being convicted of battery after throwing pies at the Mayor of San Francisco.

Rahula Janowski #1818075, c/o SF County Jail 8, E Pod 425 7th St., SF, CA 94103

Justin Gross #1818071, c/o SF County Jail 8, B Pod, 425 7th St., SF, CA 94103.

The third man has not yet been incarcerated due to medical reasons.

Ellenor Hutson. (Animal) Remanded for preparation of a probation report having been caught, on the run from charges relating to the No Opencast action in 1997, at the Crystal Palace eviction.

Ellenor Hutson (FX2145),New Hall HMP and YO1 Dial Wood, Flockton, Wakefield, W. Yorks, WF4 4AX, England

Lindis Percy. 9 months for repeatedly accountably breaking her injunction at Menwith Hill, the U.S spy base.

Lindis Percy (CF9734), HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road, Holloway, London, N7 0NU.

When writing to Lindis you must write your name and address on the back of the envelope or postcard.

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Bath EF! c/o PO Box 426, Bath, Somerset BA12ZD 01249 713742	Mid-Somerset EF! PO Box 23, 5 High St, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9PU	Wolves Eco Action c/o Wolves Hunt Sabs, Wolves Uni SU, Wulfruna Street, Wolverhampton	Anarchist Black Cross (prisoner support) c/o PO Box 446, Sheffield S1 1NY
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Hereford EF! Wern Derys, Michaelchurch Escley, Hereford HR2 0JZ 01981 510659	Swansea People EF! c/o Green Action, Swansea Uni SU, Swansea, Wales	Green Line PO Box 5, Lostwithiel, Cornwall, PL22 0YT 0870 733 4970	PROTEST CAMPS
Hull On Earth c/o PO Box 43, Hull HU1 1AA	TAPP (Tyneside Action for People & Planet) PO Box 1TA, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 1TA tapp@newcastle54. freeserve.co.uk	FINs - for a full list of free information networks (and more) send SAE to London FIN C/O 99 Torrino Avenue, London, NW5 2RX	Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp (alt w/ ends) 33 Heron Road, Bristol BS5 0LT 0117 939 3746 / 01703 554434
LEAF Box Z, 13 Biddulph St, Leicester LE2 1BH 0116 270 9616	Smash Hits BMBOX 5538, London, WC1N 3XX	Peace News 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1 9DY	Arthur's Wood Behind Moat House, Atrincham Road, Cheshire. 07931931850 01565 873 551 / 07957 993456 / 07979 361416
Leeds EF! c/o CRC, 16 Sholebroke Avenue, Leeds LS7 3HB 0113 262 9365 cornerstone@gn.apc.org	OTHER CONTACTS	Genetic Engineering Network (GEN) (as for RTS) 0181 374 9516 genetics@gn.apc.org	Ashton Court Quarry c/o Bristol FoE, 10-12 Picton St, Montpelier, Bristol, BS6 5QA 07970 423 834
Liverpool EF! 96 Bold Street, Liverpool L1	Advisory Service for Squatters 2, St Pauls Road, London N1 2QN 0171 359 8814 advice@squat.freeserve.co.uk	GenetiX Snowball (open crop removal) One World Centre, 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS 0161-834 0295 genetixsnowball@orangenet.co.uk	Friends of MOVE PO Box 14129, London W12 8GR

WHAT IS EARTH FIRST!?

Earth First! is not a cohesive group or campaign, but a convenient banner for people who share similar philosophies to work under. The general principles behind the name are non-hierarchical organisation and the use of direct action to confront, stop and eventually reverse the forces that are responsible for the destruction of the Earth and its inhabitants. The above contacts are autonomous groups that consider themselves to share these principles. The **Propaganda** section lists non-EF! publications which we think are worth reading. **International Contacts** are entry points into that country's own network of groups. **Other Contacts** are ones whose aims and principles we agree with fully or in part, or groups that we think may be of use or interest to people. For groups web addresses visit www.k2net.co.uk/ef/

NEW ADDITIONS OR ALTERATIONS ARE SHOWN IN BOLD

List of genetically modified crop sites.

The following is a list of sites which have been given consent for planting in winter / spring '99. If you confirm that they are active then contact GEN (Genetic Engineering Network) (address below.) It is very possible that not all of these sites are actually active. A copy of a DETR (Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions) document on sites that will definitely be active later this year is available from GEN.

Key: **GMO ref.** is a unique number that refers to each deliberate release, as you can see there may be several sites within each consent. **Page.** is the page number in the GMO public register index. All the following sites are listed as growing Winter Oilseed rape which is usually planted around September, flowers in April, and is harvested between June/July of the following year.

<u>GMO ref.</u>	<u>Page.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Grid Ref.</u>	<u>Size.</u>
96/R22	689	Tillycorthie Farm, Undy station, Undy Aberdeenshire	NG908229	0.75 ha
98/R30	389	Tillycorthie, Udney Aberdeenshire	NJ 908 229	160 m
98/R20	295	Scottish Agricultural College, Tillycorthie Farm, Udney Aberdeenshire		6h
98/R30	389	ADAS research Boxworth, Boxworth Cambs	TL 345 635	160 m
96/R22	657	ADAS research Boxworth, Boxworth Cambs	TL 34 635	7500 m
97/R30	274	ADAS research Boxworth, Boxworth Cambs	TL 345 635	1 ha
98/R30	389	NIAB, Huntingdon Road Cambridge Cambs	TL 430 610	160 m
98/R20	295	NIAB Trial Ground Huntingdon Rd Cambridge Cambs		6.6h
98/R30	389	Grange Farm, Little Abington, Cambridge Cambs	TL 534 505	160 m
96/R22	657	Grange Farm, Little Abington, Cambridge Cambs	TL 45 55	7500 m
96/R22	657	NIAB Huntingdon Road, Cambridge Cambs	TL 424 619	7500 m
97/R30	274	NIAB, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge Cambs	TL 424 619	1 ha
98/R30	389	Svalf Weibull Ltd, Abbots Ripton Huntingdon Cambs	TL 240779	160 m
98/R15	2495	NIAB, Huntingdon Rd, Huntingdon Cambs	TL 4327 6025	<400m
98/R30	389	Maris Lane, Trumpington Cambs	TL 425 520	160 m
97/R19	1673	Chishill Orchard Fm, Heydon Rd Royston Cambs	TL 429 393	4800 m
96/R22	657	Boghall Farm, Biggar Road Hillend Edinburgh	NT 24 65	7500 m
97/R19	1775	Cults Farm, Cupar Fife	NO 357 106	1 ha
98/R30	389	NIAB Martyr Worthy, Winchester Hamps	SU 518 341	160 m
96/R22	657	Bridgets, Martyr Worthy, Winchester Hamps	SU 5134	7500 m
97/R30	274	Camps Whittlesford, Newton Royston Herts	TL 444 491	1 ha
97/R22	1368	Farnham Hall Fs, Farnham Green, Bishops Stortford Herts	TL464 259	< 2ha
97/R22	1368	Vine Farm, Wendy Royston Herts	TL 32 46	< 2 ha
98/R27	3	Chishill Orchard Farm, Heydon Rd, Great Chishill Royston Herts	TL419 393	
98/R20	295	NIAB IACR Rothamsted, Harpenden Herts		6h
97/R22	1368	Old Manor Farm, Sawston Grantham Leics	SK 89 20	< 2 ha
97/R19	1775	Haverton Park Farm, Ewerby Sleaford Lincs	TL 116 488	1 ha
98/R30	389	Dalby Farms Ltd Brigsley Lincs	TA 253 024	160 m
96/R22	657	Dalby House, Dalby Spilsby Lincs	TA 25 02	7500 m
97/R19	1775	East Winch Hall, E. Winch Kings Lynn Norfk	TF 705 163	1 ha
97/R19	1673	East Winch Hall, E. Winch Kings Lynn Norfk	TF 705 163	4800 m
98/R30	389	Morley Research Centre Wymondham Norfk	TM 063 997	160 m
98/R20	295	Morley Research Centre Wymondham Nork		6h
98/R27	3	East Winch Hall East Winch Norfk	TF 705 163	<5000m
98/R30	389	Top Brackenale, Cropwell Butler Bingam Notts	SK 690 387	160 m
97/R19	1775	Hall Farm Kneeton Notts	SK 709 461	1 ha
97/R19	1775	Hall Farm, Thwaite Eye Suffk	TM 110 685	1 ha
98/R20	295	Brooms Barn, Higham Bury st Edmonds Suffolk		6.7h
98/R30	389	East Lodge Fm, Stanton Broadway Worcs	SP 058 346	160 m
96/R22	657	East Lodge Fm, Stanton Broadway Worcs	SP 058 347	7500 m
98/R27	397	East Lodge Farm, Stanton Broadway Worc	SP 058 346	<5000m
97/R19	1775	JSR Farms Ltd Driffield York E	SE 991 543	1 ha
98/R30	389	Uni of Leeds, Headley Hall Tadcaster York	SE 443 414	160 m
96/R22	657	Uni of Leeds, Headley Hall Tadcaster York	SE 44 41	7500 m

The following research site is listed as growing Poplar (The only GM trees in this country.)

95/R1	428	Jealott's Hill Research Station Bracknell Berks	SU 870 730	3600 m
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Copies of the public register are available from the Biotech unit at the DETR (in theory) 0171 890 5278. Email biotech@detrbiotech.demon.co.uk. The easiest way though is to check out websites. Norfolk have details of sites in their area - <http://members.tripod.com/~ngin/crops.htm> For other sites see [HTTP://www.gn.apc.org/pmhp/dc/genetics/index.htm](http://www.gn.apc.org/pmhp/dc/genetics/index.htm)

There is the DETR's own website which is apparently being updated to include details of all currently active sites (don't hold your breath for this). <http://www.environment.detr.gov.uk/acre/register>

Some research farms have several test field sites for non-GM plants as well as several GM deliberate release sites, this makes identifying and inspecting deliberate release sites problematic. Most of the sites on this sheet have a grid reference but this often refers to a building rather than the crop. Therefore you have to have an idea of what a test site actually looks like because it is obviously important that you get the right site. Many farms are experimental farms and therefore have lots of test sites, not all of which are GE.

For information on identifying GE sites, and what to do about them, read 'Got a test site near you?' and 'A Gardeners Guide for survival in the Modern World'. Both available from Genetic Engineering Network, PO Box 9656, London, N4 4JY. Tel: 0181 374 9516. genetics@gn.apc.org

OFFICE OCCUPATIONS

Corporate decision-makers sit in cosy offices far removed from the consequences of the decisions that they make. Occupying their offices can be an effective form of direct action, especially for a relatively small group of activists.

Before you get to the target office, agree on the aim. Is it to simply make your presence felt, to gather information or designed for maximum disruption? Everyone should agree on what to do inside, and how long to stay for - and stick to it.

Reconnaissance is important. Look for ways in, such as open ground floor windows, fire escapes, and side doors, and ensure everyone knows the basic layout.

The best way in is usually the front door! Anyone who doesn't want to go in could picket the entrance, and leaflet cars in the workers' car park. Make a simple plan to get in. Entrances often have security locks, swipe-card readers, or intercoms. One smartly dressed person going in and opening doors and windows for everyone else often works. It helps if this person has an excuse such as courier delivery, an employment inquiry or a pre-booked appointment with a named worker. This person must be prepared to react quickly and sometimes decisively, for example, to push past employees to get doors open when the rabble arrive. If the only door is a revolving one then windows will be a better bet. Alternatively, you can sneak in behind employees going in, or catch the door as one leaves. Ensure that you aren't spotted beforehand.

Once in, the fun starts! You might all look for specific offices or scatter through the building to cause chaos, but stay in pairs at least, as office workers can defend their space assertively. In the past it has often worked for groups to barricade themselves into unoccupied offices thus ensuring an uninterrupted search / reorganisation. In open plan offices, or when barricading options are limited, there is a tendency for activists to drift to one place after the initial rush. Try to avoid this as it makes it easier for staff / police to contain you and get you out. Keep it calm and non-confrontational, especially as most workers you come across will not be the decision makers; seek out the bosses! Reassure workers who seem frightened by your invasion that you intend no violence, and distribute leaflets explaining your case to them.

If your goal is disruption, rearrange paper and filing cabinets, lock doors and hide keys, unplug things, barricade yourself into empty offices, play with computers (see facing page). Keep it tidy, and they might not discover what you've been up to until later; obvious criminal damage or theft on these type of

actions may lead to everyone being arrested especially if you are few in number. That said, some occupations have involved smashing up as much as possible.

If your goal is info-gathering, get in and out quickly, there is nothing to be gained and a lot to be lost by hanging around because a 30 minute action seems too short. Rummage through filing cabinets, go through desk diaries, look at notice boards, search through computers and photograph or photocopy anything interesting. Alternatively, you could fax documents to someone on the outside, who should be briefed to keep their fax line free. You may want to borrow some documents or computer disks to study at your leisure... chuck them out of a window to waiting colleagues who can spirit them away immediately. Don't hang around waiting to be arrested. Leave a pre-printed disclaimer in their place, stating that anything removed will be returned undamaged within 24 hours. This gives time to read files and copy useful stuff. You can return the files either to the office doorstep in the middle of the night, or (anonymously) to a police station lost property office in a different town. It is essential to return everything if any one does get nicked for theft; although the disclaimer has no actual legal weight, charges should be dropped if files are returned as promised.

Everyone should leave together, and make sure no-one is left inside. Be aware that police often search everyone before they leave the office, especially if anything appears to have been removed or damaged.

Office occupations generally don't lead to arrest. However, there is the **possibility of arrest**, most likely for breach of the peace, burglary or section 241 of the Trade Unions Act 1994. Burglary is often used as an excuse to arrest. Don't openly eat food or use electrical equipment or they may indiscriminately make arrests. Most arrests will not lead to a court case. People have sometimes gone in with a list of demands such as a meeting senior management. These demands are generally not worth winning and negotiation for them may make a court conviction more likely. This happened to the 20 'Opencast defendants' in 1998, when it was taken as evidence of coercion, to secure a conviction for section 241. This case was exceptional however as £350 000 worth of damage had been done to a nearby mine earlier in the day!

FUN WITH COMPUTERS ON OFFICE OCCUPATIONS

If before going in to your office you spend a bit of time familiarising yourself with some of the ideas and procedures below you could do quite a bit of 'not immediately noticeable' damage and may even end up with a 'gateway' into their computers for some time to come:

While some of your mates are going through the desk diary, the filing cabinets and the drawers it may be worth you taking a look at the beige box with a telly on it in the corner of the desk. Before you decide what best action to take you have to have a browse around the PC. If the computer is off, switch it on. The computer may appear to end its starting procedure with a logon box. Many systems save the username of the last person to use the computer in this box, write this name down, if the user has e-mail it can probably be worked out using this username@whatever.co.uk (alternatively find the persons calling card). E-mail addresses are handy to have as viruses and hacking tools can be sent to the unwitting user at a later date. You may try a couple of passwords (look for obscure things written on post-it notes) This probably won't work and after a few tries it will tell you that you are locked out of the network. Just accept this and click cancel until the computer seems to be running.

If the computer is already on then open the Windows Explorer and check out how many drives there are. If there are more than 4 drives then you are probably already attached to the network. The following assumes that Windows 95 or 98 is installed but probably applies to Windows NT too.

Re-formatting This is quite un-subtle and may cause the least damage of all. In any fair sized company most data will be either stored on a file server or backed up nightly. Having said that most users are crap at doing this (especially those at the top of organisations). If there appears to be no network attachment then this may well be your best option. To format the disk select *Start menu - shutdown - restart computer in MSdos mode*. When you get the C:\> Prompt type **format c: /u**

Repartitioning. If you're going to re-format a hard disk then you may as well repartition it too. Repartitioning a drive just makes it a bit harder to recover any data than a simple format. Get to the C:\> prompt. stick a floppy disk in and type **sys a:** then type **copy c:\windows\command\fdisk.* a:** if no file is found then type **copy c:\dos\fdisk.* a:**. Then format as above. Reboot the PC with the floppy disk in the machine. Type **fdisk**. Then delete all partitions, reboot again type **fdisk** again and create 2 or 3 new partitions.

Delete files. Deleting files on the hard disk in the machine is pretty simple. Highlight the files you want to delete. Select lots by holding the *Shift* or *control* key down as you click (experiment with this). Before you press the *delete* key hold down the *shift* Key. Do not release the *shift* key until the *confirm file delete* box comes up. If you don't hold *shift* down the files will only go to the recycle bin. After deleting you may as well empty the recycle bin. Click on the recycle bin and choose *empty recycle bin* from the *file* menu. To make absolutely sure that the data can't be recovered install a Disk cleanup utility (www.execpc.com/~sbd/CleanUp.html) and totally wipe the free space. This is a small utility that will easily fit on a floppy disk. Using this utility makes it almost impossible to recover data, it is much more effective then simply formatting a disk.

Deleting files from a network drive is pretty similar. Once you've deleted something go to *Start menu - Run* type **command.** then change to the drive that you have deleted from by typing the drive letter followed by a colon (e.g. **u:**) then type **cd/** and then type **purge * /a** on most networks this will ensure that files are completely deleted.

Changing files. This is pretty obvious really, rather than deleting files that could possibly be restored from backup, try changing files instead. Arguably the best thing to do is a search for spreadsheet files (*.xls or *.wk*). Find them using the *Start menu - Find.* stick ***.xls, *.wk*** in the *Named* box. Then sort them by modified date by clicking on the *modified* label, double click on the most recently modified file or one that looks like it may contain important financial information (big files are best). Then simply change the odd number here and there. It may be a long time before they realise the error, and will mean that they have to do a lot of checking throughout that file to look for other errors. They probably won't be able to restore from back-up as they may not know when the change occurred (it may not be discovered for months) and even if they know when the changes were made other parts of the spreadsheet may have been updated since then making a restore from backup impractical.

Inserting a virus. Before inserting a virus take a look at the properties of any running virus detection program. Next to the clock on the bottom right of the screen there will probably be some small icon indicating that an anti-virus program is running. Double click on it and take a look at the properties. What you have to try and do is to stop the anti-virus program from scanning files but not stop it running. Uncheck any boxes like *scan files on Run, copy* etc. You may be able to stop it from scanning (exclude) whole disk drives. Viruses that you have brought in will probably be detected so you want to stop the computer from scanning files but make it look like it is still running properly. If you can't do this then you may have to disable the virus protection. This may be discovered earlier.

Macro viruses
If your virus is a Word virus then before you insert it you must disable Word's own virus protection. Open Word, open *Tools - options* and click on the *General* tab. Uncheck the *macro virus protection* box (do the same in Excel if your virus is in an .XLS file). Now try inserting your virus by either running the program or opening the document. If the virus protection on the machine finds it and you have the option to exclude this virus from the virus list then do so. If not then you will have to disable the anti-virus program. First look at the virus programs properties (as above) and stop it from loading on startup (if that option exists) next close down the icon near the clock in the bottom right of the screen. Then open Windows Explorer and check out what is in *C:\windows\start menu\programs\startup*. If there is an icon there that looks like it is an anti-virus program delete it. Next go to *Start menu - Run*. Type **sysedit**. Look at the win.ini file (within the sysedit box), right near the top of this file there should be two lines that start *Load= & Run=*, delete anything that looks like it is anti-virus related on these lines. Next look at the autoexec.bat file (again in the sysedit box) and again delete anything that looks virus related. Now close the sysedit window. Viruses are available for download (zipped up) from www.geocities.com/Baja/2846/ (do a web search for others)

Hacking Tools - for the more computer literate occupier
Back Orifice is a tool that can be downloaded from www.toxyn.org/ or www.cultdeadcow.com/. This program will give you remote control of the computer if it is attached to the internet. You will be able to change, read and delete files remotely and even randomly make their computer play wav files or shut down from the comfort of your local internet cafe. Back orifice is detected by most anti-virus programs so the host computer must be prepared following the instructions above and the IP address must be noted.

Learn what to do before the occupation. - If you take notes on an occupation then they'll know what to look for. And you'll probably get trashed in court

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