

DISSSENT! G8

NETWORK OF RESISTANCE AGAINST THE

Gathering

Edinburgh: Fri 17th - Sun 19th Sept 2004

The **G8** (Group of Eight most industrialised nations) Summit will be held at the **Gleneagles Hotel** in **Perthshire**, about 40 miles/70 kilometres away from Edinburgh, in **Scotland** from **Wed 6th - Fri 8th of July 2005**. In past years, everywhere they have tried to meet there has been a massive response from the world's social movements. Now, in Britain, a network of groups and individuals is emerging to resist the Summit and form a lasting network against capitalism.

'Dissent! A Network of Resistance Against the G8' was formed at the end of November 2003. So far, those involved within the Network have produced publicity and information materials and put together road shows to educate and empower.



Actions have been taken in solidarity with the resistance to the 2004 G8 Summit in the US, and networking with European social movements has begun. Around fifteen Dissent! Network affiliated local groups and Info-points have been set up across the UK.

G8 Summit: Wed 6th - Fri 8th, July 2005 at Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire, 40 miles from Edinburgh, Scotland

Those involved with the Dissent! Network take a confrontational stance, calling for direct action against the summit, its symbols and infrastructure. The Network has no leaders or official membership list; it is open to anybody who agrees with our aims, with the hallmarks of the Peoples Global Action as a starting point.

The next Dissent! Gathering will take place in Edinburgh on, Friday 17th - Sunday 19th September 2004. Come along and get involved!

Practical Information

The Gathering is taking place over a weekend; people are encouraged to arrive on Thursday evening, as we would like to have a day trip out on Friday. The meeting is likely to begin on Saturday morning (the exact timetable is to be worked out later).

If you want to attend the Gathering IT IS IMPORTANT that you let us know:

- How many people you are
- When you plan to arrive
- What accommodation you would like: private homes or indoor space, camping or tree houses in Bilston Woods Protest Camp
- If you have any special requirements (food, allergies and preferences, proper bed)
- If you are bringing kids or dogs with you
- If you have access to a vehicle during the weekend
- If you will be attending for the day trip in Perthshire

It is not necessary for you to give us your name or any personal information.

Please send an email to: gathering@yahoo.co.uk or send a letter to: **Reshape, c/o ACE, 17 West Montgomery Place, Edinburgh, EH7 5HA,**

If you would like to make a suggestion for the agenda for the weekend, email: dissentprocess@yahoo.co.uk



We will try to keep costs to a minimum, but there may be costs for renting a building for the weekend and for food. However, no one turned away who cannot pay. Please bring sleeping bag etc. and tent if camping, also torches, boots, waterproofs and other camping gear will be helpful. See you in Edinburgh! For more information visit: www.dissent.org.uk

More detailed information about where the Gathering will be held will be posted on the Dissent! website closer to the date. Printed on 100% recycled paper.

PGA Hallmarks:

- 1) A very clear rejection of capitalism, imperialism and feudalism; all trade agreements, institutions and governments that promote destructive globalisation.
- 2) We reject all forms / systems of domination and discrimination including, but not limited to, patriarchy, racism and religious fundamentalism of all creeds. We embrace the full dignity of all human beings.
- 3) A confrontational attitude, since we do not think that lobbying can have a major impact in such biased & undemocratic organisations, in which transnational capital is the only real policy-maker.
- 4) A call to direct action and civil disobedience, support for social movements' struggles, advocating forms of resistance which maximise respect for life and oppressed peoples' rights, as well as the construction of local alternatives to global capitalism.
- 5) An organisational philosophy based on decentralisation and autonomy.

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