

"If you go to a demonstration and then go home, that's something. But the people in power can live with that. What they can't live with is sustained pressure that keeps on building, groups that keep on doing things, people that learn from the last time and do it better next time..."



This July, the G8 – the heads of state of the world's most powerful countries – will be meeting in Gleneagles, Scotland. Whilst Blair's government talks of tackling climate change, it's imposing a huge new road-building programme, and massive airport expansions. While G8 leaders talk of relieving poverty in the global south, they uphold a financial system that creates global famine, military repression and social and environmental breakdown.

Tens, if not hundreds of thousands, of people will converge on Scotland to resist the G8 and the world it represents. There are plans for blockading the summit, actions on climate change, inspiring convergence spaces to meet, eat and sleep, and more...

Here in Leeds many of us have joined dozens of other grassroots autonomous groups to create the Dissent! anti-capitalist network. One of the projects of this network has been The Common Place social centre, another is on Saturday 14 May when we're holding an open day to galvanise radical resistance to the G8 Summit here in Leeds. It's a chance to meet people, learn skills, share information, plan, party, and get inspired about protests around the Summit.

TIMETAB FRIDAY 13 8-12pm	B MAY Benefit for Dissent! Bands including Leeds'	2.00pm	Parallel workshops  - Clandestine Insurgent Rebel Clown Army (CIRCA) boot-camp
SATURDA 10.30am	10,000 Things  Y 14 MAY  Welcome  Housekeeping and coffee.		<ul> <li>direct action training, including role plays</li> <li>find out more about climate change and trade/ debt from T.R.A.P.E.S.E.</li> </ul>
11.00am	What is the G8? Why resist the G8? Background to politics in Scotland	3.30pm 4.00pm	Coffee/tea Making it happen: action groups Time to get it
11.30am	What is planned for July? Introduction to action plans and the 'convergence		together on things like, transport to Scotland, food, publicity and pre-G8 actions
12.00pm	spaces' What are people from Leeds doing/planning?	5.00pm	Make sure everyone knows what's planned, how to be involved, who's doing what
	eg talk of moving The Common Place to the convergence zone,	6.00pm 7.30pm	Dissent! banquet Schnews show The weekly direct action news-sheet tour comes to Leeds.
1.00pm	blockades, working together beyond the G8 <b>Lunch</b>	9.00pm	Benefit for Dissent! Bands, DJs & chaos until late

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