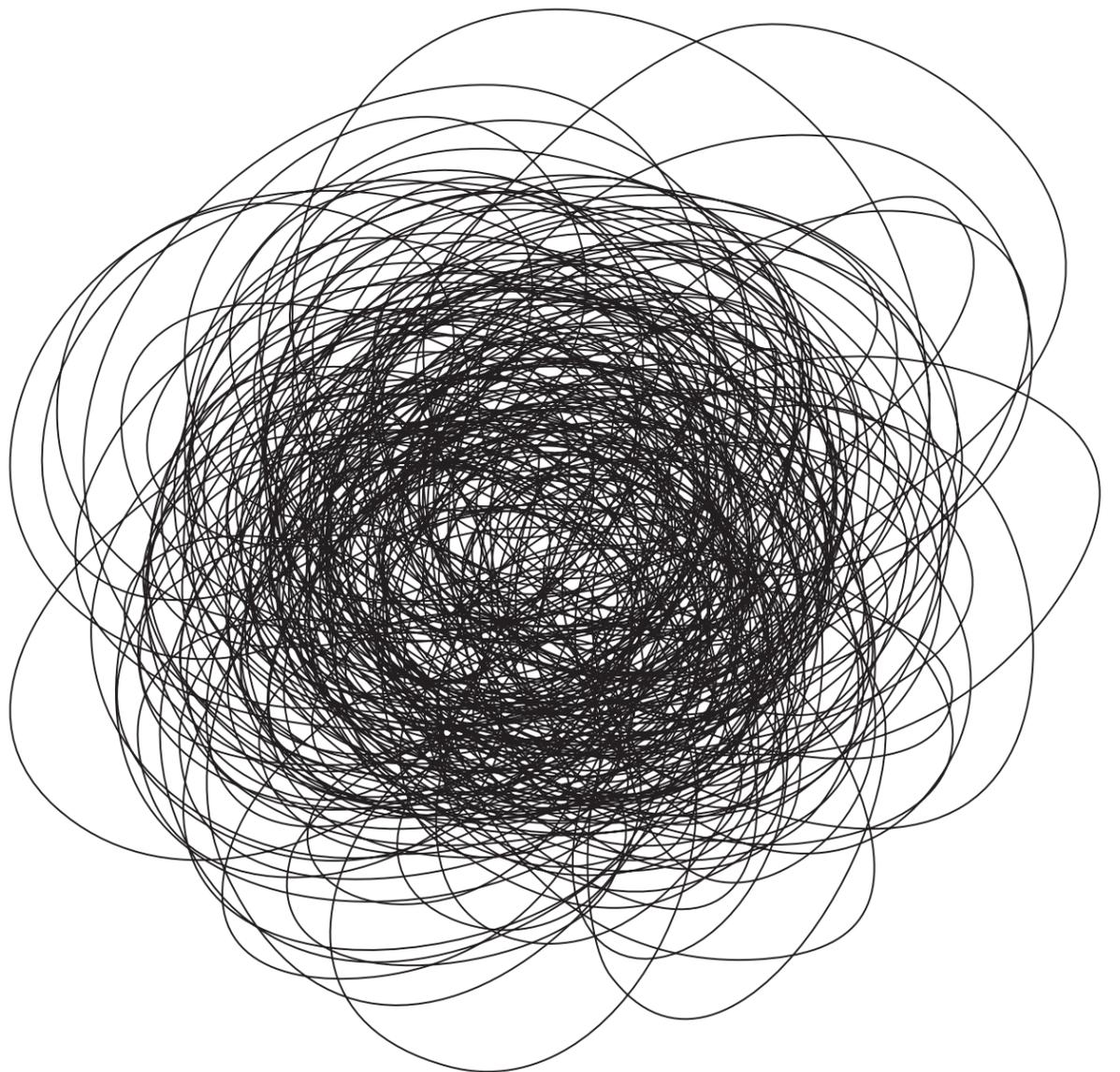
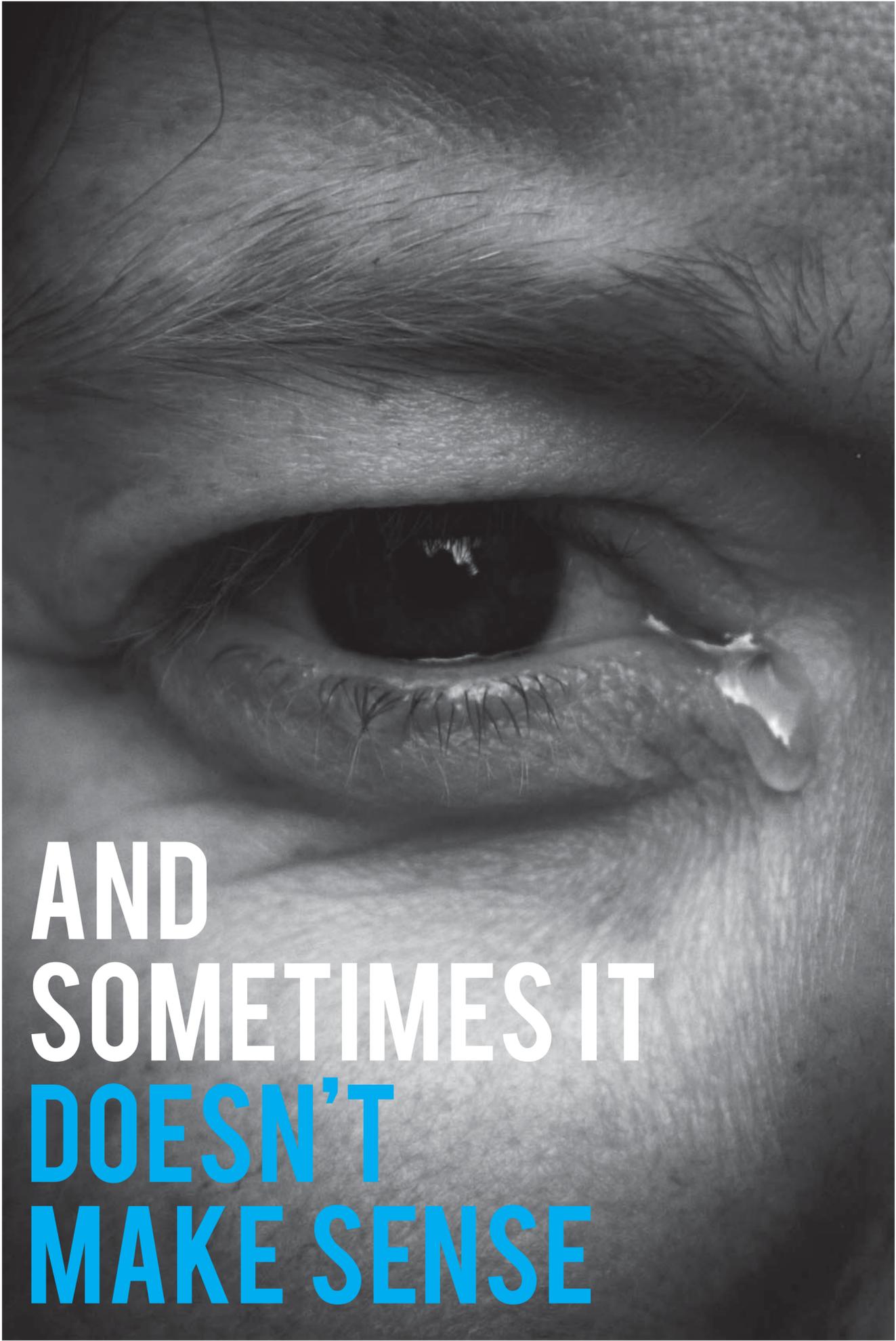


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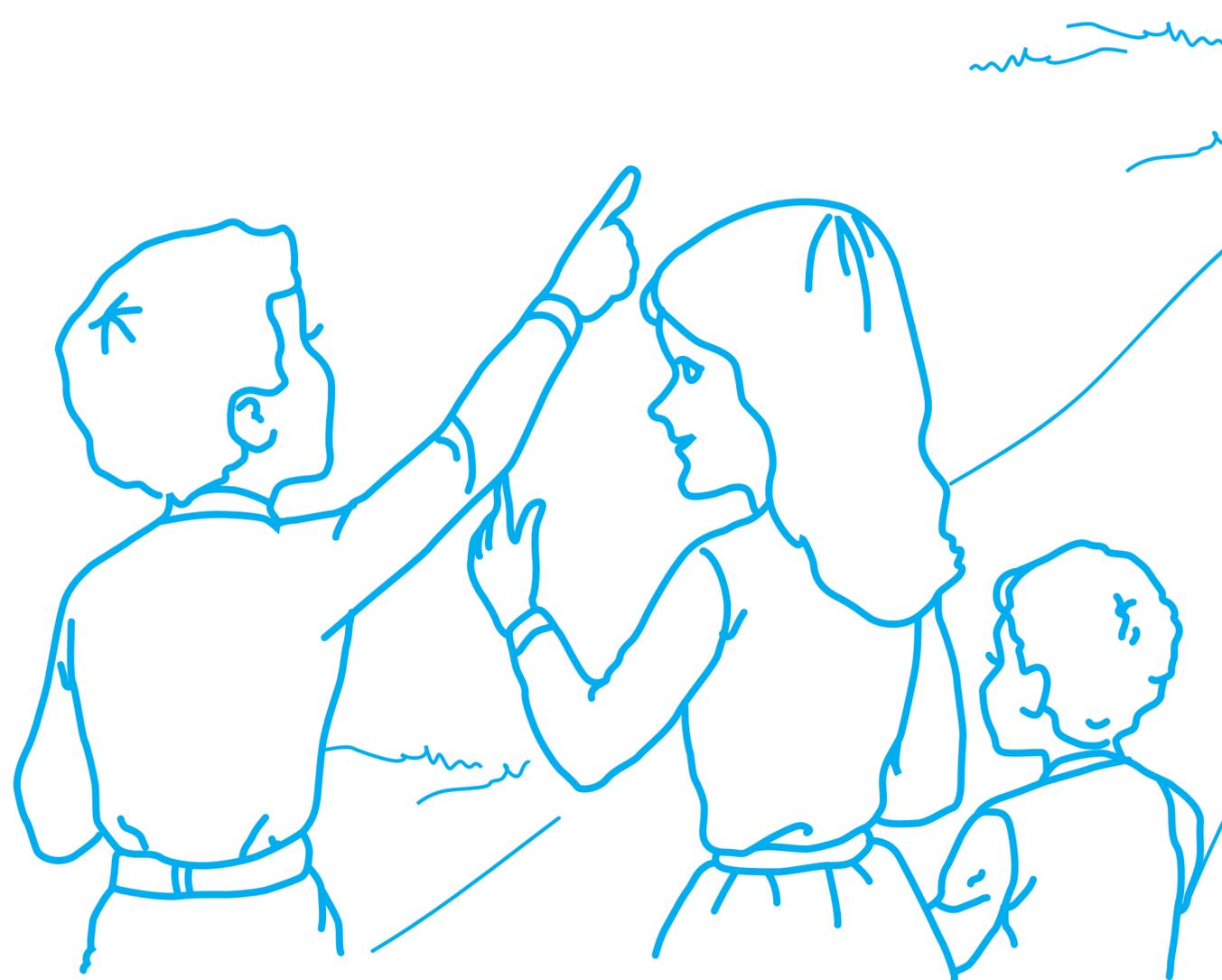
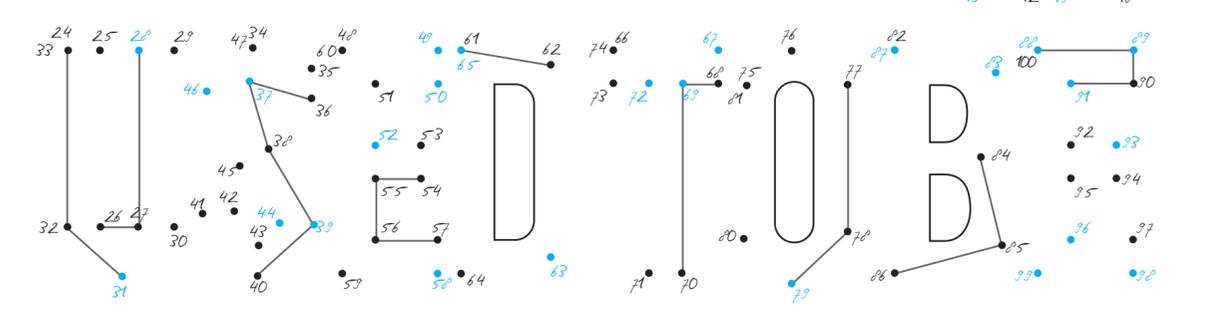




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# THE FUTURE IS NOT WHA



## JOIN THE DOTS AND SEE WHAT APPEARS

- Oil prices rise from \$18 a barrel in September 2001 to more than \$140 in June 2008. Analysts predict global economic instability as demand overtakes supply and prices skyrocket indefinitely.
- The Pacific island-nation of Tuvalu is the first country to evacuate some of its citizens because of the sea-level rise.
- Scientists from the British Antarctic Survey announce in March 2008 that the Wilkins ice shelf, the largest in West Antarctica, is 'hanging by a thread'.
- In 2006 five UK energy companies (including Drax) attempt to sue the EU so as not to have to reduce their carbon emissions.
- Hurricane Katrina kills around 2000 people in August 2005 and causes widespread destruction in the region around New Orleans.
- Ex-World Bank Chief Economist, Nicholas Stern, calls climate change 'a result of the greatest market failure the world has ever seen'.
- Oil companies announce record profits in 2008: £20.7bn for Exxon- Mobil, £13.9bn for Shell, £8.76bn for BP.
- The average U.S. farm uses 3 calories of fossil energy to produce 1 calorie of food energy.
- In late April 2008, the price of rice hits 24 cents a pound, twice the price that it was seven months earlier.
- For the first time in history there are more people in the world living in cities than in rural areas.
- A UK government report finds, in June 2008, that the rush to develop biofuels has played a 'significant' role in the dramatic rise in global food prices.
- The global net loss of forest between 2000 and 2005 was 7.3 million hectares per year.
- From late 2007 rising food prices leave 100 million more people hungry and food riots erupt in Mexico, Morocco, Uzbekistan, Yemen, Guinea, Mauritania, Senegal, Bolivia, Yemen, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Haiti.
- In 2007 the Home Office announces that it plans to collect the fingerprints of every child over 11 in the UK; Sarkozy is elected in France, Berlusconi in Italy: authoritarianism enters a new phase in Europe.
- In June 2008 the Stockholm Network warns that the UK government's targets will fail to keep us under the runaway climate tipping point of 2 degrees.
- 50,000 plant and animal species disappear every year. That's almost 150 a day.
- Military spending worldwide rises by 37% over 10 years, reaching \$1.204 trillion in 2006.
- According to the UN Development Programme, 40% of the world's population will suffer water shortages by 2050.
- George Soros declares in 2007 that the world is facing 'the most serious financial crisis of our lifetime'.
- At the turn of the 21st century, the richest 5% of people receive one-third of total global income, as much as the poorest 80%.
- In 2007 the UN announces that climate change driven conflicts have increased the number of refugees by 3 million to almost 38 million people.
- Amnesty International denounces EU policies on asylum-seekers as a lottery for the right to stay in 'Fortress Europe'.
- For no apparent reason, bees die off in their millions. The phenomenon is referred to as Colony Collapse Disorder and could threaten food supply, since bees pollinate almost a third of human crops.
- £10bn worth of food is thrown away every year in the UK.
- Land for landfill space in Europe is feared to run out within 10 years.
- A third of male fish in British rivers are changing sex due to pollution in human sewage.
- DDT, PCB, dioxin, trichloroethylene, perchlorate, mercury, lead, benzene, arsenic are found in breast milk.
- In March 2008 personal debt in the UK stood at £1,430 billion which is more than the country's Gross Domestic Product.
- The average car speed in London is 9mph, slower than in the horse and cart era.
- In 2007 the sub prime mortgage crisis leads to several billion pounds losses by private banks and international institutions, millions lose their homes.
- In the UK, two women die every week because of domestic violence.
- The World Health Organization predicts that by 2020 depression will be the second-largest cause of the global health burden.



# PERHAPS THINGS USED TO BE A LITTLE SIMPLER.

There was a kind of certainty to our lives, there was little doubt that we, our friends, our families would have a future, probably brighter than the past. But for the first time in human history the ability of our planet's ecosystems to sustain future generations can no longer be taken for granted. Throughout the world, researchers, scientists, farmers and indigenous people, those who are in touch with their land base, those who have the knowledge and take the time to really look and listen to the natural world, to notice the weather, the state of the soil, the sea and forests, are showing us the evidence of a colossal collapse. They are warning us that we are entering an era of great uncertainty, that it is not a bright future that lies on the horizon, but catastrophe. And yet as the horizon advances something extraordinary is happening, we realise that within the crisis is a chance of a life time, a chance to radically change our way of life.

Not long ago we knew the best time for planting seeds, we knew when we could start picking apples in the orchard, when the leaves would turn deep orange, when to look forward to building snowmen. Things like the cuckoo's dependable call would be a sign that spring had come. But the cuckoos are disappearing and it seems all the patterns of the world are being scrambled. Of course there were always exceptions, nature's surprises – a flash flood every few decades, unexplained droughts, unexpected hurricanes. But they were blips in a constant natural heartbeat.

Now there is no constant, just creeping confusion. We have reached a crucial transitional moment in history, which will probably be defined more by vicious circles of feedback than the predictable linear progress which the great priests and priestesses of the markets always say is our destiny... With every gallon of oil and handful of coal that we burn, we are messing with the very foundations of our life support system. With every forest cut down for the "green" solution of biofuels we absorb less CO<sub>2</sub>, with every chunk of North Pole ice melting the summer sun stops being reflected and it gets a little hotter, with every degree rise in temperatures, the heartbeat of the world trembles a little more.

As temperatures and tides rise, so does the price of fossil fuels, the toxic life lines of our economy, the very things that have turned humankind into the reckless weather makers. And as their prices rise so does the cost of everything else, from food to fashion, water to medicines. Our total dependence is beginning to show, we are waking up to the fact that our society is addicted to something that is killing us. And whilst most of us are finding these times hard, a few are laughing in luxury.

Meanwhile crops are failing everywhere and as the shadow of hunger grows, more money is made. The commodity traders and multinational corporations in the industrial food chain know that people will need to eat at any cost. Food is no longer about nourishing people, just another machine for making money.

As things become more and more unpredictable the corporations and governments will respond in the only way they know, through more control. And as always, they will build more fences. Fences to make us forget that it is our birth right to have access to land, energy, shelter, good health, decent food, clean water. Fences to keep us away from their decision making and their plans for *our* future. And on the fences they will hang signs that warn us that there is no time for democracy, that the state of emergency is too dire. That they are the ones that have all the answers and we should follow.

But fences are built by fear. Each fence is another admission that their plans are failing, that the phantasm of economic growth is faltering as it reaches the limits of a finite planet; that stock markets and pension schemes, property bubbles and hedge funds are merely ghosts of a reckless economic binge that cannot survive without a healthy ecosystem as its base.

And slowly we realise that there is a failure of imagination at the centre of this way of life of ours. The house of cards that our culture has built is resting on a huge assumption: that we can somehow transcend limits and live without a body. Like the dreams of the anorexic, our society has forgotten that without the clean flowing rivers and bloodstreams, without marshlands and kidneys, without fertile soil and skin, without forests and lungs, we die. It's a dream that thrives on the greatest lie of all, the lie of separation.

And whilst they build more fences to separate us from each other and the world, we begin to imagine something different. We begin to join the dots, to see the world in a different way, not as a series of separate objects to be sold, but a complex web of relationships to be nurtured. Not as rigid pyramids of command and control but adaptable networks of interdependence. Not as a chain of linear causes and effects, but something much more complex and unpredictable, more like the weather than clockwork, more like a lush forest than a cold machine.

And in this world where everything is connected to everything else, a teardrop can become a Tsunami, pushing down one fence can bring them all tumbling. And when the fences come down, we reconnect with each other and the future no longer feels frightening anymore but an opportunity. We realise that it is like everything in this world, it is not readymade but being made all the time, it is not fixed but wide open, malleable like water, soft like the ground beneath our feet, yielding like the skin of a lover.

The future may not be what it used to be, but one thing hasn't changed, and that's the fact that what happens next is up to us, it's up to you and I, it is up to what we decide to do today and tomorrow...



**AND  
SOMETHING  
IS HAPPENING**

**CHANGE IS WROUGHT BY PEOPLE WHO ARE AT FIRST CONSIDERED INSANE DREAMERS IT IS MADE BY THOSE WHO HAVE THE COURAGE TO DISOBEY AND DEVIATE FROM THE NORM.**

So much of what you and I take for granted in this world, was won because we overcame our fears, ignored ridicule and dared to be different.

When half a dozen people met in a London pub in the 18th century, to begin the abolitionist movement, no one imagined that state sanctioned slavery would be made illegal within a generation.

When at the turn of the 20th century, the suffragettes broke shop windows and sent chilli powder mixed with snuff to every MP, few believed that women should ever be given the vote.

When in the 1980s thirty six women set up a peace camp outside Greenham Common nuclear missiles base in Berkshire no one thought that within ten years the missiles would be removed and arms limitation treaties signed.

We have learnt from all these victories, from all these movements that dared to change the story. Without them this wasting world of ours would be a lot worse.

The indigenous Zapatistas who emerged from the depths of the Mexican jungle, on New Year's day in 1994 taught us that to change the world we should begin by listening, that the best way to lead is by following and that power comes from the grassroots, not from above.

Meanwhile we were living up in the trees in anti-road camps across the UK, fighting the government's new road building programmes that would destroy the forests that we played in as children, all to save a few minutes on a car journey. And when our actions made them cough up millions in massive security costs, they started to think again and within a few years 700 roads were cancelled.

Then we learnt from Reclaim the Streets that we could party and protest at the same time, that if we had to wait until "after the revolution" to have fun then why bother, and so we held illegal street parties and drilled holes in the motorways with jack hammers to plant trees. There we realised that the power of an audacious story of direct action which showed a glimpse of the world we wanted, that said 'yes' this is how we could live, was worth more than a million marchers chanting 'no' in the street.

As the new century dawned we saw a rich tapestry of rebels from the over developed and the majority world begin to talk to each other and a world outside of the dictatorship of the markets seemed possible for the first time in decades. From Landless Brazilian Peasants to Berlin Squatters, Indian Fisherfolk to Californian Computer Hackers, movements where we were all leaders, all equals and experts, where we all had a voice, began to connect.

Wherever and whenever the world leaders met for one of their acronym soup summits - G8, WTO, COP6, IMF, FTAA, WEF - protest camps began popping up. Every time the summits put up fences to protect themselves from the very people they pretended to represent, one by one those fences were pushed down. The mantras of 'free trade' and 'free market' were no longer seen as the truth, multilateral economic agreements failed; for a moment we were winning. The life world was reclaiming the money world.

But then as the twenty first century dawned another set of fundamentalists, not of the economic but of the religious kind, killed thousands with hijacked jet planes, and the governments, backed by the arms companies and mercenaries, jumped upon the excuse to further coerce the world into thinking and acting like them.

It was a last ditch attempt to control more of the diminishing oil reserves, and in the process they killed more than a million people in their so called 'war on terror'. The only good news seemed to be coming from Argentina, where people were kicking out their presidents and bosses and taking back control of their lives, places of work and neighbourhoods despite the economy collapsing around them.

But as the tit-for-tat slaughter continued, from Iraq to London, Madrid to Kandahar, those who were not cocooned in a web of fear broke into military bases to stop the bombers taking off, others bunked off school and blocked the streets. The war on Iraq didn't stop, but perhaps our government's freedom to kill indiscriminately was constrained and soon things started to unravel, the empire began to be less steady on its feet. And as the rubble and bodies piled up in Iraq, the western oil companies looked forward to grabbing the newly 'liberated' oil.

But something else started to happen, the daily conversations about the weird weather began to get louder. 30,000 people baked to death during a European heat wave, the levees broke in New Orleans and as the desert advanced in Darfur, the first climate war took away half a million lives. The climate crisis had gone from being a technical debate amongst environmentalists and scientists, to exploding on the front page of the newspapers.

Even the oil companies that were driving the heating up of our world realised that they had to respond to the conversation, and so they used conjuring tricks and Public Relations to pretend they cared. With new green logos and petrol stations with solar panels on the roof, they tried to distract us from the fact that they were still pumping millions of gallons of climate wrecking fossil fuels out of the ground and making billions of pounds profit doing it.

By the time the UK government's chief scientific advisor announced that 'climate change was a greater threat than terrorism' it seemed everyone was sitting up, even the Pentagon warned that Britain could be plunged into Siberian temperatures by 2020 and that a climate crisis would create a future where 'warfare would define human life'.

It was clear that the markets and governments who had caused these problems in the first place were never going to provide the solutions, and that we had to do something, fast. Within this crisis was an opportunity to change things at a deeper level, to rethink our relationship with each other and the world. To do something radically different.

And so, one balmy autumn night three years ago, a handful of people got together and decided that it was time to up the ante, to do more than increase awareness about the boiling planet, more than lobby the governments with their empty rhetoric, more than expose the criminal contradictions of the corporations who talk green in one corner and fight for 'business as usual' in the other. What was needed was a space that could launch a radical movement against the fossil fuel economy and for global climate justice.



**INSPIRED BY THE LONG TRADITION OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE THAT HAS ALWAYS PAVED THE WAY FOR SOCIAL CHANGE AND THE MANY PROTEST CAMPS OF THE PAST, AND WANTING TO SAY MORE THAN JUST NO BUT ALSO YES THIS IS HOW WE CAN LIVE, THIS IS HOW WE WANT TO REMAKE THE WORLD - WE DECIDED TO LAUNCH 'THE CAMP FOR CLIMATE ACTION'...**

'ALL THE FACILITIES THAT 1,500 PEOPLE WOULD NEED - INCLUDING RUNNING WATER, SANITATION, HOT FOOD TWICE A DAY, BANKS OF COMPUTERS AND WALKIE-TALKIES, STAGE LIGHTING, SOUND SYSTEMS, EVEN A CINEMA - WERE SET UP IN A FEW HOURS ON UNFAMILIAR GROUND, IN THE TEETH OF POLICE BLOCKADES. A SYSTEM OF AFFINITY GROUPS AND NEIGHBOURHOODS, FEEDING THEIR DECISIONS UPWARDS TO GENERAL MEETINGS, PERMITTED A GENUINE PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY OF THE KIND THAT YOU WILL NEVER ENCOUNTER IN BRITISH PUBLIC LIFE. THE ACTIONS THEMSELVES WERE DISCIPLINED AND REMAINED NON-VIOLENT, EVEN WHEN THE POLICE GOT HEAVY. I LEFT THE CAMP ON SUNDAY EVENING CONVINCED THAT A NEW POLITICAL MOVEMENT HAS BEEN BORN.'

GEORGE MONBIOT, 'BENEATH HEATHROW'S PALL OF MISERY, A NEW POLITICAL MOVEMENT IS BORN' THE GUARDIAN, AUGUST 21, 2007



CLIMATE CAMP  
No AIRPORT  
EXPANSION

Eleven months of every year go by without a place for people to gather and collectively work out how we are going to respond to the climate crisis that we face. A place where shareholders and stock markets are off the agenda, where we can find solutions that put the needs of humanity and the environment before profit. A place where people with all sorts of experiences, skills and knowledge can put their heads together and do what is necessary to stand up to the climate criminals. But for one month every year, such a place is created. It is called the Camp for Climate Action.

In the late summer of 2006, 600 people squatted a field and set up kitchens, marquees, workshop spaces, solar showers, satellite media hubs and wind turbines under the shadow of Western Europe's biggest CO2 emitter, Drax coal-fired

power station. Vowing to act directly on the root causes of climate change and close Drax down, the first Camp for Climate Action put the needs for radical action against climate change at the top of the agenda.

A year later, we pitched our tents bang in the middle of the land earmarked for Heathrow airport's third runway highlighting the absurdity of expanding aviation in the midst of a climate crisis. With the support of hundreds of local people whose villages would be obliterated by the proposed new runway, two thousand campers turned up, over 100 workshops were held, the HQ of the airport owners (BAA) was shut down and seventeen other non-violent direct actions took place. A CNN news flash flickered across the planet 'Britain under siege by climate activists'.

The movement is growing faster than even we could have imagined. The next stage in the adventure will take place between the 3rd and 11th of August this summer, on the Hoo peninsula in Kent. This time our involuntary host will be Kingsnorth power station, where E.on and the government plan to build the first of 8 new coal-fired power plants.

Like every year, the camp will weave four key principles together: low impact living, high impact direct action, education and movement building. It will be organised around regional neighbourhoods (from Scotland to London, East side to West side) which are places to pitch your tent, meet friends, make decisions, plan actions, cook and eat delicious food, and begin to make steps towards a future that we can all share.

# CLIMATE CAMP



CLIMATE CHANGE. IT AFFECTS EVERYONE.

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LONDON

SOUTH COAST

SOUTH WEST

WALES

WEST SIDE

NORTH WEST

OXFORD

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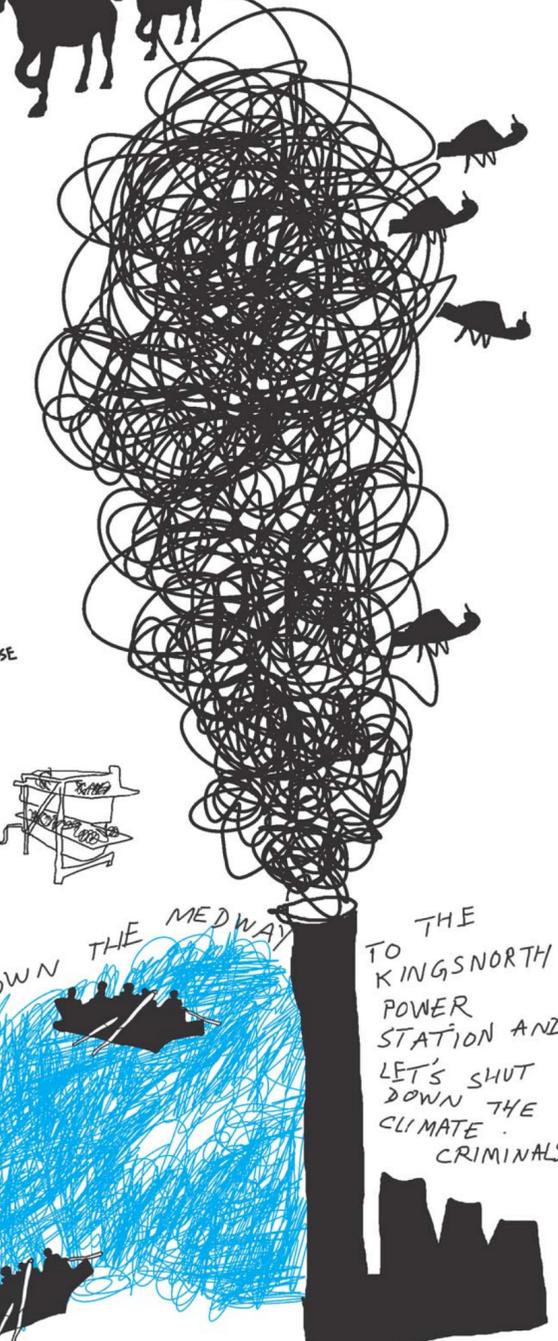
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  - = 12MM PLYWOOD ROLL-WAY

WELCOME

FIRE PIT

CENTRAL KITCHEN

FOODSTORE

MEDIA

GATE

TAT BAYS

SITE VEHICLE PARKING

GREAT REBEL RAFT REGATTA: GET ONBOARD AND GET BUILDING. BUILD YOUR RAFTS FROM ANYTHING. AND LET'S FLOAT DOWN THE MEDWAY TO THE KINGSNORTH POWER STATION AND LET'S SHUT DOWN THE CLIMATE CRIMINALS



# GLIMPSES OF LIFE DESPITE CAPITALISM

In order to live healthy, happy, sustainable lives, we need to shift to using only our fair share of global resources, and no more than the earth can replace to sustain us. Yet countries and companies strive constantly to produce more and more, relying increasingly on finite reserves of fossil fuels, an addiction that culminates in wars and lives lost in the name of the growth economy.

I can't stand the way 'modern' society is based on competition between individuals to own the most, spend the most, and work the most. I don't want to work for faceless corporations that care only for profit, competing with each other for financial domination. Life is not, and should not be, about working ever-longer hours to pay ever-higher bills and consume ever-more meaningless products.

At climate camp I saw how, when we do away with leaders and distribute power amongst ourselves, we are able to take back control of our lives.

Consensus decision-making in open meetings, where everyone has the right to contribute and to

be heard, is crucial to the climate camp. And it's not just about meetings. Doing It Yourself means that if I see that something needs doing, I get on and do it! It's incredible how instead of being shackled by one-way chains of command, through self-organising we become interlinked in webs of mutual aid and support. The camp is an amazing space to experiment, to work out how we can live comfortable yet low-impact lives.

From cultivating a shared allotment to taking direct action, self-organising is an effective way of working outside the system and building resilient alternatives.

At last year's camp I saw energy produced by wind-turbines, powering laptops, phone chargers, low-wattage lights and even an electric wheelchair, and wood-burning rocket stoves used to heat water and food. Sustainable living is about cutting consumption too, about rediscovering neighbourhoods, rebuilding trust, and localising our everyday lives. And of course there was the food! I'm not normally vegan, but at the camp I ate fantastic curries, pastas, salads, and

even vegan cake! I learned that vegan food requires far less energy to produce than other diets. In a world without fossil fuels we need to re-think our dinners and I discovered that cutting down our meat and dairy consumption is a good start, as is eating organic foods, which don't use the fossil fuels that pesticides and fertilizers are made from.

I helped out with composting everything from food scraps to waste washing water, filtered through a grey-water system before being returned to the ground. I avoided helping out with the compost loos though! Maybe I'll give it a go this year. I heard that processed human waste is an excellent natural fertiliser for non-food crops.

It's amazing to experience the climate camp experiment, this work in progress where anyone can get involved; anyone can contribute. I came away from it realising that together we have the strength to create something better.



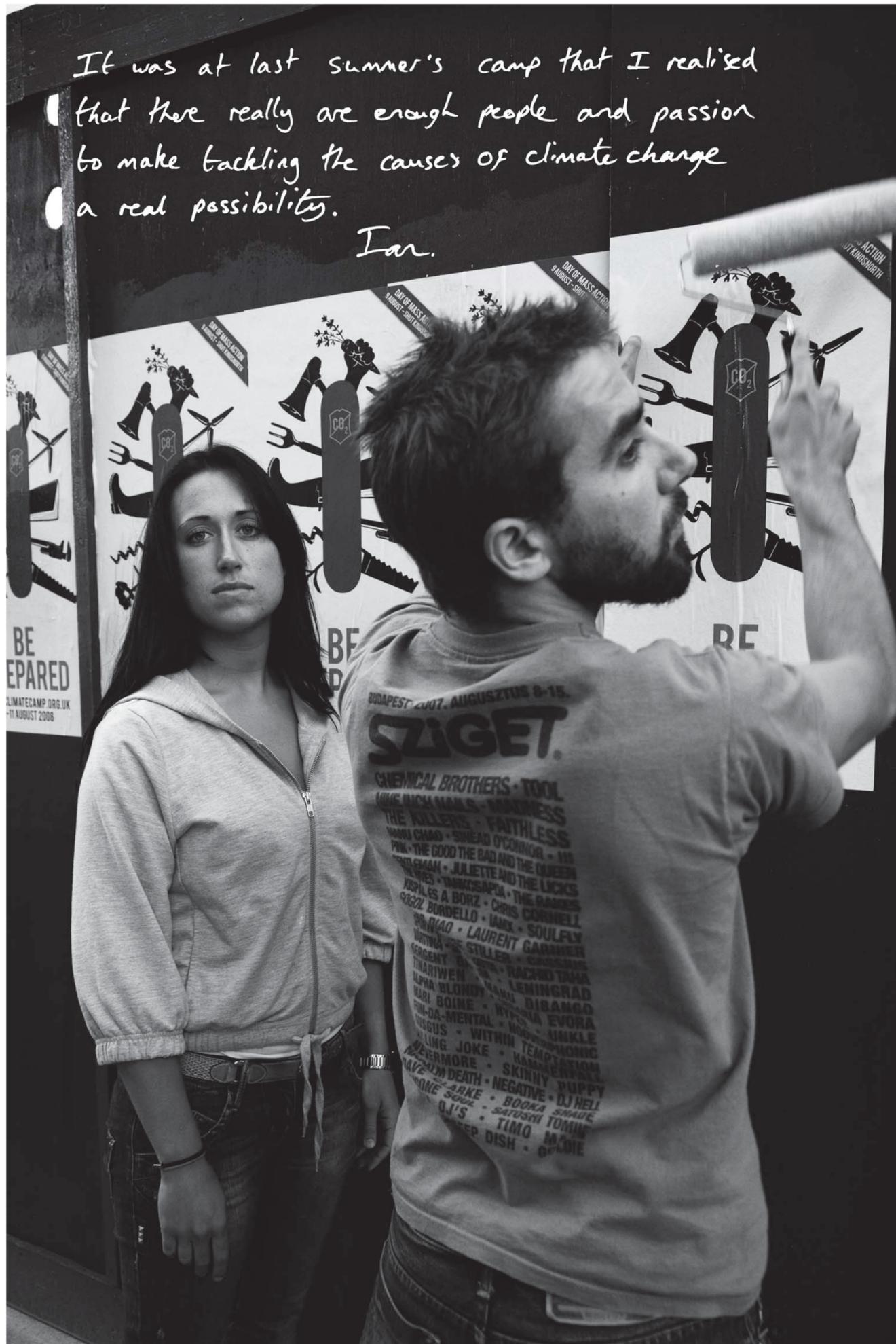
I so enjoyed running the kitchen for the london neighbourhood last year. It was an enchanting way to meet visitors, watch the magic happen, and contribute to a movement where a peaceful future is more imaginable and alternatives more enticing.

Olivia



It was at last summer's camp that I realised that there really are enough people and passion to make tackling the causes of climate change a real possibility.

Ian.



## LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER

CO2... methane... 450 parts per million maximum... Carbon Capture and Storage... Carbon offsets... Carbon Trading... Kyoto Protocol... 90% emission reduction by 2050... 60% by 2020...

I don't know about you but often I feel quite confused by all the debates around climate change, about what should and shouldn't be done, about what we, as 'ordinary people', can do. A constant stream of experts, authoritatively speaking in their suits and ties, pass through the media, using language aimed more at sounding expert than being understood.

Learning about such an important issue should not be like this. At a time of such urgency, when many people are already suffering from the early signs of climate chaos (floods, droughts and food shortages), what I feel we need to do is come together and exchange all the information we have to find solutions that are workable and sustainable.

Because I now really believe that between all of us, we DO have the information. Some of us know about the science, some about the politics, others

have been experimenting with practical solutions. What we need is a space for all to join together and share our skills, knowledge, energy, hope and experience. A space where everybody talks and listens, not to assert their power or defend their own interest, but to genuinely learn from each other.

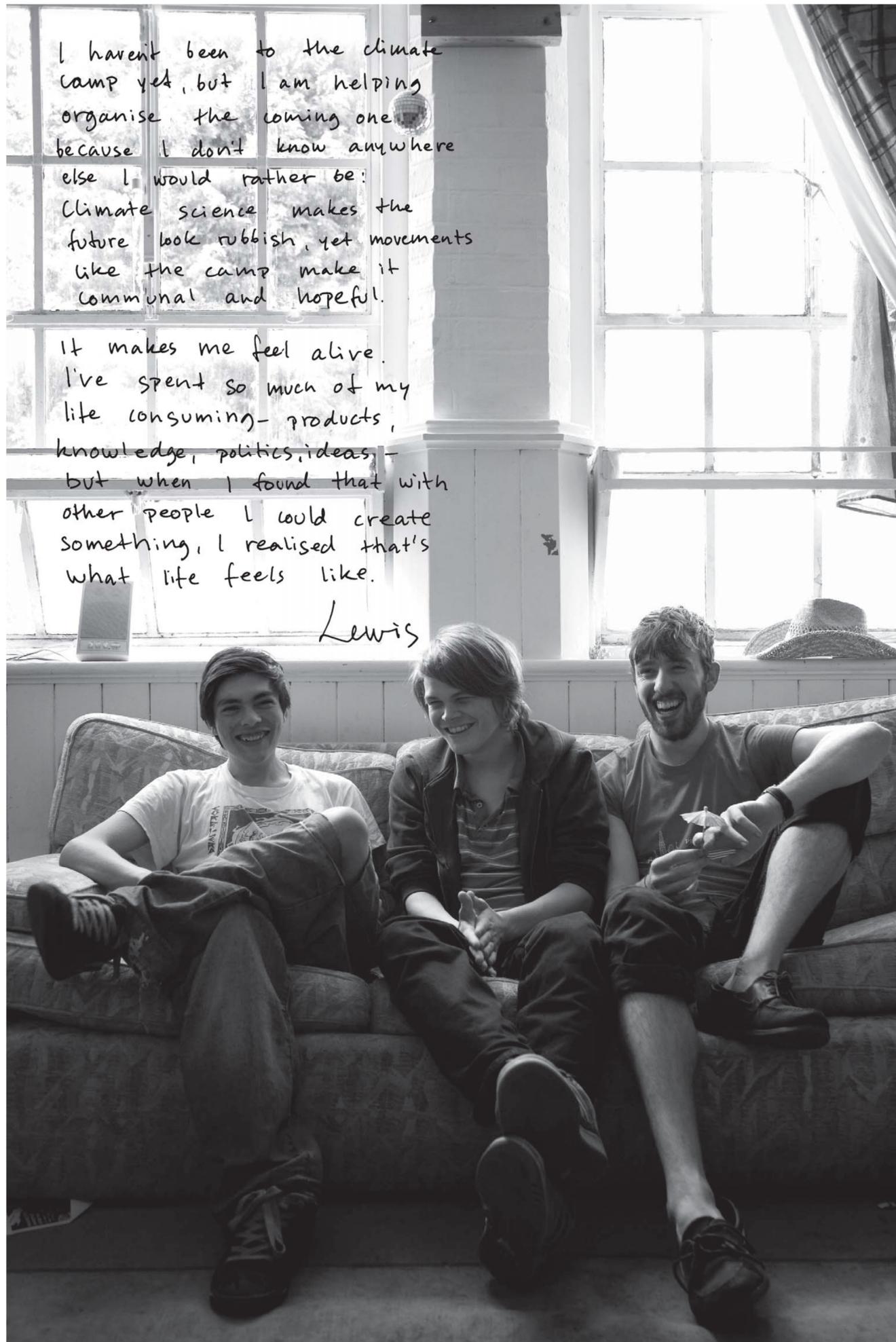
This is what I found at the Camp for Climate Action. When I went last year, I learnt so much. Just by participating in the day to day life of the camp, I learnt to put up a big marquee, to plan a meal for more than a hundred people and make sure it is ready on time (basically the trick is: the more hands on deck, the easier it gets!)

I also went to lots of workshops - there was a programme of more than 100 and it didn't cost a penny. I learnt to build efficient 'rocket stoves' out of cooking oil drums, I engaged in some fascinating debates about the potential and limitations of Transition Towns and about the real problems behind Carbon Trading.

What I particularly enjoyed was that not only were the topics wide-ranging but also that the presentations were so diverse: open debates, expert speakers (with no tie!) and practical skill-shares, there really was something for everyone.

This year again an exciting range of workshops will be on offer: from green economics to guerrilla art, testimonies and analyses from the Global South, through permaculture to the finance behind the oil industry. It will provide a chance to understand how capitalism works, learn from global resistance movements and explore what we need to do to restore a sustainable human economy in harmony with the earth.

Most of all, it will be a chance to experience some of the real wealth we have for the future: our shared knowledge, experience and understanding.



I haven't been to the climate camp yet, but I am helping organise the coming one because I don't know anywhere else I would rather be: Climate science makes the future look rubbish, yet movements like the camp make it communal and hopeful.

It makes me feel alive. I've spent so much of my life consuming - products, knowledge, politics, ideas - but when I found that with other people I could create something, I realised that's what life feels like.

Lewis

# SPRINGBOARD TO DIRECT ACTION

If I see someone homeless and hungry, what can I do? I can think 'something should be done, someone should organise a soup kitchen, the local council should provide vouchers, the government should have policies to ensure this doesn't happen'... Or I can go find some like-minded friends and cook a big meal that we serve on our pavement for those who need it.

In my view, direct action is just that: a direct and immediate response to a problem, without asking anyone to do it for me, without mediation. It also often involves putting my body in the way of what needs to be stopped - to be an actual spanner in the works.

This is why I decided to join 28 friends in June to hijack a train transporting coal to Drax, the largest coal-fired power in the country. I hadn't known what to expect - and the train was even bigger than I'd imagined. But I climbed up it! And as soon as we were all on, we whooped with the exhilaration of a plan in action. We shovelled the coal onto the tracks, it was so empowering. We were doing what our banner demanded - leaving fossil fuels in the ground!

This is the point: direct action is a clear and visible demonstration of how determined we are to not let some things happen, and also to demonstrate what it is that we want. In this sense, the entire camp is direct action: we set up on a piece of land, together we try our best for it to be as sustainable as possible, and we go and shut down a climate criminal.

Through taking part in direct action I discovered another of its crucial dimensions - the sheer joy that we feel when we take our destiny in our own hands and move from passively accepting decisions made by others, to an active role that challenges and changes the powers that be. The paralysing feeling of powerlessness melts away as we create the world in which we want to live.

For me it comes down to logic: the threat of climate chaos is so vast, so urgent, so universally shared, that the action we need to take must be similarly wide ranging, immediate and carried out by everyone; not delegated to 'experts' and ministers who will deal with the issues sometime tomorrow or the day after, following endless hazy 'consultations', committee meetings, etc.

Governments and corporations have only been able to show their spectacular inability to deal with the problem. It is too late to be polite, too late to lobby, to ask nicely for something to be done by those that have caused the problem in the first place. It is time to find confidence and collective power to directly engage with the issues ourselves, to experiment with the world(s) we want to see rather than expect them to organise it for us.

This is exactly what the Camp for Climate Action is about.

## DAY OF MASS ACTION AUGUST 9TH CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE: LAND SEA OR AIR

On Saturday August 9th the camp will culminate in a spectacular mass action to shut down the power station at Kingsnorth.

Together with thousands from across the UK, we will converge on the power station via land, sea and air. We will stream in from all directions, using a broad variety of tactics that can appeal to everyone.

We will be launching rebel rafts of every shape and size. From pirate ships to Viking boats, an armada of various vessels are being imaginatively fashioned out of the flotsam and jetsam of recycled materials (plenty will be available at the camp for you to build your own raft). Once on the river, rafts will swarm towards Kingsnorth, like a giant shoal of disobedient fish, all with a single aim of laying aquatic siege to the climate criminal. See [www.grrr.net](http://www.grrr.net) for details.

Landlubbers needn't worry, as you can join the Orange Pod, who will be putting on their dancing shoes and heading straight for the main entrance. Parents and children are especially welcome.

For those that love the wild undergrowth more than savage economic growth, the Green group will be stealthily approaching through the surrounding fields and woods, scouting for weak points in the perimeter fence - up, under or through... whatever it takes!

As for by 'air' - strictly under wraps, find out more at the camp!

Be there on August 9th. Shutting down this power station promises to be a defining moment in the global struggle against climate change!

## DAY OF ACTION AGAINST AGROFUELS AUGUST 6TH

Take part in decentralised creative direct actions against all aspects of the agrofuels business. Across the world new agrofuel plantations are causing deforestation and taking away valuable food growing land. Biofuels can never be a green solution.



# A RISING REBEL TIDE

Let's not delude ourselves. The camp for climate action will not solve the climate crisis. Shutting down Kingsnorth for a day or two is not going to deal with the UK's carbon emissions spiralling out of control. These exciting and empowering summer days are only stepping stones towards the bigger task of building a robust, diverse and effective network of groups and individuals across the country who are bringing about the transformation to a just, sustainable, low carbon society.

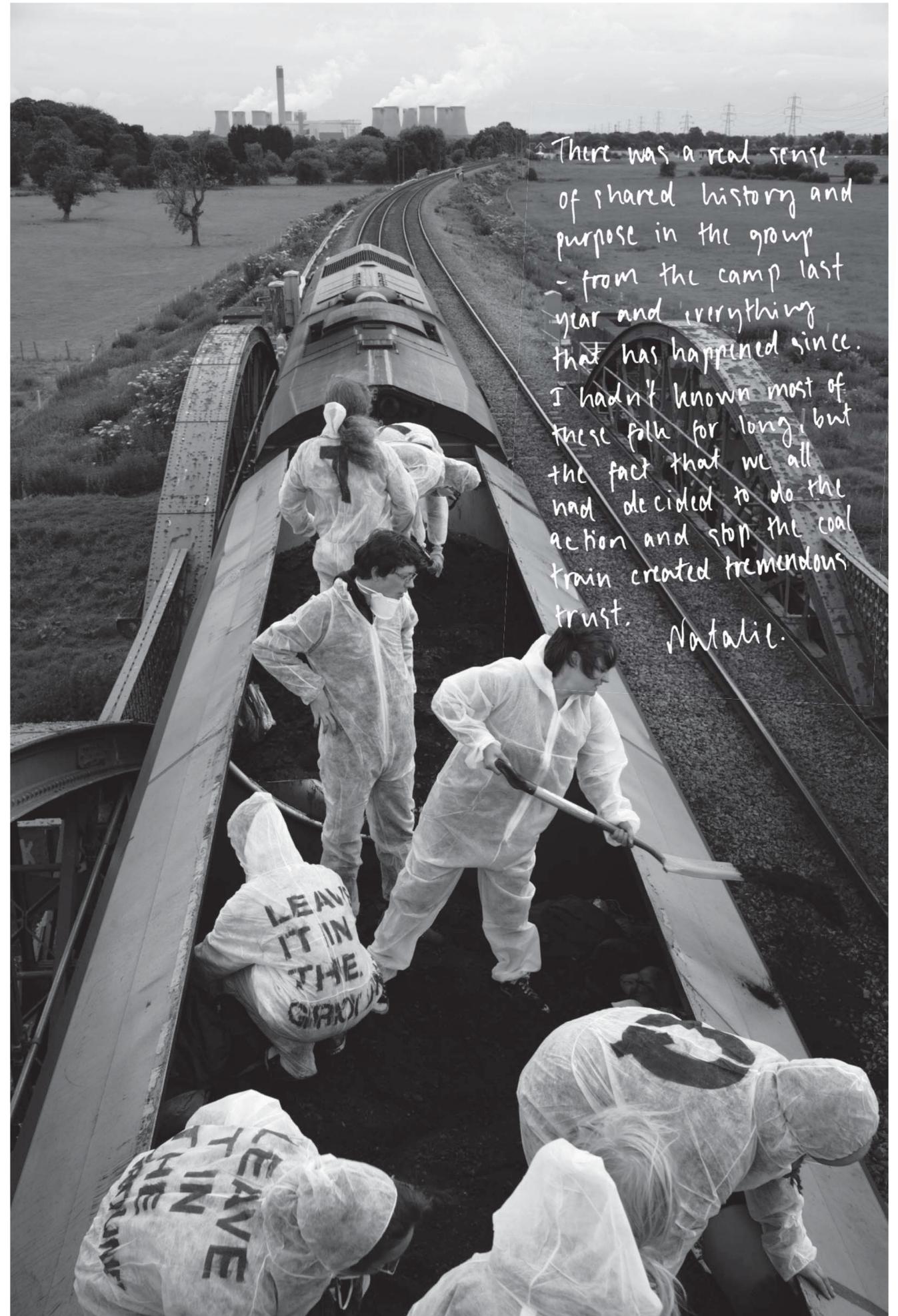
The camp provides a visible presence that attracts like-minded folk together, where we can share skills, inspire each other and build strong working bonds that form the basis of our shared projects and visions during the other 51 weeks of the year. Movement building is an ongoing process. It's not a distant pipe dream – it's something that has already been happening in and around the climate camp. Countless adventures and projects aimed at decarbonising our lives have arisen out of the exciting and creative synergies between all sorts of people, from teachers to gardeners, engineers to artists, students to nurses whose paths have intertwined during these events. Many direct action groups, such as Plane Stupid, were born out of people getting to know each other at the camp. The recent hijacking of the coal train near Drax power station was only possible to coordinate amongst people from all over the country because of the bonds of trust and friendship that had developed from their experiences at last year's camp.

The strength of the movement we are building is dependent on its diversity. Everyone will be affected by climate change, and everyone needs to be involved in overcoming challenges and take part in determining what our post carbon future looks like. People with mortgages in flood plains, long-haul truck drivers and coal miners with families to feed all have different concerns about what climate change will mean for them. We need to acknowledge and accommodate this variety of perspectives and ensure that no one sector of society is disproportionately disadvantaged by the changes that need to be made. Interlinking with existing struggles for ecological and social justice must play an important role in working towards our shared vision of a more equitable post-carbon society.

As individuals, our political influence is limited to occasionally voting for ineffectual or corrupt politicians, and the consumer choice of buying 'ethical' products, reducing our individual carbon footprint or boycotting particular companies.

As a social movement, we have the power to transform our communities, challenge the power structures that prevent real action from taking place and bring about the profound and systemic changes to the fossil-fuelled growth model that is bringing us to the brink of ecological catastrophe.

CLIMATE CAMP GOES GLOBAL  
 THIS YEAR THE CAMP BUG HAS SPREAD  
 TO THREE CONTINENTS:  
 AUSTRALIA - [WWW.CLIMATECAMP.ORG.AU](http://WWW.CLIMATECAMP.ORG.AU)  
 GERMANY - [WWW.KLIMACAMP08.NET](http://WWW.KLIMACAMP08.NET)  
 AND THREE DIFFERENT CAMPS ACROSS THE US:  
[WWW.CLIMATECONVERGENCE.ORG](http://WWW.CLIMATECONVERGENCE.ORG)



There was a real sense of shared history and purpose in the group - from the camp last year and everything that has happened since. I hadn't known most of these folk for long, but the fact that we all had decided to do the action and stop the coal train created tremendous trust. Natalie.

# WHY COAL? WHY KINGSNORTH?

**GIVEN HOW MUCH CO<sub>2</sub> YOU GET WHEN YOU BURN COAL, BUILDING A COAL FIRED POWER STATION IN THE MIDDLE OF A CLIMATE CRISIS WOULD BE REALLY STUPID. BUT INCREDIBLY, DOWN AT KINGSNORTH THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT E.ON AND THE GOVERNMENT PLAN TO DO. HERE IS OUR TOP 10 REASONS FOR NOT BUILDING KINGSNORTH, OR BURNING COAL OR DOING ANYTHING WITH IT OTHER THAN LEAVING IT IN THE GROUND. ANY ONE WILL GIVE YOU REASON ENOUGH TO JOIN US THIS SUMMER.**



## 1. LET'S BUILD A COAL-FIRED POWER STATION!

If built, Kingsnorth will emit between 6 and 8 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> every year. Scientists - usually a fairly reserved bunch - are starting to sound frantic about what's happening with the climate. If we carry on treating the planet like a boil in the bag dinner we risk causing catastrophic climate change.

## 2. KINGSNORTH IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

Unless there's a big fight over Kingsnorth, these companies, with the backing of government, want to build six more atmosphere-crunching coal-fired power stations which together would emit around 50 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> a year. It's hard to understand such a callous disregard for your fellow humans but if you want to, start by following the money. Power stations make lots of it and, given the amount of coal around, they're a 'safe' long term investment. It's an age-old story but the ending isn't written yet.

## 3. BECAUSE COAL IS THE MOST POLLUTING FOSSIL FUEL.

Coal might have made sense at the beginning of the industrial revolution but then so did child labour, slavery and woollen swimming trunks. Of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere from human activity around 50% has come from coal. Today coal is responsible for around 25% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. One of the great challenges for this generation is to find ways of living on this planet whilst leaving fossil fuels in the ground.

## 4. BECAUSE COAL IS ABOUT AS CLEAN AS AN ANTHRAX SANDWICH.

Proudly brandishing the phrase 'clean coal', the industry is confidently striding forth into our warming world. It's a brilliant piece of PR greenwash. Like 'friendly' fire or the 'great' war, it sounds kind of good but actually it really isn't.

Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) is an important part of the 'clean coal' myth, it's basically compressing the CO<sub>2</sub> from a power station and storing it underground. There are a few problems with CCS. The biggest one is that it doesn't exist, it's science fiction - even the industry themselves say it's 10 years away at best.

## 5. OH DEAR WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF OIL. WAHEY THERE'S LOADS OF COAL!

If you've got big investments in fossil fuels then maybe this 'solution' to the oil crunch makes sense. To the rest of us it makes about as much sense as a petrol-filled fire extinguisher. Most of the evidence suggests that there is up to 200 years of coal left. But burning it isn't an option if we want a planet to live on.

## 6. BUT IF WE DON'T BURN COAL THE CHINESE WILL.

Blimey. Where do you start? Yes the Chinese are building power stations but...

Climate change is a global problem and nearly every country will have to change the way our societies make and use energy. If we're going to do it fairly (which in our view is essential), then countries like the UK will have to cut emissions a lot more than China.

Not only are average emissions per person significantly lower in China than in Britain, a large percentage of Chinese coal is burnt to make the consumer items that fill the shopping centres and refuse dumps of the Global North.

We've got to start somewhere. The ecological systems we rely on for life are in jeopardy. Arguing about who should set the alarm is as pathetic as it is suicidal.

## 7. WITHOUT THESE POWER STATIONS THERE WILL BE AN ENERGY GAP.

Problem: a load of companies want to make big bucks but can only achieve it by doing the rest of us over.

Answer: come up with something scary so people are distracted and don't notice what they're up to. O'ooo...

The energy gap. It's meant to be what happens if we don't build new coal and nuclear power stations, but the energy gap is a nonsense. Check out the government's own projections:

- The reduction of electricity generating capacity by 2027 from closing old coal and nuclear power stations: 35%
- The amount of energy Gordon Brown has said we will generate from renewable sources by 2020: 40%

On these figures there is no energy gap. In fact we're up five percent seven years early. There are other gaps. A commitment gap, a vision gap, a do something useful for a change gap. But no energy gap.

## 8. BECAUSE THERE IS A GROWING MOVEMENT AGAINST COAL.

This summer there are five other Climate Camps around the world focused on coal. This is an essential way of facing the climate crisis. It's a call to work for something better in solidarity with people across the globe.

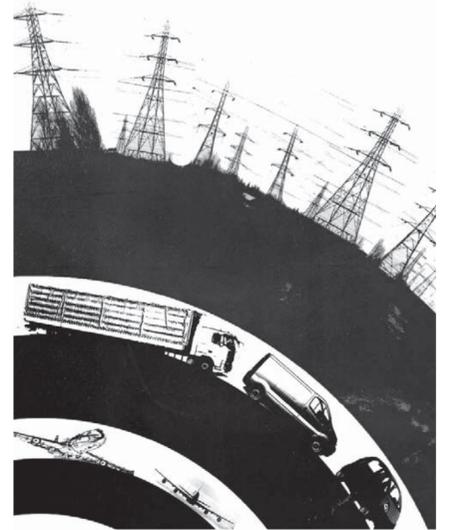
## 9. BECAUSE WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT WORK.

Here's a crazy idea. Instead of employing people to dig up and burn coal how about we build an energy system based on renewables. Renewables in Germany already employ 250,000 people, which is more than our entire power sector. We know we need to make a transition from one system to another so what about building that transition around the workers in those industries, making it a just transition?

## 10. THEY DON'T HAVE TO BUILD KINGSNORTH.

There are a load of brilliant alternatives that would solve the energy issue without messing with the planet. If enough of us get together and say no, then Kingsnorth will never get built. Last year a new runway at Heathrow was seen as a done deal. The Climate Camp helped galvanise almost universal opposition to that stupid plan. With enough of us, we can do the same with new coal-fired power stations.

# THERE IS ONLY ONE CERTAIN MEANS OF STOPPING US FROM TIPPING OVER INTO RUNAWAY CLIMATE CHAOS: LEAVING FOSSIL FUELS IN THE GROUND



than they are supposed to replace and exacerbate global food shortages, but *in the future* there will be a second generation of agrofuels that will have resolved all these problems.

Critics of environmental justice activists say that we are anti-technology, that we are advocating a return to 'the bad old days' of 'primitive' feudalism. Technology has to play an enormous role in helping us make the low-carbon transition, but there needs to be a realism of what its limits are. We need to be aware of the ways it is used to protect business interests rather than bringing about emissions cuts. We need to ask how it must complement and facilitate the social change that is so necessary in the low-carbon transition.

What is also often flagged as the magic wand that will sort it all out is the 'market'. Nicholas Stern, author of the influential Stern Review and ex-World Bank Chief Economist, has called climate change the 'greatest market failure the world has ever seen'. Yet somehow we are still expected to believe that the market, in the form of the various carbon trading schemes and offset projects, is going to magically sweep up the mess that it created in the first place.

These free market fixes are being aggressively pushed by governments and industry not because of any track record of ever having worked effectively (there isn't one) but because they enable them to maintain 'business as usual'.

The new carbon market provides another opportunity for some of the most polluting industries and corporations to make mega-profits by playing the system - power companies in the UK are set to make £6 billion in windfall profits during the current round of carbon trading in the EU.

The practice of carbon offsetting, which is riddled with Enron-style accounting to make up for the lack of genuine emissions reductions, often has harmful impacts on distant communities. Thousands of miles away from the glossy leaflets of the offset companies, people have been kicked off their land to make way for monoculture based tree plantations or industrial wind farms, so that people in the Global North can feel better about their long haul flights.

Therefore whatever we do in order to address the looming climate disaster must ensure that it takes us closer and closer to such a situation.

Most of the 'false solutions' are consciously designed to do exactly the opposite. They justify the ongoing extraction and consumption of coal, oil and gas, through a variety of 'quick-fixes', in a futile attempt to resolve the contradiction in maintaining the fossil-fuel intensive, growth economy and the urgent need to drastically cut emissions throughout our societies.

Techno-Fixes embody our ongoing faith in the power of technological ingenuity: no matter how bad things get, there will be some dedicated scientists and engineers somewhere to invent something that will deal with the problem. In many ways, governments are allowing the promise of future technologies to shape the debate and policy response here and now.

So we can keep building coal fired power stations *now*, because at some point *in the future*, scientists will come up with a fool proof way of capturing and storing the carbon dioxide. Sure, the agrofuels that exist *now* often use more fossil fuels to process

# SOME NEXT STEPS

THERE ARE LOTS OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO AND DURING THE CAMP ITSELF. HERE ARE SOME FOR YOUR DIARY:

If the 3rd runway gets the go-ahead, what will we do to stop it?

## ANTI HEATHROW EXPANSION CONFERENCE

26 July – Near Heathrow, Noon- 5pm

Bringing people together who are against Heathrow expansion - local residents, climate campaigners, noise campaigners, and many more, this will be a very different sort of conference, where all ideas are welcome from mass letter-writing to mass direct action.

## THE CLIMATE CARAVAN 60 MILES BY FOOT, WHEEL AND WATER FROM HEATHROW TO KINGSNORTH

27 JULY - 3 AUGUST

The Climate Caravan will traverse London and the Thames valley, passing historical landmarks documenting the rise of industrial capitalism and centuries of resistance to it. The journey will involve being hosted by local communities who are building radical resilience to climate change, evening events, discussions and performances including a recreation of the famous Civil War Putney debates.

If you'd like to get involved with the caravan or just have an idea for it then contact [caravan@climatecamp.org.uk](mailto:caravan@climatecamp.org.uk) or ring 0772 217 2393

**AN EXTRA CARAVAN WILL BE SETTING OFF FROM BRIGHTON TO KINGSNORTH - RING 07951789187 FOR MORE INFO.**

Each day the Caravan will stop for the night and a themed event will take place, it will leave again at 9.30am, you can join it at any point:

### SUNDAY 27 JULY

Launch at Heathrow

### SUNDAY 27 JULY - RICHMOND

Aviation and coal; from the local to the global

### MONDAY 28 JULY - PUTNEY

The Putney Climate debates for the 21st Century

### TUESDAY 29 JULY - OVAL

A Just Transition

### WEDNESDAY 30 JULY - THE CITY

Financial Capital and Climate Change

### THURSDAY 31 JULY - GREENWICH

Life beyond Cars

### FRIDAY 1 AUGUST - DARTFORD

Introducing the Camp

### SATURDAY 2 AUGUST - ROCHESTER

Introducing the Camp

### SUNDAY 3 AUGUST - KINGSNORTH

The Campaign Against Climate Change's No New Coal March joins the caravan from Rochester to Kingsnorth. Assemble at Rochester railway station 12.00 noon. See [www.campaigncc.org](http://www.campaigncc.org).

## CLIMATE CAMP 3-11 AUGUST 2008 KINGSNORTH KENT

### 3 AUGUST SET-UP CAMP

Get stuck in from the start, help build the camp and gain a whole range of skills in the process.

### 4-10 AUGUST

Take part in hundreds of workshops from climate science for beginners, political debates and practical green energy to direct action training.

### 6 AUGUST AGROFUELS ACTIONDAY

SQUASH THE AGROFUEL INDUSTRY BEFORE IT SPROUTS!

### 9 AUGUST MASS ACTIONDAY THE POWER STATION MUST NOT AND WILL NOT BE BUILT! SHUT DOWN KINGSNORTH BY SEA, LAND AND AIR. CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE.

IF THE GREAT REBEL RAFT REGATTA ROCKS YOUR BOAT, GET A GROUP OF FRIENDS TO MAKE UP A RAFT AFFINITY TEAM AND START BUILDING. SEE [WWW.THEGRRR.NET](http://WWW.THEGRRR.NET) FOR INSPIRATION.

### 11 AUGUST

Break camp help return the camping field back to nature.

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS YEAR'S CAMP THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO GET ACTIVE IN 2009.

You can get in contact with your local climate camp group who will be active throughout the year: [neighbourhoods@climatecamp.org.uk](mailto:neighbourhoods@climatecamp.org.uk)

There are many groups and communities targeting the irresponsible expansion of coal, from new open cast mines to power stations, see [www.thecoalhole.org](http://www.thecoalhole.org) for updates of actions and campaigns.

### BLOCKING THE BULLDOZERS

Wherever the first attempt is made to build a new coal fired power station, which is almost certainly going to be Kingsnorth, a rolling blockade will be organised to stop work taking place on the construction site. This could begin as early as January 2009. Check [www.climatecamp.org.uk](http://www.climatecamp.org.uk)

### COPENHAGEN

From November 30th to December 11th, the global climate justice movements will coalesce in Copenhagen (Denmark) to put unprecedented pressure on the world's governments that will be meeting to sign the protocol replacing Kyoto. This will be a historic turning point in the fight against climate change, the outcomes could define the future of life on earth.

Check [www.Klimax2009.org](http://www.Klimax2009.org)

**'I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THERE AREN'T RINGS OF YOUNG PEOPLE BLOCKING BULLDOZERS, PREVENTING THEM FROM BUILDING COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS.'**  
AL GORE, NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER



# BE PREPARED TO SLEEP BENEATH THE STARS TO TASTE ADVENTURE TO GET STUCK IN

[WWW.CLIMATECAMP.ORG.UK](http://WWW.CLIMATECAMP.ORG.UK)

### GET STUCK IN

The climate camp is based on the philosophy of Do It Yourself, working without leaders, sharing skills and ideas, and making decisions together. The camp itself is made up of many regional groups, most of them are setting up neighbourhoods at the camp. It's a great way to network and meet local people.

If you want to get involved, check the neighbourhoods page on the website to see if there is one nearby or email [neighbourhoods@climatecamp.org.uk](mailto:neighbourhoods@climatecamp.org.uk) and we can put you in touch. If there isn't one in your area then feel free to set one up!

Most local groups continue work all year round, preparing for a fossil fuel free future.

### GET THERE BY FOOT

26 July - 3 August

Join the Climate Caravan from Heathrow to Kingsnorth. Come walk or cycle with us for anything from an hour to a week.

### GET THERE BY TRAIN

Nearest station is Strood (from London Victoria and Charing Cross), then take our shuttle bus service from Strood to the camp.

### GET THERE BY COACH

Email [neighbourhoods@climatecamp.org.uk](mailto:neighbourhoods@climatecamp.org.uk) and we'll put you in touch with your local group.

### WHAT TO BRING

Tent  
Sleeping bag  
Warm clothes  
Toothbrush  
Sunblock  
Waterproofs  
Plate+mug+cutlery  
Torch  
Car phone charger

### WHAT NOT TO BRING

Food, because our kitchens are delicious and only ask for donations!  
A belief that nothing can change.

### SPREADING THE WORD

We have trained speakers who can travel to your area to inform and inspire local groups about the Climate Camp. Whether you'd like an informal talk, a presentation or a workshop or simply a chance to talk over any questions or concerns you might have about coming to the Camp then contact us at [speakers@climatecamp.org.uk](mailto:speakers@climatecamp.org.uk)



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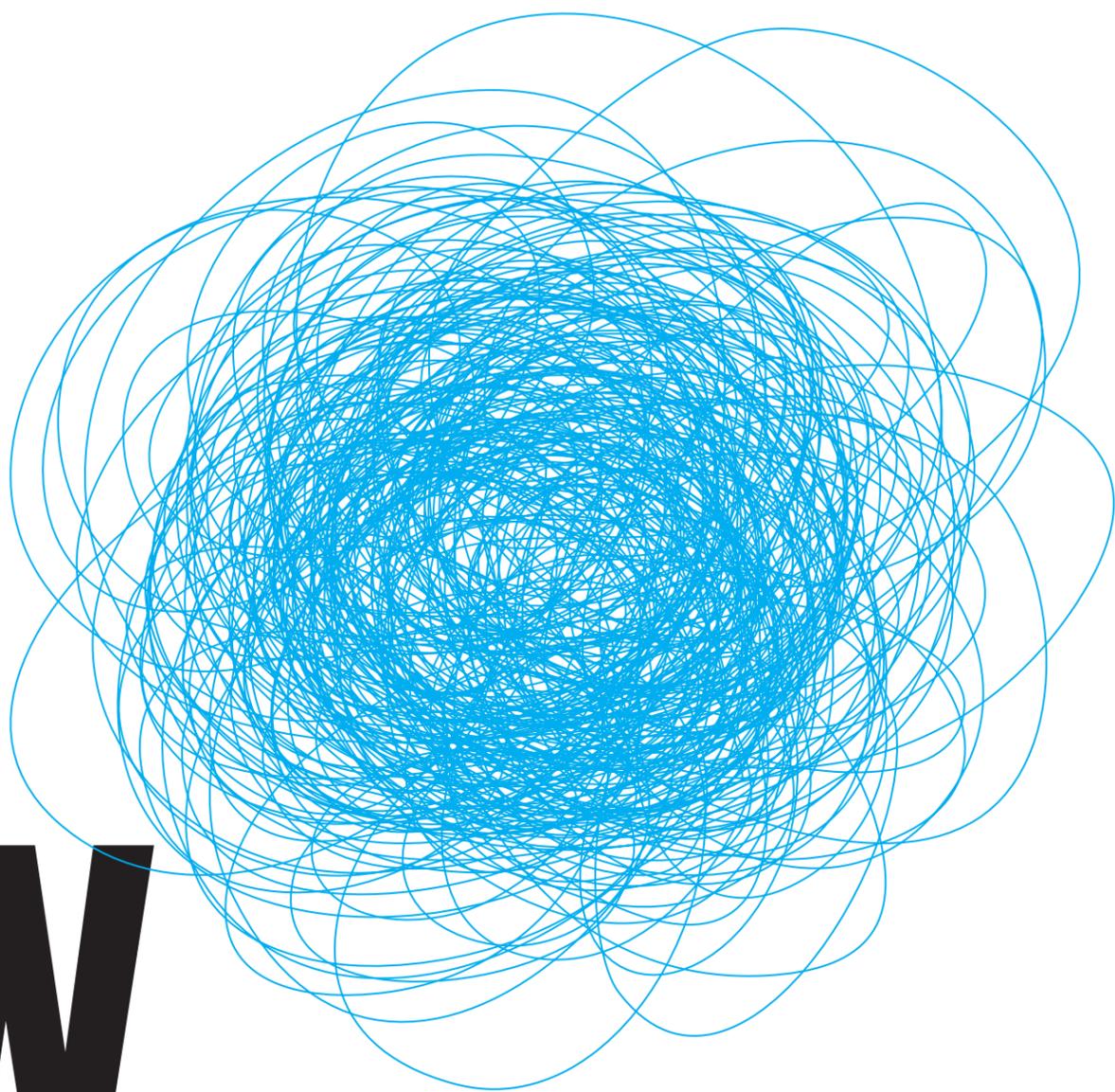
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