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## Against the G8 2008 London Solidarity Protests

The G8 Summit 2008 took place in Hokkaido, Japan, from July 7th to 9th. As always, people across the world were protesting this summit and the capitalist system it represents.

Saturday the 5th of July, *International Day of Action Against the G8*, there were protests worldwide, and in London there was a picket outside the Japanese embassy on Friday and Saturday. And despite previous harassment by the Metropolitan police, a *London Fete Against the G8* was called by *London No Borders* and other groups to demonstrate in solidarity, for the Freedom of Movement, and against Fortress Europe. The day of action around the UK Borders Agency started with a *Critical Mass* bike ride from Brixton to Croydon, the nerve centre of the Home Office's UK Border Agency, where several protests unfolded.

The demonstration demanded an end to the borders policies dictated and carried out specially by the richest countries in the world (namely the G8 and others) and freedom to protest without the insane harassment the police, especially "teams" like FIT, inflict on rightful protesters.

A daily *NO!G8* cafe in London has been organised to coincide with the G8 mobilisations at the *Bowl Court Social Centre*, with films, discussions and screenings of footage from Japan. Monday was a day of info and report on the *International Day of Action Against the G8*; Tuesday, a discussion on the problems experienced by activists when entering Japan and other repression leading up to the G8. Wednesday, screening of 'What Would it Mean to Win?' including footage from Heiligendamm during the G8 last year.

[japan.indymedia.org](http://japan.indymedia.org)  
[bowlcourt.co.nr](http://bowlcourt.co.nr)  
[tv.g8medianetwork.org](http://tv.g8medianetwork.org)  
[a.sanpal.co.jp/no-g8](http://a.sanpal.co.jp/no-g8)

## London Critical Mass

June's Critical mass saw a slightly different route. As always we met at Southbank and managed to leave 7.15pm. Following the killing of Marie Vesco on the A23 her friends, rampART and Food Not Bombs asked people to ride to Brixton, where she served free food every Sunday afternoon with Brixton Food Not Bombs.

Approximately 600 cyclists left Waterloo going South via Lambeth North, then Elephant & Castle, going round a few times stopping the traffic, via the Oval to Brixton.

The cycle police keep on targeting Critical Mass sound systems in the SOCPA zone around Parliament while doing nothing to stop sound systems in cars, buses and lorries. Also the SOCPA legislation is currently under review and other police are tending not to enforce it.

There is also now a new southeast London Critical Mass: first Friday of every month, meet 6.30pm outside Peckham Library.

[criticalmasslondon.org.uk](http://criticalmasslondon.org.uk)

## Squat The Land, Smash School Privatisation

Teachers, residents and campaigners in Wembley, Brent, North West London, have re-squatted the Wembley Sports Ground and are calling out for people to join them, squat the land and join the largest protest against the privatisation of the UK education system.

Brent local teachers, residents and campaigners have made a call out for people to help squat the land at Wembley Park Sports Ground on Bridge Road, next to Wembley Park underground station, and join the largest and most prominent campaign against the accelerating privatisation of the UK education system, the brain child of ex-prime minister Tony Blair. People are asked to join the Tent City Occupation or just visit, help build networks, share information and knowledge on non-violent-direct-action, and help with non-violent-direct-action to halt the project.

[tentcityoccupation.co.uk](http://tentcityoccupation.co.uk)

## Action against Private Equity

Global Day of Action against one of the oldest and largest private equity firms in the world: KKR (Kohlberg, Kravitz and Roberts). Thursday July 17th 1pm, Trafalgar Square, under the lions.

Private equity companies have gained massive influence, power and obscene wealth because they've stayed invisible to public attention and scrutiny. It is time for that to change! On July 17th, thousands of trade unions, community organisations, environmentalists, workers and activists will be taking part in a global day of action against KKR - actions are planned in 100 cities in 25 countries.

In London, the Private Equity Creative Action Network (PECAN) will be bringing a creative and strong message to the executives of KKR, including the delivery a giant invoice that makes it clear that KKR has a long overdue debt to our community and world. To help make this action a success and to kick off a summer of actions against private equity, people are invited to participate and to get involved on the day (in particular: video artists, anti-capitalist cheerleaders, independent media makers, musicians, DJ's, clowns and of course - activists).

[privateequitysucks.com](http://privateequitysucks.com)

## Climate Camp Publishes Inspiring Newspaper

Last week 30,000 newspapers, beautifully designed in black and bright cyan and not looking anything like a boring political paper, came off the printing press and began their journey around the country. To inspire people to camp to this years Climate Camp which sets up at Kingsnorth in Kent in less than a month's time.

The originally designed newspaper is filled with full pages images of last years events at Heathrow Airport, portraits of hot climate campers, a stunning map of this years camp and texts that describe the politics of radical climate activism.

[climatecamp.org.uk](http://climatecamp.org.uk)  
[distribution@climatecamp.org.uk](mailto:distribution@climatecamp.org.uk)

## Wimbledon Southfields Total Oil Burma Protests

On 25th June and 2nd July the [totaloutofburma.org](http://totaloutofburma.org) team held a protest at Southfields Total Oil Station, 262 Wimbledon Park Road, London SW19 6NL. They leafleted the pedestrians attending the Wimbledon Tennis Tournament just down the road from the station. French Total Oil funds the brutal Burma junta with 500 million dollars a year and its gas pipeline in Burma was built with slave labour.

Over the 2 protests they were able to distribute about 1,000 leaflets to the crowds attending Wimbledon, including many taxis. Some cars did turn away from the Total station and people were shocked to learn of Total's involvement in Burma.

[totaloutofburma.org](http://totaloutofburma.org)  
[totaldenialfilm.com](http://totaldenialfilm.com)

## 'On The Verge' Smash EDO Film July 21st South London

"Every bomb that is dropped, every bullet that is fired in the name of this War of Terror has to be made somewhere. And wherever that is, it can be resisted" - Smash EDO

The film the cops tried to ban!  
7pm, Pullens Centre, 184 Crampton St,  
Walworth, London SE17  
Free Entry / Donation

## Happy Birthday Binyam! actions

The last Londoner in Guantánamo Bay turns 30 on 24/7 - after six years of illegal detention, he is suicidal and on hunger strike and facing the prospect of an unfair trial and the death penalty. In the run up to his 30th birthday, take action to get the British government to stop his trial and have him returned to this country.

"In the run up to the 24/7 demonstration, the LGC has been given permission by the police to hold a 24 hour a day demonstration for 7 days outside the US Embassy from Friday 18 July to Thursday 24 July. If Binyam can send six years in illegal detention, we can spend one week outside the US Embassy asking the Americans to drop the charges and close the kangaroo court."

[guantanamo.org.uk](http://guantanamo.org.uk)

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### Indymedia London welcomes your involvement:

This is an open invitation to participate in Indymedia London - from the technical aspects, or helping to maintain the open newswire and producing features, to a variety of offline activities such as film screenings, stalls at events, reporting from the streets and whatever else you may come up with. The London collective has regular meetings, often at LARC. Please feel free to come and share your ideas, knowledge and skills.

[indymedia.org.uk/en/regions/london](http://indymedia.org.uk/en/regions/london)

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