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ACTION FOR SOUTH AFRICA BRISTOL (ACTSA) Successor organisation to Bristol Anti-Apartheid Movement. Exists to continue informing, educating and campaigning on the issues facing southern Africa and to promote the new South Africa as it faces reconstruction after years of apartheid. *Contact: Dave Spurgeon, 100 Queensdown Gardens, Bristol BS4 3JG. Tel: 0117 971 9912 Email: davespurgeon@blueyonder.co.uk Web: www.actsa.org*

ACTION ON DISABILITY & DEVELOPMENT (ADD) British-based organisation supporting rights-based development work with groups of disabled people in Africa and Asia. *Contact: Vallis House, 57 Vallis Rd, Frome, Somerset BA11 3EG. Tel: 01373 473064 Email: add@add.org.uk Web: www.add.org.uk*

ACTIONAID exists to help communities in the world's poorest countries to overcome poverty and secure lasting improvements in the quality of their lives, and to increase public awareness of the causes of poverty. Get in touch for school visits by a qualified teacher. *Contact: Sue Smailes, 55 Belvoir Rd, Bristol BS6 5DQ. Tel: 0117 985 6458 Email: suesmailes@sky.com Web: www.actionaid.org.uk*

AFRICAN INITIATIVES Social justice organisation that promotes the rights of all people to participate in the social, political and economic decisions that affect their lives. Supports African communities in Ghana and Tanzania with resources, training and advocacy. Promotes a better understanding of Africa in the UK through Development Education initiatives. Global Resource Centre provides information, resources and activities for the public, media, schools and youth groups. *Contact: Mike Samson, 3 Brunswick Court, Brunswick Square, Bristol BS2 8PE. Tel: 0117 915 0001 Email: info@african-initiatives.org.uk Web: www.african-initiatives.org.uk*

AGORA aims to create new spaces in our society that are inclusive and accessible, with all sorts of public life on the agenda. *Contact: Project Agora, PO Box 173, Emersons Green, Bristol BS16 7XZ Tel: 0117 9574652 Email: enquiries@agoraspace.org Web: www.agoraspace.org*

AID INTERNATIONAL Partnership of charities taking aid to the poor all across the world. *Contact: Bob Hamer, Bourne Chapel, Waters Rd, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 8BE. Tel: 0117 947 6547 Email: bobhamer@aidinternational.net Web: www.aidinternational.net*

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL Worldwide human rights organisation, working to protect individuals wherever justice, fairness, freedom and truth are denied. **Bristol group** meet third Mon of the month at YHA, Narrow Quay. *Contact: Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA. Tel: 020 7033 1500 Email: Christine.Campbell@blueyonder.co.uk Web: www.amnesty.org.uk, http://bristol.amnesty.org.uk* **Bath group** meet first Mon of the month at BRLSI, Queen Square, 7.30pm. *Contact: Catherine Gandy, 1 Alice Cottages, New Rd, High Littleton, Bristol BS39 6JJ. Tel: 01761 472912 or Margaret Greene. Email: info@bathamnesty.co.uk Web: www.bathamnesty.co.uk*

ARKIVE The Noah's Ark for the Internet era - a unique global initiative, gathering together into one centralised digital library, films, photographs and audio recordings of the world's species. A not-for-profit initiative of Wildscreen, whose mission is 'to promote the conservation of nature and public appreciation of biodiversity, through the power of wildlife imagery'. *Contact: ARKive, Wildscreen, Ground Floor, The Rackhay, Queen Charlotte St, Bristol, BS1 4HJ. Tel: 0117 328 5950 Email: arkive@wildscreen.org.uk Web: www.arkive.org, www.wildscreen.org.uk ARKive Education: www.arkiveeducation.org*

ASSOCIATION OF SUSTAINABILITY PRACTITIONERS (ASP) supports learning that transforms behaviour from unsustainable to sustainable practices. An international membership network of people seeking practical

cooperation for sustainability and social justice. Website lists members and their areas of interest; members' area includes news, opportunities, blogs and discussion forums. *Contact: Mike Zeidler, ASP, King St, Bristol BS1 4DZ. Email: info@asp-online.org Web: www.asp-online.org*

AT-BRISTOL Explore At-Bristol is a unique destination bringing science, nature and art to life: a place of discovery and surprise. *Contact: At-Bristol, Harbourside, Bristol BS1 5DB. Tel: 0845 345 1235 (enquiries)/0117 915 5000 (adv bookings)/0845 345 3344/0117 915 7777 (education)/0117 915 8000 (corporate hire) Email: information@at-bristol.org.uk School groups Email: education@at-bristol.org.uk Web: www.at-bristol.org.uk*

THE ATIAMAH TRUST exists to help and support those who are suffering because of HIV/Aids. Funds are used to help adults and children with food, medicines and education. *Contact: High Barn, Winford Rd, Chew Magna, Bristol BS40 8QQ. Tel: (Ann) 01275 332924/332254 Email: info@atiamah.org.uk Web: www.atiamah.org.uk*

AVON WILDLIFE TRUST works to protect Avon's wildlife and environment for the benefit of local people. Also informs, educates and campaigns. Willsbridge Mill Visitor Centre offers a nature reserve, exhibitions, holiday activities for children and education activities for schools. *Contact: Avon Wildlife Trust, 32 Jacobs Wells Rd, Bristol BS8 1DR. Tel: 0117 917 7270 Email: mail@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk Web: www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk*

BATH & WELLS DIOCESE encourages parishes to tackle the world's unjust structures (debt, trade, poverty). The Diocese has a link with the Anglican Church in Zambia. *Contact: Jenny Humphreys, Old Deanery, Wells BA5 2UG. Tel: 01749 670777 Email: jenny.humphreys@bathwells.anglican.org Web: www.bathandwells.org.uk*

BATH CYCLING CAMPAIGN works to promote and encourage responsible cycling in the Bath area. General meetings normally held monthly in a pub in central Bath. *Contact: Nigel. Tel: 01225 483223 Email: info@bathcyclingcampaign.org.uk Web: www.bathcyclingcampaign.org.uk*

BATH GREEN DRINKS is for anyone with an interest in environmental issues. Meet on the second Wed of every month from 8.30pm upstairs at The Rummer (Grand Parade, overlooking Pulteney Weir). *To join mailing list giving details of local green events: bath-green-drinks-owner@yahoo.com Web: http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/bath-green-drinks Check out your nearest green drinks crowd: www.greendrinks.org*

BATH PERMACULTURE TRUST Registered charity that undertakes projects, runs courses and gives talks with the aim of finding community solutions to local environmental problems. Aim is to help Bath become a 'sustainable city'. *Contact: Peter Andrews, 19 Maple Grove, Bath BA2 3AF. Tel: 01225 319117 Email: permaculture@eco-logicbooks.com*

BATH ROYAL LITERARY & SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION Hosts a range of events meetings and groups - check website for latest information. *Contact: 16-18 Queens Square, Bath BA1 2HN. Tel: 01225 312084 Fax: 01225 442460 Email: admin@brlsi.org Web: www.brlsi.org*

BEEHIVE COMMUNITY NETWORK Network which gives non-profit-making groups, societies and organisations a way of sharing common interests on the internet for free. A way to find out about and contact local groups. Community web with links to many local organisations including charities and NGOs. *Contact: beehive.thisisbristol.com*

BOOKS FOR AMNESTY sells a wide range of books, videos, sheet music, CDs, DVDs and vinyl. Open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 11am-5pm. *Contact: 103 Gloucester Rd, Bishopston, Bristol BS7 8AT. Tel: 0117 942 2969*

BRISTOL & BATH PEACE VIGIL GROUPS have kept vigil every night since 9/11 demanding a world fit for its people and commemorating those who have died along the way. **Bristol times** Mon-Fri 5.30-6.30pm, Sat 3-4pm, city centre

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TAKE ACTION. The average UK person's carbon footprint is 9.4 tonnes of CO₂ p.a. In 2005 the UK emitted 567m tonnes of CO₂. Join 'I Count', the UK's biggest climate change campaign: www.icount.org.uk Tel 020 7729 8732

(opposite Hippodrome, St Augustine's Parade). Everyone welcome at Bristol peace vigil. **Bath times** Sat 11.30am-12.30pm, Bath Abbey (off York St: from railway or bus stations, walk up Manvers St)

BRISTOL & DISTRICT NORTH-SOUTH FORUM Forum for development, peace and environmental groups with an international perspective, networking with each other and Bristol City Council on campaigns and local policies relating to international sustainable development. Website lists contacts, local events and activities for a range of internationalist, development and environment groups. Post your news and events on the site to spread the news and build support. *Tel: (Liz Zeidler) 07932 772985 or (Roger) 0117 916 6473 Email: liz.zeidler@modoto.co.uk Web: www.ns-forum.org.uk*

BRISTOL BEIRA (MOZAMBIQUE) LINK Maintains link with Beira in Mozambique and assists with development projects. *Contact: Dave Spurgeon, 17 Oldbury Court Rd, Bristol BS16 2FH. Tel: 0117 902 5009 Email: davespurgeon@blueyonder.co.uk*

BRISTOL CAMPAIGNING TYPES WIKI/FACEBOOK A space for all to share campaigning information, events, skills and contacts. *Web: www.bristolcampaigning.pbwiki.com, www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2230444117*

BRISTOL COLOMBIA SOLIDARITY Local group forming part of the national network Colombia Solidarity Campaign UK. *Contact: Local action discussion forum: lists.mutualaid.org/mailman/listinfo/briscosolidarity Email: bristolcolombiasolidarity@gmail.com Web: www.colombiasolidarity.org.uk*

BRISTOL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY has a varied programme combining social events and cultural activities. New members with an interest in commonwealth affairs are always welcome. *Contact: Keith Painter (chairman), Commonwealth Society, 14 Whiteladies Rd, Bristol BS8 1PD. Tel: 0117 973 4720 Email: bristolcomwlthsoc@tiscali.co.uk Web: www.bcsbristol.co.uk*

BRISTOL COMPUTERS 4 PALESTINE *Contact: Box 110, c/o 82 Colston St, Bristol BS1 5BB email: bristolcomputers4palestine@blueyonder.co.uk, EdwardHill1@yahoo.co.uk (include the 1) Web: www.BristolComputers4Palestine.co.uk*

BRISTOL FAITH COMMUNITIES Website has an excellent list of contacts for Bristol's faith communities. *Web: www.uwe.ac.uk/chaplaincy/faith_communities*

BRISTOL FESTIVAL OF NATURE Annual festival dedicated to delivering public and professional events that inspire appreciation for the natural world and the need for its conservation. *Tel: 0117 915 0176 Email: info@festivalofnature.org Web: www.festivalofnature.org*

BRISTOL GREEN DRINKS Meet up for a social drink with local environmentalists. Meet at Llandoger Trow, King St, Bristol, BS1 4ER (side bar, go in main door, on fourth Wed of month, 6.30-9.30pm). *Contact: For monthly*

In the hot seat

Our government's response to climate change should be 'Further and Faster', says author and campaigner **George Monbiot**

The Stern Report demonstrated what many of us suspected: it will cost much less to prevent runaway climate change than it will to live with it. Useful as this finding is, let's hope it doesn't mean the debate will now focus on money. Because the principal costs of climate change will be measured in lives, not pounds.

To prevent global temperatures rising by 2°C (3.6°F) above pre-industrial levels, we, the rich nations, need to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 90% by 2030, and the greater part of that reduction needs to be made at the beginning of this period.

Picture two graphs with time on the horizontal axis and the rate of emissions plotted vertically. On one graph the line falls like a ski jump: a steep drop followed by a shallow tail. On the other it falls like the trajectory of a bullet. They fall to the same point by the same date, but far more gases have been produced in the second case, making runaway climate change much more likely.

Here are ten drastic but affordable steps the government could take:

1. Set a target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions based on the latest (not outdated) science. Timescale: immediately.

2. Set a carbon cap that falls like the ski-jump trajectory, allowing a free but limited annual quota of carbon dioxide for each person (those who use less than their quota can sell it). It's a simpler, fairer approach and creates a powerful incentive for people to demand low-carbon technologies. Timescale: by Jan 2009.

3. New building regulations introduced with three objectives. A: strict energy-efficiency requirements on all refurbishments costing £3,000 or more. B: landlords to increase energy efficiency of dwellings before renting. C: new homes in the UK built to the German Passivhaus standard (which requires no heating system). Timescale: 2007-2012.

4. Incandescent lightbulbs, patio heaters, garden floodlights, etc, to be banned. Introduce a stiff 'feebate' system for all electronic goods sold in the UK, the least efficient taxed heavily and the most efficient receiving tax discounts. Each year the standard increases. Timescale: immediately

5. Money now earmarked for nuclear missiles redeployed and invested in energy generation and distribution schemes that require government support to make them commercially viable, eg very large wind farms, many miles offshore, connected to the grid with high-voltage direct-current cables, and a hydrogen pipeline network delivering fuel for home heating. Timescale: by 2018.



6. City-centre coach stations shut down and moved to motorway junctions; urban public transport networks extended to meet them. Coaches travel on dedicated lanes and never leave the motorways, making them as fast as cars and saving 90% of emissions. Timescale: by 2020.

7. Chains of filling stations to supply leasable electric-car batteries, effectively providing electric cars with unlimited mileage. Batteries recharged overnight using surplus electricity from offshore wind farms. Timescale: by 2011.

8. Abandon road building and road widening. Spend the £11.4bn earmarked for road expansion on tackling climate change. Timescale: immediately.

9. Freeze and then reduce UK airport capacity. Freeze all new airport construction and introduce national quotas for landing slots, to

be reduced by 90% by 2030. Timescale: immediately.

10. Close out-of-town superstores and replace with a warehouse-and-delivery system. Shops use six times as much electricity per square metre as many factories; warehouses containing the same quantity of goods use roughly 5% of the energy. Vehicles use 70% less fuel delivering goods than cars use going to shops. Timescale: by 2012.

Climate change is not just a moral question: it is the moral question of the 21st century. There is one position even more morally culpable than denial. That is to accept that it's happening and that its results will be catastrophic, but to fail to take the measures needed to prevent it.

Ffi: www.monbiot.com/archives/category/climate-change

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reminder, send email, with 'Register Me' as the subject, to greendrinksbristol@yahoo.co.uk Check out your nearest green drinks crowd! Web: www.greendrinks.org

BRISTOL INTERMEDIATE TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT (BITS)

raises awareness of the need for sustainable self-help projects in developing countries utilising appropriate technology. Raises funds for practical action. Speakers available for groups, schools and charities. Contact: *Tim Parkinson, The Old House, Rectory Gardens, Henbury, Bristol BS10 7AQ. Tel: 0117 950 8033 Email: parkinsont@googlemail.com Web: www.practicalaction.org?id=lg_bristol*

BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTRE Christian organisation linking international students at Bristol's universities and colleges with local people and each other, offering friendship and events to students of all faiths and no faith. Contact: *Hannah Birtill (coordinator), 45 Woodland Rd, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1UT. Tel: 0117 915 9826 Email: bisc@bisc.org.uk Web: www.bisc.org.uk*

BRISTOL INTERNATIONAL TWINNINGS ASSOCIATION (BITA)

Coordinating the Twin Town links with Bristol: Bordeaux (France), Hannover (Germany), Oporto (Portugal), Tbilisi (Georgia), Puerto Morazan (Nicaragua), Beira (Mozambique) and Guangzhou (China). Contact: *Alix Hughes, HLSS (St Matthias), University of the West of England, Coldharbour Lane, Frenchay, Bristol BS16 2JP. Tel: 0117 328 4450 Email: alix.hughes@uwe.ac.uk Web: www.bristol-city.gov.uk/twinning*

BRISTOL LINK WITH NICARAGUA aims to develop the links with Bristol's twin town in Nicaragua, Puerto Morazan. Also organises educational and cultural events centred on Nicaragua. Contact: *Clive Weston, 43 Friezewood Rd, Bristol BS3 2AD. Tel: 0117 953 7024 Email: cliveweston@yahoo.co.uk Web: www.blinc.org.uk*

BRISTOL PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN The local PSC group meet on the last Thur of every month at St Werburghs Community Centre, 7.30pm. Tel: 0117 941 3135 Web: uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/bristol_psc See also: www.palestinecampaign.org

BRISTOL PERMACULTURE GROUP Network of projects including community allotments, orchards and schools gardens and festival demonstration gardens. Courses, events, plant/seed swaps and workdays. Open to anyone interested in positive, green and community action. Contact: *Sarah Pugh/Mike Feingold Tel: 0117 955 3959 Email: bristol_permaculture@yahoo.co.uk*

BRISTOL SOCIAL FORUM This e-group exists as an outlet for all group subscribers to publicise relevant events locally, regionally and from other Social Forums. To subscribe send a blank Email to bristolsocialforum-subscribe@yahoo.com Web: groups.yahoo.com/group/bristolsocialforum/

BRISTOL SUSTAINABILITY NETWORK/BIG CAFE The Big Cafes are held to bring people together to discuss and plan a sustainable future. Bristol Sustainability Network shares ideas/events online to link together the plethora of 'green' organisations and thinkers in the city to help make Bristol a Sustainable City. Contact: *Prof Vala Ragnarsdottir, Department of Earth Sciences University of Bristol Email:*

vala.ragnarsdottir@bris.ac.uk To book the Big Cafe: Matt Fortnam@bris.ac.uk Web: sustainability.glybris.ac.uk/events/BigCafe/BrSN.html BSN: www.groups.google.com/group/BrSN?lnk=li&hl=en

BRISTOL TBILISI ASSOCIATION promotes cultural, educational and environmental links between Bristol's twin town Tbilisi in Georgia, eastern Europe. Holds regular meetings. Contact: *Tony Wilcox, 66 Ashley Down Rd, Horfield, Bristol BS7 9JP. Tel: 0117 924 5657 Web: 66.39.45.148/tbilisi/index.htm*

BRISTOL ZIMBABWE ASSOCIATION holds regular meetings and offers support to the Zimbabweans living in Bristol and Bath, many of whom have fled violence. Contact: *Forward (chairperson), c/o Refugee Action, 9 Hide Market, West St, Bristol BS2 0BH. Tel: 07919 894900 Email: forwardm17@yahoo.co.uk Web: www.bristolzimbabweassociation.org.uk*

BRITAIN & ZIMBABWE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE NETWORK (BAZISAN)

Zimbabwe has a growing lobby for sustainable land use, permaculture and cooperative farming. BAZISAN promotes activities connecting local and Zimbabwean activists, academics and producers. Contact: *Dr Diana Jeater, head of School of History, UWE, Room 2CK13A, St Matthias Campus, Bristol BS16 2JP. Tel: 0117 328 4384 Email: diana.jeater@uwe.ac.uk*

BTCV supports and organises local conservation projects for volunteers such as dry stone walling, pond management, tree planting and hedge laying. Supports community groups who want to improve their local environment. Offers training opportunities. Contact: *Ian Ross, BTCV, CREATE Centre, Smeaton Rd, Bristol BS1 6XN. Tel: 0117 929 1624 Email: avon@btcv.org Web: www.btcv.org/avon*

CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ARMS TRADE Active supporters give talks and run workshops and stalls to increase public awareness of the harmful effects of the arms trade on diverting scarce third-world resources and supporting repression. Bath group Contact: *Monica Pearce, 35 Bailbrook Lane, Bath BA1 7AN. Tel: 01225 312574 Email: monica_cnd@hotmail.com Bristol group Contact: *Graham Davey (treasurer), 29 Norton Rd, Knowle, Bristol BS4 2EZ. Tel: 0117 909 3491 Email: graham.davey@blueyonder.co.uk Web: www.bristolcaat.org.uk**

CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT (CND) works for international peace through the abolition of nuclear weapons and all weapons of mass destruction, so that resources now devoted to militarism are redirected to the real needs of humanity. The ultimate aim is general and complete disarmament. Bath group Contact: *Monica Pearce, 35 Bailbrook Lane, Bath BA1 7AN. Tel: 01225 312574 Email: monica_cnd@hotmail.com Bristol group Contact: *Monica Jones, Flat 4, Burlington Court Rd, Bristol BS6 6TN. Tel: 0117 946 6885 Email: nabataat@yahoo.co.uk Mid-Somerset group Contact: *Stephen Abraham, 12 Neales Way, Evercreech, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 6LA. Tel/fax: 01749 830717 Email: msomcnd@aol.com Web: (national) www.cnduk.org***

CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT (CAFOD) The official development and relief agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Contact: *Tony Vassallo, diocesan manager, CAFOD Clifton, The Mount, Taunton, Somerset TA1 3NR. Tel: 01823 338903 Fax: 01823 330778 Email: clifton@cafod.org.uk Bath Mike & Liz Nash. Tel: 01225 444312 Bristol David Gabriel. Tel: 0117 962 0345 Email: davidandjenney@dgabriel.freeserve.co.uk*

CHERRY D Charity dedicated to helping community-based small charities and grassroots causes in Bristol. Contact: *42 Pembroke Rd, Clifton, Bristol BS8 3BQ. Tel: 0117 317 9571 Email: hello@cherryd.org Web: www.cherryd.org*

CHRISTIAN AID Agency of churches supporting local organisations in 50 countries (wherever the need is greatest, regardless of religion or race), campaigning to change the rules that keep people poor. Web: www.christian-aid.org.uk Full list of offices in the SW: www.christian-aid.org.uk/aboutus/contact/English West office

Christian Aid West, 57 High St, Thornbury, Bristol BS35 2AP. Tel: 01454 415923 Email: west@christian-aid.org Bristol & North Wilts Contact: Helen Harrison. Email: hharrison@christian-aid.org Bath & Somerset Contact: Elizabeth Perry. Tel: 01935 850849 Email: eperry@christian-aid.org Gloucs Contact: Nigel Quarrell. Email: nquarrell@christian-aid.org

CHURCHES COUNCIL FOR INDUSTRY & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Churches acting together, from Swindon to Bristol, supporting churches and individuals in their engagement with economic and social concerns. Contact: *ISR, 162 Pennywell Rd, Bristol BS5 0TX. Tel: 0117 955 7430/01793 491454 (Swindon office) Email: alison@ccisr.org.uk Web: www.ccisr.org.uk*

CONVERGING WORLD is working to create a world where everyone has fair access to resources and respects the planet. Contact: *70 Prince St, Bristol BS1 4HU. Tel: 0117 903 1080 Email: info@theconvergingworld.org Web: www.theconvergingworld.org*

THE CO-OPERATIVE GROUP has a strong ethical base and clear social objectives that involve promoting cooperative ideals throughout its membership and the wider community. Contact: *Chris Griffiths, Limesfield, Broad Rd, Dulford, Cullompton, Devon EX15 2DY. Tel: 01884 266892 Fax: 01884 266887 Email: chris.griffiths@co-op.co.uk Web: www.co-op.co.uk*

THE CREATE CENTRE is Bristol's unique environment centre, home to more than 20 environmental and sustainable development organisations. The recycling exhibition, art gallery and other displays are open Mon-Fri 9-5pm. The demonstration Ecohome is open Mon-Fri 12noon-3pm. The Cafe is open Mon-Fri 8.30am-2pm. Open days, green building fairs, lectures and a full schools' programme during term-time. Conference facilities and meeting rooms for hire. Contact: *CREATE Centre, Smeaton Rd, Bristol BS1 6XN. Tel: 0117 925 0505 Email: create@bristol-city.gov.uk Web: www.bristol-city.gov.uk/create*

CSV ENVIRONMENT encourages people with little or no environmental experience to improve the areas where they live and work, in Bristol, Birmingham and nationally through our Action Earth campaign. Contact: *Tom Freeland, St Peter's College, College Rd, Saltley, Birmingham B8 3TE. Tel: 0121 322 2025 Email: tom@csvenvironment.org.uk Web: www.csv.org.uk/environment*

ECO-VILLAGE NETWORK UK A network to promote and support eco-villages and increasing interest in sustainable living. Meetings to facilitate information exchange, researching best practices and practical support for eco-villages. Contact: *10-12 Picton St, Bristol BS6 5QA. Tel: 0117 373 0346 Email: office@evmuk.org.uk Web: www.evmuk.org.uk*

ENVOLVE Local charity helping individuals, schools, communities and businesses to live and work sustainably, offering information and advice for developing local projects and building partnerships. Business consultancy service, food cooperative, Timebanks volunteer project, and education in schools programmes (such as 'Food for Life' and 'Our Farms, Our Futures'). Hosts the Bath & North East Somerset Global Education Network. Can provide resources that support education for sustainable development and global education, including artefact resource boxes on India and St Lucia. Contact: *Chris Head, Envolve, Green Park Station, Green Park Road, Bath BA1 1JB. Tel: 01225 787910 Fax: 01225 750930 Email: office@envolve.co.uk Web: www.envolve.co.uk*

FAIRTRADE NETWORKS Bristol City FT Network Best site in Bristol for all things Fairtrade. Contact: *Jenny Foster. Tel: 07970 878337 Email: jenny@bristolfairtradenetwork.org.uk Web: www.bristolfairtradenetwork.org.uk Bath FT Network Tel: 01225 319799 Email: fairtradebath@yahoo.co.uk Web Bath Fairtrade Directory: www.bathfairtrade.org Chew Valley Fairtrade Tel: 01275 472391 Email: info@valleyfairtrade.org Web: www.valleyfairtrade.org North Somerset FT Network Contact: *Kerry North. Tel: 01275 888504 Email: kerry.north@n-somerset.gov.uk or John Jackson, Christian Aid local coordinator. Tel: 01934 517850**

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BOGGED DOWN IN BIOFUELS

Ask your MEP to oppose EU biofuel targets, says Kenneth Richter of Friends of the Earth

● Recently politicians have jumped on the idea that making fuel from plants could be a solution to climate change. The theory goes that, when the plant-derived biofuel is burned in an engine, the carbon dioxide released is offset by the amount of the gas the plants absorbed when they grew, making them, in principle, carbon neutral.

In reality, the energy needed to plant, tend, harvest, process and transport the finished product makes the equation less favourable. Some biofuels contribute more greenhouse gases over their life cycle than petrol. And the speed at which large-scale production of biofuels is expanding (in countries of the global South, for export to the European market) is causing other concerns:

● Rainforests are being destroyed to make way for palm oil plantations and other crops. To date, 18 million hectares of forests have been cleared in Indonesia for palm oil developments.

● Global food prices will rise and the poor will suffer. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) expects food prices to rise 20-50% over the next decade, as energy cropping on dedicated land comes into competition with food production. The UN warn

that the transition to biofuels will be especially harmful to tenant farmers and the rural and urban poor who are net buyers of food.

● Farming will become more intensive as agricultural land is taken up to grow agro-fuels, causing damage to soil and increased water shortages, and requiring greater use of pesticides.

● Social conflicts over land rights will be exacerbated. The UN estimates that five million people in West Kalimantan (Indonesia) are likely to be displaced by biofuel production.

The gold rush for biofuel expansion is driven by overambitious targets set by the EU, rather than demand on the street. If you do use biofuels, don't be fooled into thinking you're massively reducing your emissions. A 10% biofuel mix in your tank (the proposed EU target for 2020) will save you, at best, 1-5% of CO₂ emissions. At worst (depending on the biofuel you're using) it may actually increase your emissions.

Try to reduce your emissions in other ways. Driving at 56mph instead of 70mph reduces your emissions by 25%. Walking, cycling and using public transport saves even more.

Ffi: Friends of the Earth, 26-28 Underwood St, London N1 7JQ. Tel: 0808 800111, email: info@foe.co.uk, web: www.foe.co.uk

(Spiritual Activist Leadership Training) for leaders/facilitators, eg around climate change. Course leader: 25 years' experience in community development, the arts & MSc Human Ecology. **Contact: David Mowat, 100 Hayward Rd, Barton Hill, Bristol BS5 9QA. Tel: 0117 955 9444 Mob 0780 436 3170 Email: bigbromo@yahoo.co.uk**

GO ZERO Chew Magna project aiming to become a Zero Waste area. Produces a local food guide. **Contact: Ian Roderick, The Old Mill, Tunbridge Rd, Chew Magna, Bristol BS40 8SP. Tel: 01275 333455 Email: info@gozero.org.uk Web: www.gozero.org.uk**

GREENBRISTOLBLOGSPOT Workers' cooperative promoting environmental awareness and community sustainability. Here you can find out about activities, keep up to date with news, and send in your comments. **Web: www.greenbristol.blogspot.com, www.myspace.com/greenbristol**

GREENPEACE (LOCAL GROUPS) Environmental pressure group that acts against abuse of the natural world and threats to endangered species. Local groups support international campaigns with direct action, lobbying, education, petitions, stalls and fundraising. **Bristol Contact: Wilf Mound (chair). Tel: 0117 927 6322 Email: wilfman.sperk_line@bt.internet.com Web: www.greenpeaceactive.org.uk/bristol East Bristol Contact: Richard Lancaster. Tel: 01275 790538 Email: r.lancaster@blueyonder.co.uk Web: www.greenpeaceactive.org.uk/bristol Bath Contact: Frank Moran. Tel: 0773 667 8586 Email: greenpeacebath@hotmail.com Web: www.greenpeaceactive.org.uk/bath Weston-super-Mare Contact: Monica Rafferty. Tel: 01934 420968 Email: mont@rafbeu.fsnet.co.uk**

HARTCLIFFE HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT ACTION GROUP (HHEAG) Community development project working on health and environmental issues. **Contact: HHEAG, The Gatehouse Centre, Hareclive Rd, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS13 9JN. Tel: 0117 946 5285 Email: office@hheag.org.uk Web: www.hheag.org.uk**

HFT National charity for adults with a learning disability. Previously known as The Home Farm Trust, HFT provides services for over 1,000 people in supported living, registered care homes, advocacy, supported employment and day services. Also runs a Family Carer Support Service (FCSS) which provides support for family carers of adults with learning disabilities. **Contact: HFT (The Home Farm Trust Ltd), Merchants House, Wapping Rd, Bristol, BS1 4RW. Tel: 0117 930 2600 Email: info@hft.org.uk Web: www.hft.org.uk**

JUBILEE DEBT CAMPAIGN (BRISTOL GROUP) envisions a world in which the people of the poorest countries are liberated from the crushing burden of debt. **Contact: Andrew O'Brien, 90 Abbey Rd, Bristol BS9 3QX. Tel: 0117 962 0471 Email: andy@inwebs.co.uk Web: www.bristolmph.org.uk, www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk**

KEBELE COMMUNITY CO-OPERATIVE in Easton, Bristol, is a space for organising, supporting and campaigning autonomously. Kebele is a community cooperative, run by volunteers on a not-for-profit basis and providing an alternative social space. **Contact: 14 Robertson Rd, Easton, Bristol BS5 6JY. Tel: 0117 939 9469 Email: kebelesocialcentre@riseup.net Web: www.kebelecoop.org**

LEFTISM Monthly clubnight held on third Fri of every month at The Crown, Bathwick St, Bath, 9pm-1am. All proceeds go to political, humanitarian, environmental or other worthwhile causes. **Contact: Mike Harrison, 7 Hanover Terrace, Bath BA1 6LJ. Email: mike@leftism.plus.com Tel: 01225 314375 Web: www.leftism.co.uk**

LOCAL EXCHANGE TRADING SYSTEMS (LETS) are local, non-profit exchange networks in which all kinds of goods and services are traded without the need for money. **Bath LETS Contact: Caroline Frances-King. Tel: 01225 424394/01761 439940 Bristol InterLETS Contact: Steve Heigham. Tel: 0117 923 1039 Email: stevenarrowways@lineone.net Web: www.letslinkuk.net/sv/bristol.htm National: www.letslinkuk.net**



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FASHIONING AN ETHICAL INDUSTRY A Labour Behind the Label project that works with students and tutors on fashion-related courses to give a global overview of the garment industry, raise awareness of current company practices and initiatives to improve conditions, and raise standards for workers in the fashion industry of the future. **Contact: 10-12 Picton St, Montpellier, Bristol BS6 5QA. Tel: 0117 944 1700 Email: info_at_fashioninganethicalindustry.org Web: www.fashioninganethicalindustry.org**

FOR-ETHIOPIA Bristol-based charity providing sustainable development projects to people in Ethiopia. **Email: event@for-ethiopia.com Web: www.for-ethiopia.com/tfe.htm**

FOREST OF AVON is transforming the landscape in

and around Bristol through tree planting, forestry, arts, education and recreation projects, creating a greener and healthier place to be. **Contact: Ashton Court Visitor Centre, Ashton Court Estate, Bristol BS41 9JN. Tel: 0117 953 2141 Fax: 0117 953 2143 Email: info@forestofavon.org.uk Web: www.forestofavon.org**

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH FoE has been running environmental campaigns for over 30 years, focusing on local issues in response to local demand. Groups are independent but linked to the national FoE organisation. **Bristol group Contact: Jane Stevenson, 10-12 Picton St, Montpellier, Bristol BS6 5QA. Tel: 0117 942 0129 Email: info@bristolfoe.org.uk Web: www.bristolfoe.org.uk Bath group Contact: Scott Morrison, 9 Brassmill Enterprise Centre, Brassmill Lane, Bath BA1 3JN. Tel: 01225 463555 Email: info@bath-foe.org.uk Web: www.bath-foe.org.uk Somerset Valley group Contact: David Chalk, 25 Welton Rd, Radstock BA3 3UD. Tel: 01761 436735 Email: jacky@chalk942.fsworld.co.uk Web: www.foe.co.uk (national)**

GLOBAL ISSUES, LOCAL LIVES (GILL) builds community with nature and each other, inspired by indigenous peoples. From Jan 2008 GILL is running a SALT course

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LOCAL ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATIONS

MALAWI EDUCATION PROJECT A tiny registered non-profit organisation. It was set up by Lou Fitzpatrick, a music festival organiser who travelled to Malawi after working on Solipse Festival in Zambia. Sharing educational resources around the world. *Contact: 19 The Coach House, 2 Upper York St, Bristol, BS2 8QN Email: info@malawieducationproject.com Tel: 0117 330 8732 Mob: 07771 518721 Web: www.malawieducationproject.com, www.myspace.com/malawieducationproject*

MAPUCHE INTERNATIONAL LINK (MIL) To promote the interests of indigenous peoples and nations of the Americas, in particular the Mapuche people of Chile and Argentina. *Contact: Reynaldo Mariqueo, 6 Lodge St, Bristol BS1 5LR. Tel: 0117 927 9391 Email: mil@mapuche-nation.org Web: www.mapuche-nation.org*

MEDACT (BRISTOL) Campaigning group for health professionals against weapons of mass destruction and for peaceful conflict resolution, an equitable redistribution of world resources and universal access to health. *Contact: Dr Martin Hartog, Frenchay Lodge East, Beckspool Rd, Frenchay, Bristol BS16 1NT. Tel/fax: 0117 956 9850 Email: ms.hartog@iscali.co.uk Web: www.medact.org*

MOTIVATION Charity that works in partnership with local organisations to enhance the quality of life of people with mobility disabilities in developing countries. Since 1991 Motivation has worked in over 30 countries. *Contact: Motivation, Brockley Academy, Brockley Lane, Backwell, Bristol BS48 4AQ. Tel: 01275 464012 Email: info@motivation.org.uk Web: www.motivation.org.uk*

OUR COMMON FUTURE Consortium of Bristol-based organisations and many more individuals campaigning jointly on the related issues of peace, development, the environment, human rights and racial justice. *Contact: Mary Hazelwood, 1 Clifton Hill, Bristol BS8 1BN. Tel: 0117 973 4644 Email: mary.hazelwood@virgin.net*

OXFAM CAMPAIGNS SOUTH WEST works with others to find lasting solutions to poverty. Campaigns locally on issues such as aid, trade, debt and climate change. Members of many coalitions including Trade Justice Movement, Stop Climate Chaos. *Contact: Oxfam South West Regional Campaigns Office, Brunswick Court, Brunswick Square, Bristol BS2 8PE. Tel: 0117 916 6473/4/5 Email: rjames@oxfam.org.uk, hdurran@oxfam.org.uk*

OXFAM LOCAL GROUPS

Bath Group *Contact: Janine Woodward. Email: oxfam@bath@yahoo.co.uk* **Bradford on Avon Group** *Contact: Judith Hammond. Tel: 01225 868195 Email: judithhammond@fsmail.net* **Bristol Group** *Contact: Oxfam SW (above) or join lse.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2250347672 Archive: bristol-oxfam-gr.jiglu.com* **Chew Magna Group** *Contact: Ann Clifford. Tel: 01275 332924 Email: annclifford23@hotmail.com* **Stroud Group** *Contact: Theresa. Tel: 01865 473144 Email: watt@beeb.net* **South West For Oxfam Activism team details of other SW groups:** 01865 473144 Email: active@oxfam.org.uk

THE PRINCE'S TRUST provides practical support including training, mentoring and financial assistance to those who've struggled at school, been in care, had trouble with the law or are long-term unemployed. *Contact: The Prince's Trust South West Regional Office, 66 Ringwood Rd, Bath BA2 3JL. Tel: 01225 489930 Email: webinfo@princes-trust.org.uk Web: www.princes-trust.org.uk*

PROMPT UK-based charity working in Mifumi, Uganda, advancing and supporting the community through education, healthcare, income generation and the protection of women from domestic violence. *Contact: 9 Brunswick Court, Brunswick Square, Bristol BS2 8PE. Tel/fax: 0117 923 2035 Email: mifumi@mifumi.org Web: www.mifumi.org*

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF ARTS, MANUFACTURES & COMMERCE (RSA) Promoting corporate sustainability and responsibility. *Contact: Room 25, St Matthias Campus, UWE, Oldbury Court Rd,*

Fishponds, Bristol BS16 2JP Tel: 0117 344 4463 Email: awo.ablo@rsa.org.uk Web: www.thersa.org

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS (RSPB)

The charity that takes action for wild birds and their environment. Volunteer opportunities for all ages and abilities. *Contact: RSPB South West England Regional Office, Keble House, Southernhay Gardens, Exeter, Devon EX1 1NT. Tel: 01392 432691/453753 Email: sophie.atherton@rspb.org.uk Web: www.rspb.org.uk*

SCHUMACHER UK Promotes a human-scale, sustainable future through annual Schumacher Lectures in cities across the UK, Schumacher Briefing publications, Book Service, annual Schumacher Award and links within the Schumacher Circle. *Contact: Schumacher UK, CREATE Centre, Smeaton Rd, Bristol BS1 6XN. Tel: 0117 903 1081 Email: admin@schumacher.org.uk Web: www.schumacher.org.uk*

SEND A COW Christian charity working with people in Africa to overcome poverty and malnutrition through livestock development programmes. Poor families receive an animal and appropriate support and pass on the first female offspring to another family in need. *Contact: The Old Estate Yard, Newton St Loe, Bath BA2 9BR. Tel: 01225 874222 Fax: 01225 872008 Email: info@sendacow.org.uk Web: www.sendacow.org.uk*

SOCIALIST ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCES ASSOCIATION (SERA)

Group of socialist environmentalists who want to protect and improve our habitat for all. They cooperate with other greens and environmentalists but differ in that they seek socialist solutions to overcome environmental problems, working towards a better quality of life for everyone. *Contact: Will Fancy, 17 Belmont Rd, St. Andrews, Bristol BS6 5AW. Email: will.fancy@unisonfree.net Web: www.minchind.fsnet.co.uk*

SUSTAINABLE REDLAND formed to give mutual support and solidarity to members who commit to reducing their carbon emissions. Their experience is that life with less consumption is better not worse. *Email: email@sustainableredland.org.uk Web: www.sustainableredland.org.uk*

TRANSITION TOWN BRISTOL takes a positive approach - understanding the issues, examining current practices and then creating solutions among ourselves, so that via a collective effort to respond to the challenges of peak oil and climate change we inevitably create a city we're much happier living in. *Web: www.transitionbristol.org*

TRANSPORT 2000: SOMERSET, WILTSHIRE & COTSWOLDS

Even if there's no local group in your area, there may be other transport campaigners locally to link up with. *Contact: David Redgewell. Tel: 01749 670265/07814 794953 Central Office: 020 7613 0743 Web: www.transport2000.org.uk*

TREE AID works in Africa's drylands to reverse poverty and environmental degradation by growing and protecting trees, community forestry training and projects that help generate an income from tree products. *Contact: Tree Aid, Brunswick Court, Brunswick Square, Bristol BS2 8PE. Tel: 0117 909 6363 Email: xuela.edwards@treeaid.org.uk Web: www.treeaid.org.uk*

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION (UNA) informs about the United Nations, puts pressure on governments to fulfil obligations under the Charter on disarmament, peace, development and human rights. *Bath & District contact: Gordon Glass (chairman), PO Box 1967, Bath BA2 9YD. Tel: 01225 337400 Email: unabath@spamex.com Web: www.unabath.org.uk, www.una.org.uk*

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCIES

UWE Chaplaincy holds weekly community lunches, including two rich world/poor world meals every year - all profits to charity. Active in establishing UWE as a Fairtrade university. Actively supportive of campaigns. *Contact: The Octagon, Coldharbour Lane, Frenchay, Bristol BS16 1QY. Tel: 0117 328 2334 Email: chaplaincy@uwe.ac.uk Web: www.uwe.ac.uk/chaplaincy* **Bristol University Chaplaincy** serves people of all faiths and none and seeks to develop faith and spirituality in their work and study. *Contact: Bruce Forman (chaplaincy assistant), 1 Priory Rd, Bristol BS8 1TX. Tel: 0117 954 6600 Email: bruce.forman@bris.ac.uk Web: www.bris.ac.uk/chaplaincy* **University of Bath Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre** holds an Oxfam lunch each Tue at 12.45pm, as well as regular seminars and lectures on a variety of topics including trade justice, Christian Aid, etc. *Tel: 01225 386458 Email: chaplaincy@bath.ac.uk Web: www.bath.ac.uk/chaplaincy*

UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNIONS Student Union members campaign on a range of issues and support Fairtrade in student union shops. The National Union of Students is a member of the Trade Justice Movement. *NUS national contacts & campaigns: www.nusonline.co.uk* **NUS Regional Office:** 0117 973 4970 **UWE** *Tel: 0117 328 2577 Email: union@uvesu.net Web: www.uvesu.net* **Bristol University** *Tel: 0117 954 5800 Email: president-ubu@bris.ac.uk Web:*

CLIMATE WITNESS

Ang Tshering Sherpa Khumjung, Nepal

Has been working in the mountain tourism sector for more than 35 years.

"In my personal and professional experience I've witnessed vast changes in mountain areas, especially in the Everest region. Most noticeable has been glaciers rapidly retreating and new glacial lakes forming, their size increasing dangerously. Imja lake (5,000m) first appeared in 1962 as a small pond. Now the lake is almost 1.6km long and could burst at any moment. On 4 Aug 1985, another glacial lake, called Dikcho lake (4,365m), burst - resulting in huge loss of life, property and infrastructure. Imja lake is twice the size of Dikcho lake and is located upstream of the famous Everest trail. A similar trend is seen on the Ngusumba glacier and others throughout the Himalayan region. These small lakes will eventually follow Imja lake's example and grow into dangerously big lakes. It's very important that water in the lake is drained properly to reduce the water pressure of the lake, and that we take similar measures in other critical lakes, as we've done to secure Tsho Rolpa lake."

Efi: www.panda.org/climatewitness

