

Dissent! Network of Resistance against the G8: Organising Gathering

Nottingham, Friday
20th – Sunday 22nd
May



The G8 are the rulers of eight of the most powerful economies in the world. From 6th-8th July 2005, they will hold their major annual summit at Gleneagles Hotel, Scotland. The G8 upholds a system whose impacts we see all around us: war, famine, mindless work, and environmental destruction. Resistance, however, grows across the globe, with struggles as diverse as they are numerous. In recent years, everywhere the G8 has met, huge movements of people have confronted them demanding change.

Now in Britain, grassroots groups and individuals wanting to resist the summit have formed the Dissent! Network. This is an inspiring network that attempts to run in a different way to capitalism. No one is in charge, there is no official membership list, and decisions are only made by the agreement of everyone involved. It takes a confrontational stance against the G8, and is calling for direct action against the summit, its symbols and infrastructure.



The plans for resistance at the G8 are really diverse, and there are many different things to get involved with. These include big blockades of nuclear bases, refugee solidarity actions, and blockades of the Summit itself, as well as community permaculture projects, and skill sharing and workshops. Dissent! will also be co-ordinating convergence spaces available for people in the run up to, and during the Summit. These will be self-managed zones, aiming to house and feed many thousands, whilst providing inspiring examples of free, ecological communities. People are needed to help with cooking, putting up marques, toilets, water and much more. To get involved with any of these things, go to the Dissent! website <http://dissent.org.uk>

This gathering in Nottingham will be one of the last chances for organising across the network, before it all starts happening. Come along and get involved!

Practical Information

Please email the Nottingham Group to let them know you are coming – you don't need to tell them your name! nottinghamdissent@riseup.net

Cost: The gathering will cost around £15 for food and room hire. Refugees and asylum seekers will not be expected to pay.

Venues: Meeting venues are wheelchair accessible. Meet at the Sumac Centre (245 Gladstone St, Forest Fields, Nottingham NG7 6HX) to be redirected. If you are arriving later than 11.20pm, please ring the Sumac centre (0845 458 9595) before hand. For travel info go to <http://sumac.org.uk>

Meeting Times: Some working groups may be meeting on Friday (please see separate announcements), and the main gathering will start at 10am on Saturday morning.

Accommodation: this will be crash space – please bring mat & bedding. If you really need a bed, please email the Nottingham group: nottinghamdissent@riseup.net

Food will be provided, and it will be vegan. If you have special dietary requirements, email nottinghamdissent@riseup.net .

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