

Earth First! Winter Moot 2012 Schedule

Some changes may occur, so check the schedule at the venue during the weekend.

Friday

6pm Introduction to Earth First!
8-10pm Pub Quiz

Saturday

Time	Workspace 1	Workspace 2	Workspace 3
9.00am	<i>BREAKFAST</i>	<i>BREAKFAST</i>	<i>BREAKFAST</i>
9.45am	Morning Meeting		
10am-11am	Campaign Round-up		
11am-1pm	Strategy Revisited		
1pm-2pm	<i>LUNCH</i>	<i>LUNCH</i>	<i>LUNCH</i>
2pm-4pm	Network of Solidarity	In it for the long haul?	
4pm-6pm	Security Culture	Sustainable Activism	
6pm-7pm	Community Panel		
7pm	<i>DINNER</i> <i>Live Music and bar</i>	<i>DINNER</i>	<i>DINNER</i>

Sunday

Time	Workspace 1	Workspace 2	Workspace 3
9.00am	<i>BREAKFAST</i>	<i>BREAKFAST</i>	<i>BREAKFAST</i>
9.45am	Morning Meeting		
10am-1pm	Community Struggle	Tactics Discussion	Action Update
1pm-2pm	<i>LUNCH</i>	<i>LUNCH</i>	<i>LUNCH</i>
2pm-4pm	Community Walk	Film Screening	
4pm-6pm		Summer Gathering	
6-7pm			
7pm	<i>DINNER</i>	<i>DINNER</i>	<i>DINNER</i>

Workshop Blurbs

Security Culture: How do we make security relevant when most people taking action these days seem intent on broadcasting it all over social media? Can we use these technologies effectively or securely? How do we as activists engage with people who don't pick up flyers or look at Indymedia?

Talked Up!: Action is talked up in the ecological direct action movement. Why aren't more people taking action? Are we using a diversity of tactics? Are there tactics that we can use that appeal to a broad range of people at the same time as being effective?

Strategy Revisited: Our strategies have focussed on engaging communities, awareness-raising, media, movement building. We often seem to be repeating the same actions and it is hard to gauge what impact they are having. Are we having a significant impact? Are there any strategies we're not using but could be in our fight to combat ecological destruction?

Community Struggle: Some of the more active and vocal environmental campaigns in the UK at the moment are focussing on engaging with communities. Are we doing this effectively and what do we hope to achieve?

Community Struggle, Sharing our Experiences and Practical Methodologies: How can 'outsiders' with different politics and hairstyles work alongside affected communities?

In it for the long haul?: Campaigns can last from 2 months to more than 30 years. Are short-term or long-term campaigns useful and can they be sustainable?

Sustainable Activism: Sometimes our groups vanish almost overnight. Sometimes our groups seem to disintegrate over a long period of conflict and inaction. What are our experiences of this happening? How can we build the inevitable cycles (including downturns) of groups into our understanding of our work? How can we remain effective in a long-term sustainable way?

Networks of Solidarity: How can we build stronger links between our campaigns? What infrastructure should we be putting in place for the benefit of all of us? Can we do this without national networks consuming lots of time and resources?

Frack Off: 'Desperate Times: The Tidal Wave of Extreme Energy Threatening the British Isles': The session will start with a short film (20mins), followed by a short (30min) presentation on the extreme energy situation in the UK and finish with a discussion/planning session on how to fight these new developments in Scotland and elsewhere. There are three main sources of what the industry calls 'unconventional' gas: Hydraulic fracturing (fracking) for shale gas, Coal-bed Methane and Underground Coal Gasification. The biggest problem for Scotland will undoubtedly be Coal-bed Methane. Come to find out more, share what you know, to network with those fighting similar developments and plan for future action.

Summer Gathering Planning

Reckon you could design a poster to promote the next gathering, source some compost loos, help put up a marquee or organise a kids' area? Come to this organising session for the Earth First! Summer Gathering to take an active role in making it happen.

Action Update and website continuation

A considerable amount of work needs to be done for the EF! network to continue existing. We need your help! The Action Update is a quarterly collection of news and updates on ecological direct action from the UK and beyond and the Earth First! Website allows groups to publish their own action reports and events. These are valuable resources but need enthusiastic people to take on collating, editing and distributing the Action Update and moderating the website. Come along to this session to get involved.

Campaign Round up

This year we're focussing on analysis that should benefit us all. This is not a recruitment ground – most people here are already pretty involved in their own campaigns. However,

this session is your chance to let people know what you've been doing in your campaign in the last 6 months. Please come ready to cover these questions: What challenges or problems has your campaign encountered in the last year? What are you doing about it? What plans do you have for the future? Each campaign will only have a short amount of time so brevity is encouraged!

Community Panel: Members of the surrounding community talk about their experiences struggling against Scottish Coal and open cast mining on their doorsteps. They will also talk about the recent developments in the past three years with environmentalists from outside the area, and what it's like working with them.

Community Walk: Walk from the village of Douglas up to the threatened Glentaggart East, a planned Open Cast. Walk with local residents and wildlife enthusiasts who will be pointing out the interesting and diverse species living on the site. Wear sensible footwear and bring a jacket and warm clothes.