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Network for Success

The Networking Newsletter is holding the "Network for Success" event on Saturday 26 January in the Friends' Meeting House, Mount Street (directly behind Manchester Central Library). The event will be an excellent opportunity for the public, press and community group members to learn about a wide cross section of campaigning in the region. Already over 20 groups have booked a stall, including the Women's Action Forum, Manchester Friends of the Earth, Manchester Committee to Defend Asylum Seekers, Greater Manchester Cycling Campaign, the Alternatives to Violence Project, various local Council for Voluntary Service groups, African & Caribbean Mental Health Services and the Greater Manchester Jubilee Debt Campaign.

The event will run from 2pm until 4:30pm, with refreshments, and will be followed by the Networking Newsletter's Annual General Meeting. It has been widely advertized and we believe will be well attended by the public. It is therefore an ideal chance

for you to publicise yourself as well as network with others. If you'd like a stall please complete and return the booking form on the back page, otherwise just pop along on the day to meet lots of like minded people.

For more information please see the back page, check out the frequently updated web site at

[http://
www.networkingnewsletter.org.uk/
networkforsuccess](http://www.networkingnewsletter.org.uk/networkforsuccess)

or ring Michael on 0161 226 9321

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Greater Manchester's Guide to Green, Peace, Human, Animal and Debt Campaigning

What is the “Networking Newsletter”?

This newsletter is just part of the *Networking Newsletter Project* which provides information and training for campaigners in the region who are working for positive change on issues of peace, development, environment, women, human rights and animal rights and other "social justice" campaigns. The *Networking Newsletter*, both in this printed form and on the web site at

<http://www.networkingnewsletter.org.uk> gives the latest news on all these issues, as well as pulling together in one publication all the campaigns happening over the next few months.

The *Networking Newsletter* is available by subscription for very reasonable rates (see back page). Free copies are distributed around the city, primarily at 6 Mount Street, Cafe Pop (Oldham St), Chorlton Wholefoods (64 Beech Rd) ERIC (Central Library), MARC (28 Edge St., Northern Quarter) Misty's veggie cafe (Longsight), MERCi/Bridge 5 Mill (22a Beswick St, Ancoats) & Unicorn Grocery (Chorlton). Most local libraries also stock a few copies. If you know of elsewhere for copies to be left please let us know by ringing 0161 226 9321.

Women's Network

The Pankhurst Centre has been asked to be the link organisation to coordinate the beginnings of a women's network in Manchester, as part of the Community Network initiative launched recently by the government – see previous *Networking Newsletter* for a fuller description. They are planning a couple of meetings in January and need to have as comprehensive a list of women's groups, organisations and projects as possible (these should be non-statutory groups but they can be funded or unfunded groups). If you know of any such groups, or are interested in attending such meetings yourself, contact the Pankhurst Centre.

Pankhurst Centre (0161 273 5673, pankhurst@zetnet.co.uk)

Blunkett Ban

The Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Bill is a classic piece of knee-jerk catch-all police state-ism by New Labour. It is only a little over a year since the last Terrorism Act came into force, a shameless piece of anti-civil liberties law in itself, and already being used against peaceful protestors.

The new legislation puts the Government on a head-on collision course with Article 5 of the European Convention of Human Rights since it will permit detention without trial. Basically, its centrepiece is intended to allow the indefinite detention of "suspects" (anyone the security services do not like). Once in detention, appeals will be allowed but only to an internal tribunal and without access to the security information that led to their arrest in the first place. Even better, the suspected terrorist could remain in prison indefinitely, subject only to six monthly reviews.

To the horror of health and legal experts, even long-established doctor-patient confidentiality is to be swept aside as police forces across the world will get unrestricted access to British medical records and bank details.

Blunkett may dismiss concerns over civil rights as the worries of "airy-fairy liberals" but his "Clause 17" makes it legal for police across the world to receive documents from public authorities whether they are relevant to a criminal investigation or not. The Bill lists documents covered by 53 different laws, the privacy of which was previously guaranteed. Under the Bill, police will be able to access them in investigating any crime anywhere in the world.

Previous British Government forays into detention without trial include internment in Northern Ireland in 1971 to help crush the IRA (didn't work and led to widespread injustice) and during the Gulf War to lock up anyone who may be linked to Iraq or to people Britain didn't like any more (you've guessed it – didn't work and led to widespread injustice)

*Taken from "Direct Action", Solidarity Federation
(07 984 675 281, <http://www.direct-action.org.uk>)*

Stop Esso

On Saturday 1 December, Manchester campaigners joined forces for a nationwide day of action against Esso. Protesters gathered outside the Esso station opposite Manchester Apollo armed with banners leaflets and tiger masks to persuade car drivers not to put a tiger in their tank! The protesters were concerned about global warming and Esso's refusal to acknowledge its existence, let alone to take any measures to help combat it.

On arrival at the petrol station, protesters explained to the staff about Stop Esso day and handed them a leaflet. Within minutes the first police van of the day arrived, containing several officers who proceeded to quiz individuals about their intentions and keep an eye on the action! An hour or so later they finally left the protesters to it. Throughout the course of the day, the police were called three more times, mainly to tell people to keep off the forecourt, but also due to one protester's attempt to trip the emergency "off" switch for the petrol supply.

Hundreds of motorists were targeted. A couple of people took to leafleting the traffic queue at the Pelican Crossing, whilst the rest covered the surrounding area with "Stop Esso" road signs, posters and banners, staffed the entrances and dashed around the forecourt talking to motorists. Drivers were stopped on the way into the station, and after listening to the truth about Esso, many then drove straight out the other side. The "Beep for the Boycott" signs, tied to the roundabout on the approach to the station, also got a big response, although possibly not always a supportive one!

A spokesperson for Manchester Stop Esso Campaign said, "This is the biggest action ever taken against a single company. We will continue with the boycott until Esso admits that its core business is causing global warming and until Esso stops opposing the Kyoto Protocol. Those most affected by climate change are the world's poorest people, those least able to defend themselves against flooding and drought. We must take action now to stop global warming"

National: <http://www.stopesso.com>

Local: Lauren (lauren@glitter.com) or

Manchester Friends of the Earth (0161 834 8221)

Desist Deportations

Lata and Devesha Shah

Lata Shah and her daughter Devesha came to Britain 2 years ago on holiday from India. They decided to stay to care for Lata's niece, Arati Bhavsar, who has been disabled since birth as a result of medical negligence. The Home Office wants to deport Lata and Devesha as the immigration rules do not allow those providing personal assistance to disabled people to remain here, however much they are needed. Bury Social Services agree that it is in Arati's interests to be supported by members of her own family. Lata and Devesha's final appeal is on Friday 1 February at Aldine House, New Bailey Street, Manchester, (near Salford train station). The Lata and Devesha Defence Campaign is asking people to come along and show their support. Supporters are meeting outside Aldine House at 9.30am.

Bayo Omoyiola

Bayo Omoyiola has lived in the UK for the last 12 years. However he has had ties to the UK over 30 years as he completed his PhD at Aberdeen University in the early 70s. For more than ten years he has been under threat of deportation to Nigeria. Bayo is an active and valued member of his local community. He has a son, Bambour, who was born here and is British. Bayo worked for Liverpool City Council for nine years and was very active in the trade union, UNISON. Bayo's final appeal will take place on Monday 21 January at Aldine House.

The Sus

Lian Hu Su, his wife Xiao Fang and their three children, Miao, Jing and Zhao, now live in Dukinfield, Tameside. Mr Su fled persecution in China after he helped students escape after the 1989 Tianamen Square protest in Beijing. He believes he will be executed if he is forced to return to China. The family have settled into the community in Dukinfield where they have widespread support. The children are so popular at school that their head teachers vowed to refuse police entry if the authorities turned up to take the children away. The Su family have recently been given a three month temporary extension which allows them to stay until January 2002. They are continuing their campaign to be allowed to stay here permanently.

National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns (0161 740 8206, <http://www.ncadc.org.uk>)

Bog Off Kimberley Clarke!

Activists from Manchester's People and Planet group and Shortcutz, a direct action society, targeted the career presentations of companies with particularly bad environmental and/or human rights records. Every year large companies tour university campuses across the country using glossy presentations and free wine to try to recruit graduates. The activists aimed to put a spanner in the works by raising awareness about ethical issues and hopefully deter potential employees from working for particular companies. These included Shell, Esso, Nestle and Kimberly Clarke.

Kimberley Clarke makes Kleenex, Huggies nappies and Kotex sanitary towels. Behind their innocent exterior of cute little puppies, Kimberly Clarke are logging native forests in Australia, destroying the ancient habitat of endangered species and turning unsustainable hardwood pulp into sewage.

The protesters successfully leafleted all of the unsuspecting undergraduates on their way in. Then two activists stood up before the presentation started and spoke eloquently and passionately about hormone disrupting chemicals used in nappies that have been known to cause sex changes in shellfish. They also highlighted the landfill problems created by disposable nappies, as well as Kimberley Clarkes' bad pollution history. They exposed Kimberly Clarke's use of animal testing, and the problem that "pull-ups" encourage children to use disposable nappies into toddler-hood. The smooth faced representatives were at a loss as how to deal with the situation. They didn't really have anything to say to counter the arguments, so resorted to unfounded sarcasm.

Shortcutz: (0161 224 2068/0161 248 7661, shortcutzuk@yahoo.co.uk)

People and Planet (philip.a.symes@stud.man.ac.uk)

Field Day for Foxes

(Taken from "Manchester Evening News": <http://www.manchesteronline.co.uk/news/content.cfm?story=161002>)

Two hunts in the North West faced opposition from crowds of demonstrators, but were left with nothing to chase. One was thwarted by the legacy of foot and mouth and the other by the weather.

Around 100 people gathered at Lach Dennis, near Middlewich, to protest against the Cheshire Forest Hunt. However, the overnight freeze meant conditions underfoot were treacherous and the hunt had to be abandoned.

The famous old Holcombe Hunt was out at Rivington, near Bolton, but had to be content with parading on horseback. George Dickinson, joint master of the hunt, said: "Because of foot and mouth earlier this year the hounds have not been exercised regularly. We were concerned some of them may

have been a bit unruly, so we decided against a hunt today."

Meanwhile, the League Against Cruel Sports has reported Cheshire Forest Hunt to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) for an alleged breach of foot and mouth regulations. It claims the breach took place at Alvanley in Cheshire last week. Hunt officials have strongly denied any wrongdoing. Alex Park, joint master of the hunt, said: "We have complied entirely with regulations set down by DEFRA. We file a report after each hunt and they have had no problems with us. If there have been any breaches then it would have come from the saboteurs going on farmland without disinfecting themselves. We were able to hunt on Christmas Eve, but the conditions were too bad under foot on Boxing Day."

Janet Smart, a member of the League Against Cruel Sports said: "I was heartened by the turnout at Lach Dennis and we are now looking to Tony Blair to keep his promise and

ban hunting. The idea that everyone in the countryside supports hunting is rubbish. I live in the countryside and I, along with many others, am totally opposed to it. I've seen a fox being ripped to pieces. It was like seeing a dog kicked to death outside your house and being unable to do something about it. I've had death threats and dead foxes dumped on my doorstep but we are determined to continue with the campaign."

North West Hunt Saboteurs Association (07960 038230, info@nwhsa.org.uk, <http://www.nwhsa.org.uk>)

Next Issue

A mini-issue of the *Networking Newsletter* will be available for the "Network for Success" event. Articles should be sent by Friday 18 January to 6 Mount St, Manchester M2 5NS, fax 0161 834 5797 (marked for attention of the Networking Newsletter) or email

info@networkingnewsletter.org.uk

Articles should be 50-250 words long (and preferably) with a picture or other graphic.

Fur Trade Ring Smashed

(Taken from "LoomBreaker" #24)

"Okay everyone. This is a protest!", someone announces with the megaphone as we traipse into Arc on King's Street, where animal rights activists have learnt there are fur coats for sale. Not anymore though, as staff immediately remove the offending items, and a call from a manager a half hour later confirms they will stay off the racks.

So time enough to pay a visit to St. Anne's Square where one of the seasonal stalls is not showing much goodwill to the animals, selling 'toy cats' made with rabbits fur (see Issue 36). Our presence brings some animated responses from passers-by, though it turns out that a few are nearby stallholders worried about the protest losing them trade. A couple of hours of quite pressure is all it takes to get the 'toys' removed. Wow, two results and not it's not even lunchtime.

Manchester Animal Protection (01204 413136)

Rich Friends

The Victoria Baths are a Grade II* listed swimming complex in Chorton on Medlock which were closed by Manchester City Council for economic reasons in 1993. (Readers of the *Networking Newsletter* will note that history repeated itself last year when the council closed Gorton Tub for similar reasons.) Local campaigners have been working hard over the last 8 years to reopen Victoria Baths. However, it is now in disrepair with lots of leaks and extensive dry rot.

Fortunately, The Friends of Victoria Baths have been granted aid to carry out urgent repair work to the Baths. The money, £150,000 from English Heritage and £96,000 from the city council's SRB budget, will be used to repair the roofs between May and August.

The group also submitted evidence on the need for local swimming facilities and the high burden of VAT on renovation projects to the Government's inquiry into the Sport of Swimming.

*Friends of Victoria Baths (0161 224 2020,
victoriabaths@aol.com)*

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WINTER WARMERS

Here's another packed listing of all sorts of campaigns and activities, so there's "snow" excuse not to get involved! For updates, more details and links to other groups' websites check out:

<http://www.networkingnewsletter.org.uk/Calendar/dates.html>

Remember to check details of the events with organisers before attending. To list your events, for free, here and on the Web page, contact Michael on 0161 226 9321 or info@networkingnewsletter.org.uk

Campaigns are given in red

Meetings, conferences and training are given in blue

2001 – 2010

International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World

Info: http://www3.unesco.org/iycp/uk/uk_mov.htm

January 2002

Tuesday 8

Greater Manchester Stop the War Coalition

7.30pm, Friends' Meeting House, Mount St M6. Speaker from the national steering committee

Wednesday 9

The Life of Florence Nightingale

7:30pm, Friends Meeting House, Mount Street. Talk by Aled Jones. Info: GM Humanist Group (286 5349, niallpower@supanet.com)

Thursday 10

Urban Problems and Potentials

Debate on how cities have responded to the transformations of the last 20 years and whether problems can become possibilities. Info: Sarah Rowland (832 8818, sarah.rowland@virgin.net)

Friday 11

Climate Change and the Environment

8pm, Stretford Trades and Labour Club, Chester Road/Sydney Street. Rt Hon Michael Meacher MP, Minister of State, Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs will speak on climate change and the environment, and answer questions. Info: Development Education Project (445 2495, depman@gn.apc.org)

Saturday 12

Women's Liberation in the 21 st Century

£2/£1. 2pm, Unitarian Chapel, Cross Street. With Sheila Rowbotham (author of Hidden from History and Women Resist Globalisation) and Lindsey German (author of Sex, Class and Socialism). Free creche

(ring 07815 082 925 to book places). Refreshments and extensive bookstall. Info: Manchester Socialist Workers' Party (07946 763963, esme@choonara.fsnet.co.uk)

Saturday 12

Decorate Gorton Community Centre

Community work. Info: Samantha Elkailani, GO Manchester (833 0245, 07947 781154, gomanchester@csv.org.uk)

Saturday 12

RSPB Trip

9:30am, meet Gateway Hotel car park, East Didsbury or 9:50am at Pennington Flash car park; bring packed lunch. Day trip by car to Southport and Martin Mere led by Brian Lythgoe. Entrance fee for non-members of Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust. Possible species to see: swans, ducks, waders and geese. Info: Manchester RSPB (434 2720)

Wednesday 16

Safer Roads – Better for Whom?

5:30pm, Room G33, Architecture & Planning Building, University of Manchester. Transport seminar with speaker (TBA). Info: <http://www.art.man.ac.uk/planning/banister/transsem.htm>

Saturday 19

Painting at Manchester Settlement

Community work. Info: Samantha Elkailani, GO Manchester (833 0245, 07947 781154, gomanchester@csv.org.uk)

Monday 21

Bayo Must Stay

9:30am, Aldine House, New Bailey Street, Manchester. See page 4. Info: Tony Openshaw, National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns (740 8206, ncadc-nw@ncadc.org.uk)

Friday 25

Critical Mass

8am, outside Whitworth Art Gallery, Oxford Road. Cycle ride to celebrate cycling

CLASH AVOIDANCE

Saturday 26 January

Network for Success!

2-5pm, Friends Meeting House, Mount Street M2. *Calling everybody in the region who's working for a better world, in whatever way, whatever scale - come along, have a stall/display, meet others, share skills and experiences, promote yourself to others (including the public and media). More details on page 16. Info: Networking Newsletter Project (0161 226 9321, info@networkingnewsletter.org.uk)*

Community Work

Either painting a youth housing project or woodland management. Info: Samantha Elkailani, GO Manchester (833 0245, 07947 781154, gomanchester@csv.org.uk)

Anti-war Demo

London. Probable transport from Manchester. Info: Greater Manchester & District Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (273 8283, gmdcnd@gn.apc.org)

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27

Earth First! Winter Moot

Bridge 5 Mill, 22a Beswick Street M4. Info: Manchester Earth First! (226 6814, mancef@nematode.freemove.co.uk)

Sunday 27

Holocaust Memorial Day

Info: 020 722 6822

The Future Socialist Society

£2/£1. 4pm, Unitarian Chapel, Cross Street. With Colin Barker from Manchester Metropolitan University, who has written extensively on social movements and revolutionary history. Free creche (ring 07815 082 925 to book places). Refreshments and extensive bookstall. Info: Manchester Socialist Workers' Party (07946 763963, esme@choonara.fsnet.co.uk)

Tuesday 29

World Trade/Trade Justice

7:30pm, Altrincham Baptist Church, Hale Road, Altrincham. Info: Brigid Benson, Altrincham & Hale One World Group (brigid@gaeia.co.uk)

Tree Planting & Landscaping

1pm, Chain Bar Youth Centre. Community work. Info: Samantha Elkailani, GO Manchester (833 0245, 07947 781154, gomanchester@csv.org.uk)

Wednesday 30

CND AGM

7:30pm, Friends Meeting House, Mount Street M2. Annual General Meeting of Greater Manchester and District Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Info: GM&D CND (273 8283, gmdcnd@gn.apc.org)

Wednesday 30 & Thursday 31

Investment in Excellence

£350. 9am-5pm, Zion Community Resource, Stretford Road, Hulme. A 5 day course (30 & 31 Jan, 1, 5 & 6 Feb) to help individuals and organisations transform their potential and lift their aspirations, confidence and performance. The programme combines facilitated seminars with periods of structured individual learning, reflection and action planning. Info/bookings: Kamal (226 5412)

February 2002

All Month

Stop the Hare Coursing

Info: League Against Cruel Sports (020 7403 6155) or Hunt Saboteurs Association (0845 450 0727) or Manchester Animal Protection (07951 228 981/07931 586 826)

Friday 1

Lata & Devesha Shah Must Stay

9:30am, Aldine House, New Bailey Street, Manchester. See page 4. Info: Tony Openshaw, National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns (740 8206, ncadc-nw@ncadc.org.uk)

Saturday 2

Community Work

Either painting murals at Wythenshawe Farm or First Aid training. Info: Samantha Elkailani, GO Manchester (833 0245, 07947 781154, gomanchester@csv.org.uk)

Saturday 2

No to War – Unite for Human Rights

1-4pm, Friends Meeting House, Mount Street M2. A cultural event with food, music and slide shows on Palestine and Iraq. Supported by Greater Manchester Stop the War Coalition, Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Greater Manchester Campaign Against Sanctions and War on Iraq and the Campaign for Palestinian Rights. Admission free. Donations welcome. Info: Greater Manchester & District Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (273 8283, gmdcnd@gn.apc.org)

Saturday 2

Veggie Night Out

£12.95. 7:30pm, The Millstome Inn, Bolton Road, Chorley. Veggie and vegan meal, raffle and quiz. Info/booking: Crazy Carrots (01204 492190, alwynne@btinternet.com)

ANCE CALENDAR

Tuesday 5 February

Working with the Media

From £88. Friends Meeting House, Mount Street M2.
One day seminar giving advice on how to work with the media in an informed and effective way.
Info/bookings: Waste Watch (020 7089 2112, training@wastewatch.org.uk)

Wednesday 6

Community Network Festival

Buile Hill Park, Salford. Launch of Salford Community Network centred around the fabulous cafe NETWORK, a street cafe from where you'll be able to watch events and short performances by local people. Taste amazing local cuisine for free all day. Info: SUM (743 9555) or Salford CVS (787 7795)

Effective Administrator

From £68. Manchester. Good administrators are at the heart of every successful organisation. This course is for admin & support staff who want to build on existing skills and develop effective office systems. Participants will apply skills of time management, assertiveness and negotiation to confidently manage their working day and relationships with colleagues, managers and others. Info/bookings: Directory of Social Change (0151 708 0117, north@dsc.org.uk)

Easing Congestion – Better for the Environment?

5:30pm, Room G33, Architecture & Planning Building, University of Manchester. Transport seminar with speaker Andy Skinner (MVA). Info: <http://www.art.man.ac.uk/planning/banister/transem.htm>

Saturday 9

Woodland Management & Pond Cleaning

1pm, Mosley. Community work. Info: Samantha Elkailani, GO Manchester (833 0245, 07947 781154, gomanchester@csv.org.uk)

Women Coming Together

1:30-3pm, Manchester Museum, Oxford Road M14.
African & Asian women challenge cultural boundaries and share skills in story-telling, music-making and dance. Info: Manchester Museum (275 2634)

Thursday 14

Raising Money from Companies

From £60. Manchester. This course examines the changing climate of company support, how and why industry gives, identifying companies to approach and improving your chances of success. A must for anyone who wishes to learn the basic principles of raising money from companies, making use of recent examples, interactive group discussion and individual work. Info/bookings: Directory of Social Change (0151 708 0117, north@dsc.org.uk)

Phone Blockade Against Greyhound & Horse Racing

Ring Nottingham Racecourse on 0115 910 3333

Friday 15 – Sunday 17 February

Big Green Weekend III

Hebden Bridge. Kicking off with a solar powered Valentine's Ball, followed over the weekend by hedge laying, tree planting, willow weaving, tours of the Alternative Technology Centre and much more. Info: Alternative Technology Centre (01422 842 121, info@alternativetechnology.org.uk)

Saturday 16

Dig In!

Help develop Hulme Community Garden Centre. Info: Samantha Elkailani, GO Manchester (833 0245, 07947 781154, gomanchester@csv.org.uk)

Wednesday 20

The Fallowfield Line – A Case for Regeneration?

£3. 7:30pm, Friends Meeting House, Mount Street M2 (or Cross St Chapel). An illustrated lecture by Eddie Johnson, railway historian, on what was the suburban route from Manchester Central to Sheffield and is unusual in that social and conventional commercial interests affected its design. Includes latest on local initiatives. Info: Manchester Civic Society (343 7100)

Thursday 21

Raising Money from Trusts

From £60. Manchester. This course looks at different types of charitable trusts, how and why they give support and how best to apply for it. By the end of the day, participants will be able to list the ways in which charitable trusts give, identify charitable trusts to approach and improve their chances of success. A mix of case studies and interactive group discussion. Info/bookings: Directory of Social Change (0151 708 0117, north@dsc.org.uk)

Saturday 23

Murals

Help with murals and emulsions at the Lone Parent Project. Info: Samantha Elkailani, GO Manchester (833 0245, 07947 781154, gomanchester@csv.org.uk)

Tuesday 26 – Friday 1 March

Waterloo Cup

Altcar, Merseyside. Protest against hare coursing. Info: NW Campaign Against Bloodsports (283 6104/07931 586 826/0961 113 084)

March 2002

All Month

Veggie Month

Campaigning for vegetarianism.
Info: Animal Aid (01732 364 546)

Saturday 2

Tidy Gardens

Help tidy up the gardens at the Birch Community Centre. Info: Samantha Elkailani, GO Manchester (833 0245, 07947 781154, gomanchester@csv.org.uk)

Sunday 3

Walk into the Dusk

Mersey Valley Visitor Centre. Info: (905 1100)

Wednesday 6

Better Roads & Pavements – Money Down the Drain?

5:30pm, Room G33, Architecture & Planning Building, University of Manchester. Transport seminar with speaker Mike Cannon (Bury MBC). Info: <http://www.art.man.ac.uk/planning/banister/transem.htm>

Friday 8

International Women's Day

Global Women's Strike

Women are invited to join actions wherever you are. For a world which values all women's work and every life; and an end to "America's new war" and all wars, and to globalisation – end no pay, low pay and too much work worldwide. Info: Global Women's Strike (020 7482 2496, womenstrike8m@server101.com)

Saturday 9

New Gardens

Help create a new garden at Chain Bar Youth Club. Info: Samantha Elkailani, GO Manchester (833 0245, 07947 781154, gomanchester@csv.org.uk)

Tuesday 12

Minute Taking Skills

From £68. This course covers basics of minute taking and is suitable for beginners as well as those with experience who wish to sharpen their skills. Covers note taking skills, how to record with main points, as well as providing tips for ensuring your minutes are accurate, concise and easy to use. The course will improve participants' confidence, enabling them to minute formal and informal meetings effectively. Info: Directory of Social Change (0151 708 0117)

Wednesday 13

Kaleidoscope Careers Information Fair for the Creative, Voluntary and Public Sectors

11am-4pm, The Academy, Oxford Road M13. Alternative careers fair. Info: Fiona Christie, Careers Adviser, University of Manchester & UMIST Careers Service (275 2828, fiona.christie@man.ac.uk)

Wednesday 13

Assertiveness Training for Women

From £68. Manchester. This course will help you improve your self-esteem and enhance effective communications with colleagues and others. Participants will have opportunity to explore different kinds of behaviour in a safe environment. Practical skills-based course. Info/bookings: Directory of Social Change (0151 708 0117, north@dsc.org.uk)

Saturday 16

Paint for the Animals

Help paint outside buildings at the Society for Abandoned Animals. Info: Samantha Elkailani, GO Manchester (833 0245, 07947 781154, gomanchester@csv.org.uk)

Saturday 16 & Sunday 17

Victoria Baths

Events to mark the 9th anniversary of the closure of the baths. Info: Friends of Victoria Baths (224 2020, victoriabaths@aol.com)

Saturday 23

Woodland Management & Step Building

Community work. Info: Samantha Elkailani, GO Manchester (833 0245, 07947 781154, gomanchester@csv.org.uk)

Monday 25 & Tuesday 26

Group Facilitation Methods

£25. YHA, Castlefield. A structured introduction to the basic ToP Discussion and Workshop methods, presenting the foundations of the "Technology of Participation" methodology in a practical and participatory way, demonstrating, discussing and practicing each method. Info: ICA:UK (232 0550, martin@ica-uk.org.uk)

April 2002

All Month

Animals in Laboratories Month

Opportunities for local campaigning. Info: National Anti-Vivisection Society (020 8846 9777)

Monday 1 – Sunday 6

Horse Racing Awareness Week

Info: Animal Aid (01732 364 546)

Saturday 6

Grand National Demo

Aintree, Liverpool. Probable demo and transport from Manchester. Info: Manchester Animal Protection (07951 228 981/07931 586 826)

Monday 8 & Tuesday 9 April

Climate Change & the Built Environment

UMIST. For researchers, designers and regulators to exchange information and ideas from their own countries on dealing with the great challenge of climate change and its effect on buildings, their occupants and sustainability. Info: Susan Stubbs (200 3700, s.stubbs@umist.ac.uk)

Wednesday 10

Better Neighbourhoods – Do Home Zones Deliver?

5:30pm, Room G33, Architecture & Planning Building, University of Manchester. Transport seminar with speaker Richard Armitage (transport consultant). Info: <http://www.art.man.ac.uk/planning/banister/transsem.htm>

Thursday 11

Reading the Rights Acts

Designed to help participants understand the implications of the Disability Discrimination Act and Human Rights Act for their work. Info: GMCVO (273 7451, minicom: 272 7775, gmcvo@gmcvo.org.uk)

Monday 22 & Tuesday 23

Applied Group Facilitation Methods

£25. YHA, Castlefield. Info: ICA:UK (232 0550, martin@ica-uk.org.uk)

Monday 22 – Sunday 28

Week of Action Against Huntingdon Life Sciences

Info: Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (0845 458 0630, info@shac.u-net.com)

Wednesday 24

World Day for Animals in Laboratories

UN recognised day of international commemoration of the suffering of millions of laboratory animals. Info: National Anti-Vivisection Society (020 8846 9777)

Thursday 25

Make High Scoring Applications to the Community Fund

From £120. Workshop to give all the information you need to make good, high scoring applications for Community Fund money. Info/bookings: Directory of Social Change (0151 708 0117, north@dsc.org.uk)

Are you Here?

Please check that your events are listed here, and that all the details are correct. It's for free, and it's read by hundreds.

Any changes, contact Michael on 0161 226 9321 or email info@networkingnewsletter.org.uk

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Thursday 2

Supervision Skills

From £68. A course for staff who have line management responsibility for paid staff and volunteers but who have little or no experience of supervision. Participants will be introduced to a range of methods of supervision from which they will be able to select those which are most appropriate. Info/bookings: Directory of Social Change (0151 708 0117)

Wednesday 8 – Friday 10

Intro to Management in the Voluntary Sector

From £160. Manchester. Course aimed at people who have been in a management position for less than 2 years. It will provide participants with a framework for underpinning knowledge of theories, concepts and models of good practice, enable participants to explore and apply the ideas to their own situation and provide them with the tools to assess their strengths and weaknesses in order to identify the need for further training/development. Info/bookings: Directory of Social Change (0151 708 0117, north@dsc.org.uk)

Tuesday 14

Time Management

From £68. A practical course for those who want to get on top of their workload. The course will enable participants to identify the effects of overworking, monitor/prioritize key areas of responsibility, plan & schedule work, and deal with time stealers (unproductive meetings, damaging interruptions and paperwork mountains). Info/bookings: Directory of Social Change (0151 708 0117, north@dsc.org.uk)

Friday 15

Regeneration Fair

In partnership with the North West Regeneration Network – a chance to find out about examples of good regeneration practice across Greater Manchester. Info: GMCVO (273 7451, minicom: 272 7775, gmcvo@gmcvo.org.uk)

Saturday 18 – Saturday 25

Greyhound Awareness Week

Info: Greyhound Action (01562 745 778)

Thursday 23

Intro to Employment Law

From £68. Manchester. Introduction to the basics of employment law for committee members/trustees and staff in voluntary organisations, covering race, sex, disability and other discrimination, workers from abroad, police checks, contracts, discipline/dismissal and redundancy. Info/bookings: Directory of Social Change (0151 708 0117, north@dsc.org.uk)

Tuesday 28

Development Policy Forum

Venue TBA. Forum to discuss globalisation and its potential to reduce world poverty. Info: Manchester Development Education Project (445 2495, depman@gn.apc.org)

REGULARS

ACTIVITIES

Anti-War Demos: *Afghan Crisis* – Quaker silent vigil, 5-6pm every Thursday, Friends Meeting House, Mount Street M2; Women in Black protest against bombing of Afghanistan. All women welcome, wear black. 5-6pm, Fridays, in the Peace Gardens, St Peter's Square; *vigil for lifting of Iraqi and Yugoslav sanctions*: 12:30-1pm, every Wednesday, Manchester Peace Gardens, St Peter's Square. Info: Salford CND (01942 894 862); *against Iraq bombings*: 11am, 2nd & 4th Saturdays of month, vigil and leafletting outside Tesco, Market Street.

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV): Manchester midweek group does lots of practical activities on every Tues, Weds and Thurs. Meet 9:30am outside Chorlton St bus station. Info: 608 0498.

Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament: general awareness by leafletting: 2nd Weds of month, 12-1:30pm, bottom end of Market Street.

Critical Mass: celebration of cycling & call for better public transport. Last Friday of month, meet 8am outside Whitworth Art Gallery, Oxford Road

Hunt Sabs: with NW Hunt Sabs Assoc., every Saturday. Info: 0961 113084 or info@nwhsa.org.uk

Manchester Wildlife: Walks in the countryside, (generally) 1st Sunday each month during spring and summer. Info: 0161 437 7040.

People's Kitchen: vegan community meals, 7pm, every Tuesday, Grants pub, Royce Road, Hulme.

Tools for Self Reliance [Didsbury]: 1st Mon even & 3rd afternoon of month. (Tool refurbishment)

Vigils for the Disappeared: every Sat, 1pm, steps of Victoria monument, Piccadilly Gardens. Organised by Marxist-Leninist Front

MEETINGS

Africa Forum: University wide network which promotes interdisciplinary collaboration in research and teaching on, in and about Africa. Seminars, 2nd Monday of month, 1-2pm, Room 3.51a, Williamson Building, Oxford Road. Info: 275 3990, msrdsmsg@fs1.ec.man.ac.uk

Manchester **Amnesty International:** 1st Weds of month, 7:30pm, Cross Street Chapel, Cross Street. Info: 962 2012.

Anarchist and Libertarian Communist: discussion evenings, 3rd Wednesday of month, 7:30pm, "Vine" pub, Kennedy Street.

Manchester **Animal Protection:** meetings 1st Weds of month, 7:30pm at Friends Meeting House, Mount Street. Info: 07951 228 981/07931 586 826

Asian Women's Project: every Monday, 2-4pm, Kath Locke centre, 123 Moss Lane East, Hulme. Info: 455 0277.

Asylum Seekers Solidarity Socials: first Saturday of month, 1-4pm, Cross Street Chapel, Manchester. Info: Manchester Committee to Defend Asylum Seekers (0161 740 8206, ncadc-nw@ncadc.org.uk)

Birchfields Green Action Group: first Weds of month, 10am-12noon, Studio16/20 Imex Business Park Hamilton Road, Longsight. Info: (0161 224 8437)

Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) Bolton: 2nd Thurs of month, 8pm, Social Club, 16 Wood St. BL1. Info: Malcolm Pittock (01204 522 839, cnd@bolton.tc) *Bury:* Cath (959 3191). *Manchester:* 2nd Wednesday of month, Friends Meeting House, Mount Street M2. Info: John Cutts (0161 494 8468) *Marple:* 2nd Weds of month, 8pm, Friends Meeting House, 79 Church Lane, Marple. *Prestwich & Whitefield:* 1st Thurs of month, 7:30pm, 36 Ripon Avenue, Whitefield. Info: Betty Tebbs (766 9769). *Rochdale:* 1st Weds of month. Info: Rae (01706 378 043). *Salford:* 3rd Weds of month, 2pm, Broad Walk library. Info Barry Woodling (793 5122)

Greater Manchester **Coalition Against Sanctions and War on Iraq:** 3rd Weds of month, Friends Meeting House, Mount St.

Manchester **Committee for Peace in the Balkans:** 1st Monday of month, 7:30pm, Friends Meeting House, Mount St.

Sale & Altrincham **Conservation Volunteers:** 2nd/3rd Mon of month. Details from Shelagh on 860 6910(h) or 275 3146(w).

Stockport **Conservation Group:** Volunteers wanted for regular practical conservation tasks, usually on a Sunday. No experience needed. Info: Brian Evans on 01663 744 322

Cuba Solidarity Campaign: 7:30pm, 1st Monday of month, upstairs room of the "Hare and Hounds" pub. Info: Mark Burton (881 6887, csc.mcr@pop3.poptel.org.uk) or Alan Neill (226 3688).

Greater Manchester **Cycling Campaign** (formerly "Sprocket"), 2nd Monday of month, 7:30pm, Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street. Info: 0161 224 3843, membership@gmcc.org.uk

Manchester **Earth First!:** 7:30pm, 2nd and 4th Weds, changing venues – ring for info. Info: 226 6814, mancef@nematode.freereserve.co.uk

Eve's Back (Manchester Women's Networking Magazine) meets every 1st and 3rd Weds, 7.00pm, Pankhurst Centre, 60-62 Nelson St. All women welcome! Info: 225 6095, evesback@yahoo.com

Manchester **Friends of the Earth:** 2nd Tues of month, 7pm, Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street. Info: 834 8221, info@mcrfoe.dabsol.co.uk

Friends of Victoria Baths: first Monday of month, 7:30pm, Studio 21, Imex Business Park, Hamilton Road, Longsight. Info: Gill Wright (0161 224 8437).

Manchester **Green Party**: 2nd Thursday of month, various locations. Venue details: Vanessa (227 9014, pixi@redbricks.org.uk) or Lance Crookes (998 1888, lance@catslab.freemove.co.uk).

Greenpeace Eccles & Salford 1st & 3rd Mon of month, "Royal Oak" pub, corner of Corporation Street and Barton Lane, Eccles. Info: Mark Charnley (789 5016); *Manchester & Stockport* 2nd Tues of month, 8pm, "Crown" pub, Heaton Lane. Info: Simon Frith (477 1974)

Lesbian & Gay Youth: every Tues, 7:30-10pm and Sats 3-7pm at Manchester Lesbian and Gay Centre. Info: 274 4664.

Lever Park Action Group: Thursdays, 7:30pm "Crown Inn", Horwich. Tel: 01942 513 792

Libertarian Socialist discussion Group: last Weds of month, 8pm, "Vine" pub, Kennedy St. Tel: 707 9652

Manchester **Light Rail Transit Assoc**: last Thurs of month, 7:30pm, Friends Meeting House, Mount St. Info: Tony Williams (962 1979)

Manchester Wildlife: 3rd Tues of month, 7:30pm, "The Old Monkey", Portland St.

Mothers Against Violence: last Wednesday of month, 6:30pm, Moss Side Leisure Centre, Moss Lane East. Info: 0161 266 1209

Manchester **National Civil Rights Movement**: every second Tuesday evening, Kath Locke Centre, Moss Side. Info: 07957 777 372, 256 1401 or 248 5190

Nicaragua Direct Links (Manchester-Puerto Cabezas Direct Links Group): last Weds of month, South Manchester. Info: Pam Wright (0161 612 6413, email Pamwright2@compuserve.com)

Manchester **Peace Council**: 4th Thursday of month, 7pm, Friends Meeting House, Mount St. Info: Duncan Healey (01457 835 623)

Manchester **Peace Group**: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:15pm, Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street M2 5NS.

Oxfam: *Bolton* Campaigns Group: 2nd Thurs of month, Walker Memorial Hall. *Central Manchester* Campaigns Group: first Tues of month, 6pm, above Oxfam shop, 300/302 Oxford Road. *Sale & Altrincham* Campaigns Group: 2nd Thurs of month, 7:30pm, Sale CAB. *South Manchester* Campaigns Group: 3rd Monday of month, 7:30pm, Chorlton library.

People & Planet: Thursdays, 5pm, Manchester University Students Union, Oxford Road.

Riotous Assembly: 1st Tues of month, 7:30pm, Yard Theatre, Birley Street, Hulme. Informal network of activists. Info: (226 6814)

Saddleworth Peace Movement: 4th Tuesday of month, 8pm, "White Lion" pub, Delph. Info: Steve Roman (01457 876 013)

Socialist Party (Manchester & Manchester East): every Tues, 7:30pm, Friends Meeting House, Mount St. Info: Hugh (0161 248 0027)

Manchester **Solidarity Federation**: 1st Weds of month, 8:30pm, "The Brow House", 1 Mabfield Road, Fallowfield. Info: 232 7889

Sources of Radicalism: Manchester University's International Centre for Labour Studies and "Red Pepper" mag are hosting a series of talks, readings & discussions on first Thurs of month, 7:30pm, Green Room, 54 Whitworth Street West M1. Admission: £3 (£1 unwaged).

Stepping Stones (bisexual women's group): last Sun of month, 4pm, Manchester Lesbian and Gay Centre. Info: 274 3999.

Survivors Poetry: poetry & performances by and for survivors of the mental health system. Every Mon, 2-4pm, Commonword, 6 Mount Street.

Tameside Anti-Fascist Alliance: Tuesdays, 7:30pm, "The Station", Ashton.

Greater Manchester **Transport Action Group** (GMTAG) 6-8pm, last Mon of alternate months in Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street.

Manchester **Women's Drop In & Advice**: every Thursday, 10am-1:30pm, Pankhurst Centre, 60 Nelson Street (near MRI off Oxford Road). Info: Allison or Lindsey (0161 273 5673)

South Manchester **Women's Group**: fortnightly on Weds. Venue info: Linda Pepper (861 0789)

Young People's Forum: every Monday, 3:30pm, Trinity House Family Centre, Grove Close, Rusholme.

Youth Support: every Weds, 6-7:30pm, Booth Centre, Manchester Cathedral. Info: 225 1064 (Pauline or Sam)

What Can You Offer?

One of the Networking Newsletter Project's objectives is to network groups, not just in terms of phone numbers but also sharing skills and resources. If you look at the above list you'll see the same groups again and again. Isn't there anything *your* group would like to offer? What skills or experience do you have that others might not? Do you have books and references you're happy to lend to others? Or is there something you'd like – we're happy to put a "WANTED" notice in the next issue for you.

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RESOURCES

Audio/Visual Equipment: camcorder – MERCI (273 1736); projector – Counter Culture Collective (227 9223)

Computers: MARC (839 0839): PCs, scanner, laser and colour inkjet printers; MERCI (273 1736): apple macs *free*; Women's Electronic Village Hall (0161 953 4049): free drop-in sessions for women (10am-12pm, Fridays or 5-7pm, Tuesdays) also various courses; Workers' Education Assoc (273 7652): *free* laptop loans.

Design skills: Community Exchange (275 2038); Development Education Project (445 2495); MARC (839 0839)

Disability Awareness/Equality/Action:

DAT Project (Typetalk 0900 515 152, tel: 273 5223, dat.project-gmcdp@cwcom.net)

Facilitation of meetings: Community Exchange (275 2038); Development Education Project (445 2495); Institute of Cultural Affairs (232 0550); MERCI (273 1736); Networking Newsletter Project (226 9321)

Grants info: Centre for Voluntary Organisation (273 7451); MERCI (273 1736); VAM – *FunderFinder* computer program and "How to..." guide (236 3206)

Information Centres: (also see *Resources and References*); groups' newsletters/fliers from MARC (839 0839); directories of community groups from CVO (273 7451), Networking Newsletter (226 9321) and VAM (236 3206)

Legal Support: 0161 226 6814

Media (list of contacts): MERCI (273 1736); Networking Newsletter Project (226 9321)

Meeting Rooms: Baha'i Centre (224 6490); Breakthrough (Yvonne Pridding-Bell, 273 5412): evenings from £20; Centre for Voluntary Organisation (273 7451); Friends Meeting House (834 5797); George House Trust, Ardwick Green North (274 4499, venue@ght.org.uk): full days from £150; Manchester Town Hall *FREE if booked by council staff* (234 5000); Oldham One World Centre (287 3371); Pankhurst Centre (273 5673); Slade Lane Neighbourhood Centre (224

1451) *from* £5.50; Union Chapel Community Buildings, Fallowfield (Eileen 445 7594 or Michael 225 0514); Voluntary Action Manchester (236 3206) *from* £30.

Photocopying and Printing: GMCVO (273 7451); MARC (839 0839)

Recycling: Emerge (232 8014)

Resources and References:

- *general* (eg running a group): Centre for Voluntary Organisation (273 7451); Networking Newsletter (226 9321); Voluntary Action Manchester (236 3206)
- *animal rights:* ARC news (01902 711 935); Networking Newsletter (226 9321)
- *development:* Development Education Project provides materials for children and schools (445 2495), ERIC (234 4583)
- *environmental:* ERIC (234 4583); Atmospheric Research & Information Programme (247 1593); Manchester Friends of the Earth (834 8221); MERCI – eco-design (273 1736); Networking Newsletter Project (226 9321)
- *equal opportunities:* Development Education Project provides materials for children and schools (445 2495)
- *Latin America:* Latin America Information Centre (708 9240)

Training: students from Community Exchange (275 2038) can help develop training programmes

- *campaigning:* Community Exchange (275 2038); MERCI (273 1736); Networking Newsletter Project (226 9321)
- *computers/Internet:* MARC (839 0839); Networking Newsletter (226 9321); Women's Electronic Village Hall (953 4049)
- *facilitation skills:* Community Exchange (275 2038); Development Education Project (445 2495); Institute of Cultural Affairs (232 0550); MERCI (273 1736); Networking Newsletter (226 9321)
- *fundraising:* see *Grants info* above
- *group dynamics:* Community Exchange (275 2038); Development Education Project (445 2495); MERCI (273 1736); Networking Newsletter Project (226 9321)

- *media:* Community Exchange (275 2038); MERCi (273 1736); Networking Newsletter Project (226 9321)
- *research skills:* Community Exchange (275 2038); Ethical Consumer Research Association (226 2929)

Transport: large box van: MERCi (273 1736, merci@gm.apc.org) from £10/day plus £250 deposit; drive your own minibus: Manchester Minibus Agency (Tel: 223 1234, fax: 223 1122, minicom: 230 7788)

Veggie/vegan & organic food: 8th Day, Oxford Rd + former "Yellow Brick Cafe", Birley St, Hulme (273 4878); Blue Moon (746 9636); Cafe Pop, Oldham Street; Chorlton Wholefoods, 64 Beech Road (881 6399); Limited Resources, Hulme (226 4777), Misty's, Longsight (256 3355); Organics, Hilton Street; Pankhurst Centre, off Oxford Rd (273 5673); Unicorn Groceries, Chorlton (861 0010)

For the full address of the above organisations please check the Contacts pages.

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Network for Success

**Saturday 26 January
2pm, Friends Meeting House**

Do you ever feel that you fighting all the world's injustices just by yourself?

Or that if you only knew somebody who could help that your problems would be solved?

Remember the phrase, "A problem shared is a problem solved"?

This event is aimed at getting together as many people from all over Greater Manchester who're working for positive social change. Groups and individuals who are campaigning for a better environment, a fairer, more peaceful world with equal rights for all are invited to have a stall to promote themselves to other groups and the general public. "Networking" will be the theme of the afternoon – share your experiences, problems, solutions and skills with others!

The event will

- help groups network with others and share skills and experiences

- raise awareness amongst the general public of issues important to those attending, hopefully the public getting involved with some groups present
- promote the good work of the Networking Newsletter Project (NNP), and help develop it (the more groups getting involved with the NNP the more everybody can get out of it!)

The day will include stalls and displays by groups; group members and the public wandering about, chatting to people; a refreshments area for people to chat away from the buzz of the main room; an area for people to put up forthcoming events; a short plenary session (essentially the NNP's AGM) and then off to a quiet pub for people to discuss more.

To get involved, please complete the enclosed booking form or ring Michael on 0161 226 9321. If you can offer help on the day, let me know!

Booking form for Network for Success

Please complete and return to Networking Newsletter, 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS before Friday 18 January.

Name:

Organisation:

Address:

Email: Tel no:

We would like to attend the "Network for Success" event

We would like a table

We have a display

We can't make it but would like a copy of the report

We would like to help on the day