



# DISSENT!

## A NETWORK OF RESISTANCE AGAINST THE G8

**T**HE G8 (Group of Eight, most industrialised nations) Summits are hosted, on rotation, by the group's member states. In 2005 the Summit is to be held in the UK at Gleneagles in Perthshire, Scotland (around 60 miles north of Edinburgh). A network, going by the name of Dissent!, has formed with the hope of co-ordinating radical resistance to the Summit and building a lasting anti-capitalist movement in the UK.

The Network was formed in the autumn of 2003 by a group of people who have previously been involved in radical ecological direct action, Reclaim the Streets, Peoples' Global Action, the anti-war movement and the global anti-capitalist movement which has emerged around meetings of the international elite over the past few years.

The Network has no central office, no spokespeople, no membership list and no paid staff. It's a mechanism for communication and co-ordination between local groups and working groups involved in building resistance to the G8, and capitalism in general. It hopes to exist long after the world leaders have returned home in the early summer of 2005.

Dissent! is open to anybody willing to work within the Hallmarks of Peoples' Global Action (PGA). PGA was founded in February 1998 by hundreds of people from social movements as diverse as the Brazilian landless peasants movement (MST), Reclaim the Streets in the UK, the Zapatistas in Mexico, radical ecologists from the Ukraine, Maori from New Zealand and squatters from across Europe, all of whom had gathered in Geneva for the founding conference. The PGA Network was created as a tool for co-ordination and communication between groups, movements and individuals wanting to organise global anti-capitalist resistance, particularly to international organisations such as the World Trade Organisation (WTO), and to draw attention to the possibility of alternative forms of social organisation. The PGA, and the movements involved within it, were instrumental in initiating and co-ordinating the global days of action against the last G8 meeting in the UK in Birmingham 1998, the day of action in financial centres around the world on June 18th 1999, and the events in Seattle and around the globe which coincided with the WTO Ministerial in November 1999. The Hallmarks are as follows:

1. A very clear rejection of capitalism, imperialism and feudalism; all trade agreements, institutions and governments that promote destructive globalisation.
2. We reject all forms and systems of domination and discrimination including, but not limited to, patriarchy, racism and religious fundamentalism of all creeds. We embrace the full dignity of all human beings.
3. A confrontational attitude, since we do not think that lobbying can have a major impact in such biased and undemocratic organisations, in which transnational capital is the only real policy-maker.
4. A call to direct action and civil disobedience, support for social movements' struggles, advocating forms of resistance which maximise respect for life and oppressed peoples' rights, as well as the construction of local alternatives to global capitalism.
5. An organisational philosophy based on decentralisation and autonomy.

The Dissent! Network holds regular bi-monthly gatherings, open to all who wish to work within these guidelines. Come along and get involved. Email: [g8gathering@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:g8gathering@yahoo.co.uk) or visit the Dissent! website: [www.dissent.org.uk](http://www.dissent.org.uk) to find out when and where the next gathering is taking place. Alternatively contact one of the working groups or local groups listed on the inside back cover. Another world is possible, let's start building it!

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\*The website: [www.dissent.org.uk](http://www.dissent.org.uk)

\*To join the Dissent! email list, send an email to: [resistg82005-subscribe@lists.riseup.net](mailto:resistg82005-subscribe@lists.riseup.net)

\*To take part in the Enrager.net discussion forum about the 2005 G8 Summit, go to: [www.enrager.net](http://www.enrager.net)

\*The Dissent! Network holds bi-monthly gatherings. For information about the next one email: [g8gathering@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:g8gathering@yahoo.co.uk)

### DISSENT WORKING GROUPS

If you would like to get involved in a particular aspect of the mobilisation against the G8, contact one of the following working groups. If you would like to initiate a project or working group, to work within the PGA Hallmarks and as a part of the Dissent! Network, then: go for it! And better still, come along to the next gathering, let people know about it and ask if anyone wants to help out.

### EDUCATION/ROADSHOW

TRAPESE (Take Radical Action Through Participatory Education and Sustainable Everything) is a popular education collective set up as part of the build up to mobilisations against the G8 through the Dissent! Network.

TRAPESE offers workshops, a show, pub-quizzes, videos etc... based on issues related to the G8 (climate change, oil, war, food, poverty, Africa...) In the run up to the G8 Summit and beyond, the collective will be giving talks and workshops at venues around the UK - attempting to reach all sorts of people, not just activists. If you are interested in the roadshow, would be willing to host an event or would like more information please get in touch.

Phone: 07904 452297

Email: [roadshow@riseup.net](mailto:roadshow@riseup.net)

### GATHERING

For information about the next bi-monthly Dissent! gathering, or to offer to help out organising it, write to: [g8gathering@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:g8gathering@yahoo.co.uk)

### FUNDING

To make donations, or to get involved with fundraising, email: [fundingdissent@yahoo.com](mailto:fundingdissent@yahoo.com)

### INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING

If you are based outside of the UK and want to contact the Dissent! Network, or if you would like to get involved with networking internationally, email: [info82005@yahoo.com](mailto:info82005@yahoo.com)

To subscribe to the email list for internationally co-ordinating resistance to the 2005 G8 Summit, email: [international-g82005-subscribe@lists.riseup.net](mailto:international-g82005-subscribe@lists.riseup.net)

To get involved with the UK-based International Networking group, working on building contact with groups and networks internationally, join the International Networking working group email list: [dissent\\_int\\_network@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dissent_int_network@yahoo.co.uk)

### PROCESS GROUP

The Process Group is the working group responsible for organising the agenda and facilitation for the bi-monthly gatherings. To suggest items to be put on the agenda for the next gathering, or to get involved in the group, email: [dissentprocess@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dissentprocess@yahoo.co.uk)

### MEDICAL SUPPORT

Email: [uk\\_medics@lists.riseup.net](mailto:uk_medics@lists.riseup.net)

Web: [www.actionmedics.org.uk](http://www.actionmedics.org.uk)

To subscribe to the email list, write to: [medic\\_g8\\_2005-subscribe@lists.riseup.net](mailto:medic_g8_2005-subscribe@lists.riseup.net)

## FESTIVAL OF DISSENT!

To get involved in co-ordinating the Festival of Dissent! planned to take place somewhere in the UK in April 2005, subscribe to the email list by writing to: [festivalofdissent-subscribe@lists.riseup.net](mailto:festivalofdissent-subscribe@lists.riseup.net)

## NEWSLETTER

To order copies of the Dissent! Newsletter, or to contribute an article or idea, email: [dissentnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dissentnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk) Or write to: Dissent Newsletter, Box 8, 245 Gladstone Street, Nottingham, NG7 6HX.

## PUBLICITY

To subscribe to the list, email: [dissent-pub-subscribe@lists.riseup.net](mailto:dissent-pub-subscribe@lists.riseup.net)

## WEBSITE

To contact the web group and request changes, email: [dissent-tech@lists.aktivix.org](mailto:dissent-tech@lists.aktivix.org)

To get involved in the web group, subscribe to the email list by going to: <http://lists.aktivix.org/mailman/listinfo/dissent-tech>

## TRAINING

The Training working group are co-ordinating skill sharing and training for people wanting to take action around the G8. Training sessions include: how to plan actions, direct action techniques, working in affinity groups and street teams, organising collectively, consensus decision-making in small and large groups and setting up and running legal support teams. They are planning on organising training sessions at possible convergence centres and camps during the Summit and offer trainings to groups all year round. The group are also looking for more people to get involved. To contact the group, email: [actiontraining@linuxmail.org](mailto:actiontraining@linuxmail.org) To join the email list, email: [actiontraining@lists.aktivix.org](mailto:actiontraining@lists.aktivix.org)

## LEGAL SUPPORT

The Legal Support Group will be gathering information and legal resources with the aim to provide activists with a guide to Scottish law and possible police tactics both in the run up to Gleneagles and during the course of the summit protests. To get involved or to help with useful skills and resources email: [g8legalsupport@riseup.net](mailto:g8legalsupport@riseup.net)

## DISSENT! NETWORK LOCAL GROUPS

If you would like to get involved in a local Dissent! group, there may be one near you. Here's a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups we know of (as of date of publication). If there isn't one near you, set one up!

### Brighton

Email: [brightonantig8@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brightonantig8@yahoo.co.uk)

### Bristol

Group: Dissent! Bristol

Mail: Dissent!, Box 102, 82 Colston St., Bristol, BS1 5BB.

Email: [dissentbristol@subsection.org.uk](mailto:dissentbristol@subsection.org.uk)

Email List:

<http://lists.aktivix.org/mailman/listinfo/dissent-bristol>

### Cambridge

Group: Cambridge Action Network

Mail: CAN, c/o 12 Mill Road, Cambridge CB1 2AD

Email: [cambridge@lists.riseup.net](mailto:cambridge@lists.riseup.net)

Web: [www.cambridgeaction.net](http://www.cambridgeaction.net)

### Cardiff

Group: Cardiff Anarchist Network

Meets: Model Inn, Quay Street, Cardiff (Every Monday 9pm, upstairs).

Tel: 07931 451 707

Web: [www.geocities.com/bozavine/can](http://www.geocities.com/bozavine/can)

### Derby

Group: Derby Earth First!

Meets: Bernard's Watch Café, The Courtyard Pub, Friargate, Derby (First Tuesday of every month).

Mail: PO Box 6628, Derby, DE1 9EA.

Tel: 01332 835 426

Email: [derby.earthfirst@hushmail.com](mailto:derby.earthfirst@hushmail.com)

### Edinburgh

Group: Edinburgh Reshape

Meets: Autonomous Centre of Edinburgh, 17 West Montgomery Place, Edinburgh, EH7 5HA. (Second Sunday of every month, 5pm).

Mail: Reshape, c/o Autonomous Centre of Edinburgh, 17 West Montgomery Place, Edinburgh, EH7 5HA.

Tel: 0131 557 6242

Email: [reshape@riseup.net](mailto:reshape@riseup.net)

Email List:

<http://lists.riseup.net/www/info/dissentedinburgh>

Web: <http://enrager.net/hosted/reshape/>

### Glasgow

Group: Reshape, Glasgow

Email: [reshape-glasgow@riseup.net](mailto:reshape-glasgow@riseup.net)

### Hastings

Anti-G8 Infopoint

Email: [blueecomag@netscape.net](mailto:blueecomag@netscape.net)

### Ipswich

Anti-G8 Infopoint

Email: [atgblue@yahoo.com](mailto:atgblue@yahoo.com)

### Lancaster

Group: Lancaster Action Resource Centre (LaRC)

Mail: LaRC, The Basement, 78a Penny St, Lancaster.

Tel: 01524 383012

Email: [thebasement@webtribe.net](mailto:thebasement@webtribe.net)

Web: [www.eco-action.org/lancaster/](http://www.eco-action.org/lancaster/)

### Leeds

Group: Leeds ARC

Mail: 145-147 Cardigan Road, Leeds, LS6 1LJ.

Email: [leedsarc@riseup.net](mailto:leedsarc@riseup.net)

Web: [www.leedsarc.org.uk](http://www.leedsarc.org.uk)

### Leicester

Group: Leicester Action Network

Email: [info@leicester-action.co.uk](mailto:info@leicester-action.co.uk)

Web: [www.leicester-action.co.uk](http://www.leicester-action.co.uk)

### Liverpool

Email: [chogmail@excite.com](mailto:chogmail@excite.com)

### London

Group: London Action Resource Centre (LARC)

Mail: 62 Fieldgate Street, London, E1 1ES.

Tel: 0207 377 9088

Email: [info@londonarc.org](mailto:info@londonarc.org)

Web: [www.londonarc.org](http://www.londonarc.org)

Group: Wombles

Mail: Wombles c/o Freedom Bookshop, 84b Whitechapel High Street, London E1 7QX.

Meets: Every Tuesday. For details see website.

Tel: 07956 975 490

Email: [wombles@hushmail.com](mailto:wombles@hushmail.com)

Web: [www.wombles.org.uk](http://www.wombles.org.uk)

### Manchester

Group: Dosummat

Email: [dosummat@shortcutz.org.uk](mailto:dosummat@shortcutz.org.uk)

Web: [www.dosummat.org.uk](http://www.dosummat.org.uk)

### Newcastle

Group: Why Don't You?

Mail: PO Box 1TA, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE99 1TA.

Email: [whydontyou@post.com](mailto:whydontyou@post.com)

### Nottingham

Mail: Box 8, The Sumac Centre, 245 Gladstone St., Nottingham, NG7 6HX.

Email: [dissent@veggies.org](mailto:dissent@veggies.org)

Web: [www.veggies.org.uk/sumac](http://www.veggies.org.uk/sumac)

### Oxford

Group: Oxford Anti-G8 Group

Mail: 16b Cherwell Street, Oxford, OX4 1BG.

Email: [dissentoxford@riseup.net](mailto:dissentoxford@riseup.net)

### Reading

Group: Reading Anti-G8

Email: [reading-anti-g8@cyber-rights.net](mailto:reading-anti-g8@cyber-rights.net)

### Sheffield

Email: [sheffieldmayday@ukf.net](mailto:sheffieldmayday@ukf.net)

### Worthing

Group: Shut the G8

Mail: PO Box 4144, Worthing, BN14 7NZ.

Email: [shuttheg8@hotmail.com](mailto:shuttheg8@hotmail.com)

Web: [www.freewebs.com/shuttheg8](http://www.freewebs.com/shuttheg8)

## OTHER CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

### SchNEWS

Weekly radical news-sheet. Available online:

[www.schnews.org.uk](http://www.schnews.org.uk)

### Corporate Watch

Corporate Watch are planning on producing a guide to the G8 and the 2005 Summit.

Web: [www.corporatewatch.org](http://www.corporatewatch.org)

### G8 Information Centre

Based at Toronto University. Information, analysis and research about the institutions, issues and members of the G8. The information and analysis contained here is useful and interesting, despite the fact that the researchers involved in the project are not coming from a radical perspective. To be read critically.

Web: [www.g7.utoronto.ca](http://www.g7.utoronto.ca)

### Anarchist Black Cross

Support our movement's prisoners! Information available from Brighton Anarchist Black Cross (ABC)

Email: [mail@brightonabc.org.uk](mailto:mail@brightonabc.org.uk)

Web: [www.brightonabc.org.uk](http://www.brightonabc.org.uk)

### Indymedia

UK: [www.indymedia.org.uk](http://www.indymedia.org.uk)

Scotland: <http://scotland.indymedia.org>

Global: [www.indymedia.org](http://www.indymedia.org)

### Peoples' Global Action (PGA)

Web: [www.ago.org](http://www.ago.org)

### Peoples' Golfing Action

A network of anarchist golfers planning to disrupt the 2005 G8 Summit, to be held at Gleneagles luxury hotel and golf resort.

Email: [wrench@tao.ca](mailto:wrench@tao.ca)

Web: [www.tao.ca/~wrench/dist/g8/pga.html](http://www.tao.ca/~wrench/dist/g8/pga.html)

### The Clandestine Insurgent Rebel Clown Army

The Clandestine

Insurgent Rebel Clown

Army (CIRCA), is a gaggle

of activist/tricksters, who

are developing a method

of political activism that

brings together the

ancient practice of rebel

clowning and the more

recent practice of Civil

Disobedience. CIRCA will

be on a recruitment tour

of the UK and Europe in

spring 2005 and hopes

to bring numerous

battalions of

clownbatants to mock

the G8. If you wish to

join up or host a

recruitment workshop

contact:

[circa@riseup.net](mailto:circa@riseup.net)

Web: [www.clownarmy.org](http://www.clownarmy.org)

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