





Fossil Free Gathering 2022

Friday 23rd September

Time	Activity
15:00 - 17:00	Arrivals + checking in
17:00 - 18:00	Social time Choose between a walk through the grounds, board games, a football match - or anything else you'd like to do!
18:00 - 19:00	Dinner
Evening activities	
19:00 - 21:30	Screening of <i>The Oil Machine</i> ✓ <i>UK Divest</i> Followed by Q&A with the film's Executive Director James Marriott.
	Ingestre Hall estate and portraits tour ✓ <i>UK Divest</i> Join Ric for a tour of the grounds and to learn about the venue's history.

Key

Use the icons below to choose sessions which will be most suitable for you:

-  Aimed at those new to divestment
-  Suitable for everyone
-  Most suited to activists with some experience campaigning for divestment
-  A calm, quiet space for anyone who needs a break or wants to take some time to themselves

Saturday 24th September

Participants can book small group coaching sessions alongside the core programme. [Click here](#) to register your interest.

Time	Activity	
8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast	
9:00 - 10:30	Welcome plenary: what is divestment and why are we here? ✓	
10:30 - 10:45	Break	
Breakouts 1: Campaigning with councils		
10:45 - 13:00	Intro to relationship-based lobbying 🙌 ✓ <i>Jamie O'Dell, Hope for the Future</i> A must-have for anyone just getting started on campaigns targeting local councils. If you didn't make it to our last session with the experts, you won't want to miss it this time!	Roundtable discussion: working with your elected representatives 🎓 <i>Steven Sahota, Hope for the Future</i> Winning your campaign will involve influencing your elected representatives in one way or another. With a cost of living crisis, a new PM, and the war in Ukraine - the political atmosphere is changing day by day. Join us for an interactive roundtable discussion to explore the challenges and opportunities facing us in influencing our elected representatives. This session will be led by you, so come with your questions and let's discuss!
10:30 - 13:00	Calm space 🌳 In our calm space during the morning session, you can listen to the podcast 'How they Made us Doubt Everything'.	
13:00 - 14:45	Lunch	
Breakouts 2: Planning to win		
14:45 - 16:00	Working with trade unions 🎓 <i>Alistair Bastin, UNISON South East</i> Workshop exploring tactics and	Launching your campaign 🙌 <i>UK Divest</i> In this session, we'll run through the
		Creative direct action ✓ <i>Lyndsay Burtonshaw</i> Workshop providing space to explore

	methods for engaging trade unions and fund members in your campaign. Alistair will be sharing his experience of running large-scale member consultations and pushing for climate commitments as a scheme member rep on the Oxfordshire Pensions Board.	basics of council divestment campaigning — who are your targets, who are potential allies and what influences them. We'll explore different ways of kicking off a new campaign and what you'll need to do it.	ideas for creative disruption, imaginative intervention and thinking-outside-the-box tools to make your divestment campaign exciting and bold.
14:45 - 16:00	Calm space 🌳 In our calm space during the afternoon, we'll be screening 'Offshore' - an independent documentary by Platform exploring perspectives on energy transition in North Sea oil communities. Watch the trailer here.		
16:00 - 16:15	Break		
Breakouts 3: Communicating our campaign			
16:15 - 17:30	How to have persuasive conversations ✓ <i>Fran Corrieri, Friends of the Earth</i> In this workshop, we'll explore ways of engaging and persuading people to care about our campaign by more deeply listening to them, learning about and from them, and finding ways to relate to each other.	Media spokesperson training 🎓 <i>Rachel Shabi, Journalist</i> In this interactive workshop, award-winning journalist and broadcaster Rachel Shabi will help you develop the skills needed to navigate TV and radio interviews, making sure you are able to get your key messages across effectively.	Guide to social media ✓ <i>UK Divest</i> How can we use social media to build the presence of our campaign and apply pressure to decision-makers? In this practical session we'll explore how to use social media to cut through the noise.
17:30 - 17:45	Break		
17:45 - 19:00	Roundtable discussion: cost of living crisis ✓ An open space to discuss the impacts of energy price hikes and the current political context for divestment campaigns.		
19:00 - 20:00	Dinner		
20:00 - late	Social time — <i>activities TBC</i>		

Sunday 25th September

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8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast			
9:00 - 9:30	Welcome and opening the space ✓			
9:30 - 10:45	<p>Plenary: building diverse partnerships in your community ✓</p> <p>Workshop exploring the opportunities and challenges of reaching out to new communities, particularly those most impacted by climate breakdown. Facilitated by Shaira Begum.</p>			
10:45 - 11:00	Break			
Breakouts 3: Winning the argument				
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12:15 - 13:30	Lunch			
13:30 - 14:15	Reflections from the weekend ✓			
14:15 - 15:30	<p>Open space ✓</p> <p>A chance to discuss anything you haven't talked about elsewhere, or continue a conversation you didn't finish.</p>			

Please email ukdivest@gmail.com if you have any questions.

The poster features a dark green background with several stylized, light green raised fist icons of varying sizes. The text is arranged in a clear hierarchy: the UK Divest logo at the top left, the event dates and location in an orange box at the top right, the main title in large white letters, and the slogan in an orange box at the bottom left.

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