

Building the UK movement to divest for climate justice

UK Divest is pleased to invite you to join this year's Fossil Free Gathering!

In the lead up to COP26, it's more important than ever that climate campaigners are well-connected and feel confident about putting pressure on their campaign targets to drive a move away from fossil fuels and towards climate justice.

Across the week of events, participants will have the opportunity to meet other activists both within and outside of their region, share learning, plan for upcoming days of action, and develop their skills in a range of areas, including:

- × framing and communications
- × using art in activism
- × sustainable activism and group care
- × community organising
- × working with trade unions
- × building a winning campaign strategy
- × ... and much more!

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**4th-10th
October
2021**

AGGENDA

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Welcome Plenary: Introduction to Fossil Fuel Divestment
UK Divest
5:30pm - 6:30pm



Welcome Plenary: Storytelling and Networking
UK Divest
7:00pm - 8:00pm



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Framing Climate Justice
Georgia Rigg, Framing Climate Justice
1:00pm - 2:00pm



Working with Trade Unions
Platform
6:00pm - 7:30pm



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Defund Fossil Fuels: Banks Activism
Tipping Point UK, Market Forces UK
12:00pm - 1:00pm



Introduction to Community Organising
Ella Baker School of Organising
6:30pm - 8:30pm



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Finance Q&A
UK Divest
12:30pm - 1:30pm



Group Care and Regenerative Activism
Tipping Point UK
5:30pm - 6:30pm



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Tackling the 'Divest or Engage' Question
1:00pm - 2:00pm



Glasgow Pub Quiz
Divest Strathclyde and Friends of the Earth Scotland
7:30pm - 9:00pm



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Crafting a Winning Campaign Strategy
Ella Baker School of Organising
10:00am - 12:00pm



Absorbing Momentum
Tipping Point UK
2:00pm - 4:00pm



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Art and Action
Tipping Point UK, Artist Collective
11:00am - 1:00pm



Closing Plenary
UK Divest
3:00pm - 4:30pm



Key

Suitability



Aimed at those new to divestment



Suitable for everyone



Most appropriate for activists with some experience of divestment and/or climate campaigning

Themes



Climate justice



Campaigning and organising



Divestment



Social

To let us know your access needs for any of the workshops or if you have any questions about the event, please contact us at ukdivest@gmail.com.

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OCTOBER

Welcome Plenary: Introduction to Fossil Fuel Divestment

UK Divest

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Find out about the UK's climate justice movement, where divestment campaigning fits and different ways you can take action in your community.



Welcome Plenary: Storytelling and Networking

UK Divest

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Hear from the UK Divest team about what's to come throughout the week of events and learn from the inspiring stories of activists both at home and abroad. Followed by a networking space for groups to meet one another and share campaigning experiences, both within and outside of their regions.



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Framing Climate Justice

Georgia Rigg

Framing Climate Justice

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Find out this project's learning about why values-based communications are effective at winning hearts and minds, how to effectively communicate about climate change to the general public and how to embed justice-focused messaging into your divestment campaigns.



Working with Trade Unions

Platform

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Workshop exploring tactics and methods for engaging workers and trade unions in local divestment campaigns. A panel of trade unionists will improve your understanding of how trade union branches operate and advise how to bring trade unions into your campaign. Participants are invited to submit questions in advance to ukdivest@gmail.com



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OCTOBER

Defund Fossil Fuels: Banks Activism

Tipping Point UK, Market Forces UK 12:00pm - 1:00pm

An introduction to UK banks' role in funding climate chaos, exploring which banks are funding the fossil fuel industry and the projects they are financing. Participants of this session will also hear from people at the frontline of resistance against projects financed by UK banks, understanding the nature of their struggle.



Introduction to Community Organising

Ella Baker School of Organising 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Find out about the community organising approach, which connects local people and motivates them to build collective power. Learn what motivates people to take action, how to effectively build relationships within all areas of your local community and how to identify and support local leaders.



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Finance Q&A

UK Divest 12:30pm - 1:30pm

An opportunity for activists to speak to a financial expert and ask finance-related questions that have come up in their local divestment campaigns. Participants are invited to submit questions in advance to ukdivest@gmail.com



Group Care and Regenerative Activism

Tipping Point UK 5:30pm - 6:30pm

This workshop aims to introduce ideas about what a caring, supportive and regenerative culture could look like in your groups. In the session, we'll try out tools that can help to nurture a slow paced and anti-oppressive culture that can prevent burnout while being attentive to power dynamics in your groups.



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Tackling the 'Divest or Engage' Question

1:00pm - 2:00pm

An opportunity for activists to hear from experts on divestment vs. engagement, as well as providing an open space for any questions. Participants are invited to submit questions in advance to ukdivest@gmail.com



Glasgow Pub Quiz

Divest Strathclyde and Friends of the Earth Scotland

7:30pm - 9:00pm

Chill out after a long week of learning with a loosely climate-themed quiz, with a chance to win a cookery class of your choice from **Migrateful!** You can either turn up with a fully-formed team, or we can put you in a group for the chance to get to know activists you haven't met before.



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Crafting a Winning Campaign Strategy

Ella Baker School of Organising

10:00am - 12:00pm

This workshop takes activists back-to-basics on campaign strategy to help you understand what steps you need to take to win and by introducing a range of tools and exercises that you can undertake with your group.



Absorbing Momentum

Tipping Point UK

2:00pm - 4:00pm

With COP26 just around the corner, this workshop explores the concepts of momentum-driven organising and will share practical tactics for absorbing new people and energy into your group and campaigns around key mobilisations and whirlwind moments.



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Art and Action

Tipping Point UK, Artist Collective 11:00am - 1:00pm

Learn more about a range of creative direct action tactics used around the world. This workshop will explore how to use art and powerful stories to engage more people and further your campaign goals. Followed by breakout spaces for detailed action planning in smaller regional groups to make plans for upcoming finance and divestment days of action ahead of COP26.



Closing Plenary

UK Divest

3:00pm - 4:30pm

Wrapping up the weekend, saying goodbye and evaluating what we've learnt. We'll also be hearing from a number of exciting speakers, including Daniel Ribeiro of Justiça Ambiental (JA!) / Friends of the Earth Mozambique and Mikaela Loach, a climate justice activist, 4th year medical student, co-host of The Yikes Podcast and writer based in Edinburgh. Mikaela is one of three claimants **taking the Government to court** to stop public money subsidising oil and gas extraction.

