

Draft Mobilisers letter

(mobilising within an area or an interest group)

Dear Boris,

Faslane 365

I don't know if you have heard of Faslane 365. Basically it is a year-blockade of the naval base at Faslane where Britain's nuclear weapon submarines are berthed.

The next year or so will be a critical time for the disarmament of Britain's nuclear weapons. Although the government seems determined to replace the current system (which anyway has still many years to run) with a new one, there is at least the possibility of some public debate. Faslane 365 is a golden opportunity to put serious pressure on our elected representatives.

In recent years there have been a series of mass blockades of the base. These involved people peacefully blocking the entrances to the base and they are famous for their good humoured and carnival atmosphere. Although they have been successful it is now the time to take the next step of causing continuous peaceful disruption at the base at a level which the authorities will not be able to cope with.

The idea is that an organisation, or an area, signs up to be responsible for a particular two-day period and hopefully gathers at least 100 people who would be willing to risk arrest. That's the number you need to have an effective blockade. If they cannot manage 100 then they could be matched with another group or groups to make up the numbers. These groups have a complete say in how they do the blockade and will have the chance to highlight whatever concerns them most, which needn't be Trident, although they should be able to connect the two issues. (*Sentence to make the connection with the recipient's area of concern.*)

All we sign up to is a basic demand to get rid of Trident and not build any new WMD, and a commitment to nonviolence.

The year long blockade is set to kick off on 1st October.

Thelma and I are keen that (*town/area*) plays its part and are inviting you to join us at the public meeting on (*date*) at (*time*) in (*venue*). It would be great if you could set aside the couple of hours we will need to go over the basics, respond to queries and concerns and get started on the practical arrangements. As well as those willing to risk arrests we will need people who will avoid being arrested so that they can offer support in a variety of ways.

One of the things that attracts me to the plan is the fact that no one will start blockading on 1st October unless there are enough people signed up to keep it going for at least 100 days. I am also reassured by the fact that there is a lot of support available to us from people who have done the Faslane thing and know the ropes, the legal issues, how you need to prepare, etc.. They are willing to provide workshops for us and the website is already a mine of useful information.

Anyway, I am sure you will have lots of questions!

Hope to see you on (*date*). Do let me know whether you can make it or not.

Best

Fred