

Monthly Update on Faslane 365 for all Blockading Groups

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Dear Faslane 365 Supporters, to keep you informed on progress we will be producing these monthly updates. If you want any further information included then please let us know. Most of the information in these updates can be found on the website but in this form you should find it easy to forward to your local supporters, love and peace, Angie.

•14 groups have signed up to the Blockading Rota so far –

Ex-Greenham	Scottish Green Party - Pol	Tweeddale – G
Women/Aldermaston WPC - W	Nordic Group - Int	CND – P
WIB - Wr	Norwich Plus - G	Draig Goch – G
Highland Group - G	Quakers – R	TP – P
Assynt Peace Group – G	Sussex - G	Non-Xmas Party group - Indiv

Categorising the 14 groups we have:- 1 International, 1 Religious, 1 Political Party, 1 individual, 2 Women, 2 Peace, and 6 Geographical centred groups.

•We are awaiting bookings from another 31 groups.

•We have contacted around 200 groups so far and continue to research and contact more. If you know of any groups/organisations or individuals who would like to host a mobilising meeting in their area then please put us in contact with them.

•At a recent meeting of the Steering Group we felt it was likely that we would be able to get a first 100 groups onto the Rota before our start date of October 1st. However, we were aware that some groups are already putting in a lot of time and effort into mobilising and preparation and planning workshops and that most of these groups would want to go ahead with their planned blockades whatever the outcome of the final number of groups taking part. We have already made a commitment that Faslane 365 will not go ahead unless we have 100 groups already signed up before October 1. We have thus clarified that if, nearer the time, it looks like we will not be able to get the first 100 groups booked in the Rota that groups will be notified that Faslane 365 will not go ahead but can then decide whether to opt into a differently named Blockade Plan. All the members of the Steering Group and the Working Groups are prepared to provide the overall support and training to enable this **other Blockade Plan** to go ahead. The organisation and ground rules would be the same, the only difference would be that there would be some gaps in the Rota. At this stage we are still very hopeful that we can get the required 100 plus groups together but we felt those groups already planning needed to know there was another option available if we do not reach that goal.

•We would like to put a map of the UK on the website with a dot representing groups that are on the rota and for each dot to be associated with an email address eg stirling@faslane365.org or Norwich@faslane365 Any group that wants to be part of this should contact us so that we can send you an address. This map would mean that people looking at the site could then contact their nearest Blockading Group to see if they can join in.

•We have received signed statements of support from 59 groups:- 1 Development group, 1 Community group, 1 Civil Liberties group, 1 Social

group, 1 Union group, 2 Political Parties, 2 Environmental groups, 2 Arts groups, 2 Youth groups, 3 Women's groups, 4 Solidarity groups (Palestinian and Kurdish), 4 International groups, 9 Religious groups (Catholic, Quaker, Iona and Buddhist), and 24 Peace groups.

Organisations

Abolition 2000 UK [P](#)
Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp [W](#)
Assynt Peace Group [P](#)
Bicycology [Env](#)
Campaign Against Arms trade (CAAT) [P](#)
Campaign Against Criminalising
Communities (CAMPACC) [Civ Lib](#)
CND - Ayrshire, Bristol, Christian, Cymru, Edinburgh,
Greater Manchester and District, Helensburgh,
Scotland, Stirling, UK [P](#)
Cromarty Peace Group [P](#)
Disarmament and Security Centre,
Christchurch, New Zealand [Int](#)
Dundee and Tayside Social Forum [Soc](#)
Dundee Trades Union Council [Un](#)
Edinburgh Peace and Justice Resource
Centre [P](#)
Farringdon Peace Group [P](#)
Faslane Peace Camp [P](#)
Friends of the Earth Australia [Int](#)
Galloway Coalition for Justice and Peace [P](#)
Glasgow Stop the War [P](#)
Hope Valley Peace Group [P](#)
Iona Community [R](#)
ISM [Sol](#)

Jubilee Scotland [Dev](#)
Kurdistan National Congress [Sol](#)
Lakenheath Action Group [P](#)
London Rising Tide [Env](#)
Nipponzam Myohoji [R](#)
OFOG [Int](#)
Palestine Solidarity Campaign [Sol](#)
Pax Christi [R](#)
Peace in Kurdistan Campaign [Sol](#)
Peace Shop Cardiff [P](#)
Red Leicester Choir [A](#)
Religious Society of Friends – Bristol and
Frenchay, Dundee, Norwich and Lynn, Oxford,
Stafford, Winchester [R](#)
Raging Grannies - Victoria, B.C., Canada [Int](#)
Scottish Green Party [Pol](#)
Scottish National Party [Pol](#)
Seize the Day [A](#)
Stop the War Coalition [P](#)
Talamh Housing Co-op [Com](#)
Trident Ploughshares [P](#)
Tweeddale Peace Group [P](#)
Union of Conscientious Objectors of
Finland [Int](#)
Women in Black (WIB) – London, Scotland [W](#)
Woodcraft Folk - England, Scotland [Y](#)

We have also received signatures from:-

6 Parliamentarians:-

Chris Balance MSP
Dennis Canavan MSP

Jeremy Corbyn MP
Frances Curran MSP

Rosie Kane MSP
Rosemary Byrne MSP

1 Religious Leader:-

Rev.Canon Professor Marilyn McCord Adams, Christ Church, Oxford.

20 individuals:-

M.B.Broughton
Zoe Broughton
Scilla Ellworthy
Commander R.D.Green, Royal
Navy (Rtd)
Elly Hood
Bruce Kent

Dr David Lowry
George Marshall
George Monbiot
Carol Naughton
M.Pulham
Sam Raphael
Cllr. Dr. Rupert Read

R.Rennie
Nicholas Rowley
A.M.Snowden
J.Snowden
Hugh Warwick
W.A.Watkins
Angie Zelter

Please can you send out the Statement of Support to organisations and individuals in your area so we continue to gather support.

•**Launch of Faslane 365.** We will be launching Faslane 365 on Saturday, September 9th 2006 at St. Augustines United Church in Edinburgh from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each group can have a free stall at this event and there will be an opportunity to raise your concerns and issues and to meet the press and general public. The police, military and government officials will also be invited to the event. This will be a celebratory event and may also involve discussions and round-table discussions. Anyone wanting to input ideas into this event or to help in its planning should contact us. There will be fund-raising ceilidhs in both Edinburgh and in Glasgow on the same evening.

•**Press Coverage.** The Helensburgh Advertiser has already got hold of the story and printed a story headlined 'Faslane blocked every single day? Protest group aim to close base for a YEAR'. We are now in the midst of a series of letters discussing various issues. These articles and letters are on the website and we will keep this up to date.

•**Local Community Concerns in and around Faslane.** We are in the midst of discussions and plans to hold public meetings in Helensburgh, Garelochhead and the Peninsular in order that local people know about Faslane 365 and how we intend to disrupt work at Faslane Naval Base and not their daily lives. These meetings will take place in July and there will be outside facilitators, experienced in conflict resolution and processes for everyone to be heard and listened to and to see if practical difficulties can be worked through. We are also hoping to set up a local telephone 'info/help' line so that locals have an easy way of reaching us for further discussions.

•**Training.** The first training is taking place in Norwich in April. Groups wanting help with workshops for planning and preparing for their blockades should contact us to let us know when they want facilitators and what they want the workshops to cover.

•**Legal.** Further briefings will soon be ready to advise young people and people from abroad who will be taking part. If anyone wants advice on anything else, again they should contact us. We are thinking of arranging regional briefings for groups who would like specific advice on how to do legal support for their blockaders.

•**Website and email lists.** This is your website. If you wish it to contain other materials then let us know. The individual Blockading Group's pages will be

ready to go live a month before the start date – around beginning of September. Groups will be given a month or so to decide how best to use this space and to practice with it before going live.

The Resource Pack is up and so is the basic leaflet design that you can change to fit your local circumstances. If you want copies of the printed Resource Pack then contact us with number of packs you want and address to send them to.

We have an email list of supporters who want to be kept in touch with progress on Faslane 365. If you want any of the members of your Blockading Group to be on this list and to receive updates like this automatically then please send us their emails and we will add them to the list.

•**Contacts.** The following is a list of the Faslane 365 Working Group contacts. Please contact the appropriate person for your enquiry. However, if you do not get a reply, do not get up, often these days emails do not get through, so try again by contacting someone else or the general info@faslane365.org email:-

- **Secretary and General queries**

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- **Legal Support/Website**

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- **Media Support**

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- **Dialogue/Public Meetings/Launch**

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- **Training**

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