

June 2006 Update on Faslane 365 for all Blockading Groups

Hi there everyone, suddenly October seems really close and the sun is shining and everyone is really busy. We have put below an update for June which includes information that some of you have been requesting. Please do not forget to send this update round to all the people you are mobilising in your group as we only send it out to the one (or two) liaison person(s) per group. And let us know if you have any other requests for information or advice. Love and peace, Angie.

- There are now **37 groups signed into the Rota** and still more groups who have not yet booked their dates yet. The current Rota is at the end of this Update. We are making slow but steady progress. In order **to arrange meetings** in areas where we have no contacts and to be able to invite a wider variety of groups to take part, we need your help. It would be really good if you could network widely and ask people if they can help us to arrange meetings in their localities, you can put them in touch with us at info@faslane365.org We can then arrange for someone to go around, show them the film and talk about F365.

We now have a **DVD version of the video** 'The Big Blockade' that we can send you if this would be useful for mobilising. One of the Bradford supporters has also designed a **sticker for groups** to use so that we can start sticking them everywhere to increase awareness & enquiries – you can find the sticker on the website under Resources. It probably makes sense for groups to get their own printed up if they want to use them - or you could speak to Steve at Lithoprint on 0207 2497560 who is printing them for Yorkshire CND and has the layout design on file for the stickers and who has quoted £190 for 3000 plus VAT, plus delivery – or maybe if you just want a few you can contact Sarah on info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk and ask her for a few hundred.

- We have received **signed statements of support** from 108 Organisations; 46 Academics/Researchers and Authors; 7 Actors, Artists, Photographers, Musicians; 3 Religious Leaders; 26 Right Livelihood Award Recipients; 2 Nobel Peace Prize Laureates; 25 Parliamentarians; and 107 individuals. This is an ongoing method of keeping Faslane 365 in people's minds so please do keep asking people to sign them. They can be found on the website.

- There is a new training@faslane365.org email address on the website under the training section. This goes to Anna-Linnea who co-ordinates trainers and dates. Are you all thinking about your **training needs** and booking dates with her?

- Some groups have enquired about the **new Anti-Terrorist Laws at Faslane**. There are a number of sites around the UK, one of which is Faslane, which are "Designated Areas" under a new power in the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (as amended by the Terrorism Act 2006). It is an offence under this to be inside Faslane without lawful authority. However, this only applies if you go **inside** the fence. As long as you stay outside the fence this does not apply - even if you are on MoD land and blockading the gates, so the legal briefing in the Resource Pack is still valid.

•**Legal briefing for Young People** – as so many groups have asked about this we have put it in full at the end of this Update but it can also be found on the website in the section headed Legal.

•We have now sent a **letter to Strathclyde Police about Faslane 365** that is at the end of this Update. Please be aware that they might try to make contact with groups directly. Should they do so we suggest that you be very wary of replying without checking with the rest of your group. If you want some advice please contact the Legal Support Working Group or your liaison person in the Steering Group.

•There has been some worries expressed about **toilet facilities** and so we offer the following advice:-

There are public toilets (including disabled access) at the Pier in Helensburgh and plenty of pubs and cafes with toilets. This is 5 miles from Faslane. From the North Gate it is a 15 minute walk into Garelochhead (past both of the Oil depot gates) where there is a very basic public toilet which is sometimes open as well as toilets in the pub.

At previous blockades we have rigged up a bucket with a toilet seat behind a tarpaulin in the trees next to Faslane Cemetery (near North Gate) and then dug a hole to empty it. It might be possible for such an arrangement to be passed from group to group so long as it is not too obvious to the Environmental Health Dept.

There are toilets at Faslane Peace Camp which is close to the South Gate. There are also areas of trees alongside the beach where a make shift toilet could be rigged.

As we don't know if it will be possible to move freely when the blockades are in progress it would be advisable to have some emergency toilet arrangement within the blockade such as a bucket with a lid and a tarpaulin for people to hold around for privacy. A good trust building exercise for groups is to practice using this!!

Remember people have always managed in the past and our ingenuity will find solutions to problems.

•**Transport** enquiries are coming in and so maybe the following notes will be useful to groups:-

There are good public transport options from Glasgow. At the time of writing trains from Queen Street station (low level) for Helensburgh leave every half-hour from early till late. There is a regular bus service (No 316) which runs every half-hour weekdays and 2 hourly on Sundays from Helensburgh's Colquhoun Square (destination Garelochhead or Culporth) which stop at Faslane Peace Camp or Faslane north gate. For information you can ring 0870 6082608. There is also a train service from Queen Street (main level: destination Mallaig/ Oban) which stops at Garelochhead (about a mile walk from Faslane north gate). Check the current situation with Traveline Scotland (<http://www.travelinescotland.com/>). There are also ferries from Cowal and Inverclyde to Helensburgh and Kilcreggan.

It takes about 20 minutes to walk from Garelochhead train station to Faslane Main Gate. It takes about 20 minutes to walk from the Main North Gate to the South Gate. It takes about two and a half hours to walk from Helensburgh to the South gate (which is very close to Faslane Peace Camp). And another useful timing is that by car it takes about 20

minutes to get from Coulport to Faslane.

For environmental reasons we would like to encourage Blockading Groups to book up early on public transport and some advice on this is given in our more detailed Transport Briefing on our website. This can be a much cheaper and more ethical way of getting to Faslane than booking coaches and much more difficult for police to monitor.

However, it is likely that some groups will want to hire minibuses and coaches and we have some useful advice on this in the Transport Briefing on the website. You could use a minibus or a coach as a shelter, break or refreshment point. The main parking points are indicated on the map but these may change or be affected by police or council decisions in response to blockading. Make sure you check the current situation in contact with the blockading group who will arrive the day before you, or by contacting info@faslane365.org You will also need to check the latest developments in regard to what the police and council will allow in terms of passengers alighting on the A 814 which passes the base.

There is a good transport briefing up on the website that covers the experiences of organising transport to Faslane for groups from Tyneside. You can find it in the Resources section in Preparing to Take Part
<http://www.faslane365.org/pdfs/transportbriefing.pdf>

Legal Briefing for Young People

While we welcome people of all ages to take part in Faslane 365¹, there are some factors which apply particularly to young people which you should consider, and which this briefing aims to cover.

Please check with the Blockading Group (BG) you are planning to come with if they have any special provisions, or concerns, about involving young people.

Juveniles

Anyone aged 16 or over is treated as an adult in Scots Law. Anyone aged under 16 is treated as a Juvenile. Note that if you look under 16 you might be treated as a Juvenile until they can confirm your age.

How Juveniles are Treated if Arrested

There are different rules governing how juveniles are treated if they are arrested. In particular:

- They don't hold juveniles in normal police cells. Although the difference between a cell and the sort of holding room they do use is often minimal, it does mean that a juvenile won't be held in the same cell as adults.
- They will inform your parents that you've been arrested whether you want them to or not.
- They can't interview you without your parents or another "appropriate adult" present.
- They may refuse to release you until your parents come to pick you up. If you are coming to Faslane but your parents are not then you should make sure there is someone else who is coming who can act as a responsible adult. That person should bring a letter² from your parents authorising them to pick you up (and your parents should be contactable to confirm this). They don't have to accept this but it helps!
- They could also try to involve the Social Services Department. However, unless there are other factors (such as your parents being uncontactable or your address unverifiable) there would probably be a limit to their interest.

Are Juveniles Prosecuted?

Juveniles are not prosecuted through the normal court system for minor offences like these. If a juvenile is charged then a report is sent to the Reporter to the Childrens Panel. He then decides whether to report the matter to the Childrens Panel. A Childrens Panel hearing is like a court hearing in some ways but very different in style and approach. The overriding concern of a Childrens Panel should be the interests of the child.

It is therefore unlikely that peaceful, non-violent, accountable and principled actions of this sort would be reported to the Childrens Panel unless you keep

¹ Check with BG

² See overleaf or www.faslane365.org/legal for a template letter.

doing it several times in quick succession. We have no knowledge of Juveniles being prosecuted for actions at Faslane.
Remember that if you are aged 16 or over you will be treated as an adult and can be prosecuted through the normal court system..

Address

To whom it may concern

I give my consent to my child
attending a protest at Faslane on

They will be in the care of . In the
event of my child being arrested I wish the above named person to be treated
as the person who has actual custody of my child. In particular I wish my
child to be released to that person.

Signed

Name:

Date:

If you need to contact me by phone to confirm this:

Daytime:

Evening:

Mobile:

Top Left, 26 John Street
Helensburgh
G84 8BA

June 2006

To Inspector Kenny Boyter
Helensburgh Police Office

Dear Inspector Boyter,

As you are probably aware, as part of renewed campaigns to persuade the UK government to comply with international law and cease the deployment of the Trident nuclear submarine system, groups of citizens taking part in 'Faslane 365' are intending to conduct nonviolent blockades of the Faslane nuclear base from October 1st 2006. Although the plans are not yet certain or definite, we thought we should give you some advance notice regarding liaison with the police.

Although Faslane 365 is a new network, you will know some of the people involved and the nonviolent ethos will be very familiar to you too. What is different is that although there is a Steering Group for co-ordination and information sharing, the actual blockades will not be centrally organised and the different blockading groups will be autonomously responsible for how they arrange their particular action. There is a shared commitment to nonviolence by all the participating groups along the lines of the guidelines used for the Big Blockades.

Within these nonviolence guidelines which encourage groups to minimise disruption to peaceful road-users not seeking access to the submarine base, it will be up to each group to decide what level of contact they want with the police before and during their actions at Faslane.

We assume that Strathclyde Police will approach these blockades in a similar way to those previously and will have everyone's health and safety as a priority.

While our Steering Group will not be in a position to provide overall liaison for the groups, we are in touch with them all and are willing to pass on any information you would like them to have or any concerns you would like them to consider. We will encourage participating groups to get in touch with you in advance and to choose people who will be responsible for police liaison during their stint at Faslane, but we wanted you to know that ultimately it will be up to them whether and how they do this. However, we would like to tell them which police officer(s) will be responsible for liaison from your side. Will it be you, or if not, could you let us know whom it will be and give us contact details to pass on to the groups.

In peace,

Jane Tallents
For Faslane 365 Steering Group

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37 Groups

Date	Group 1st Day	Group 2nd Day
1Oct06	Greenham Women & Aldermaston Women	
2Oct06	Women in Black	Greenham Women & Aldermaston Women
3Oct06		Women in Black
5Oct06	Sheffield	
6Oct06	Keep Space for Peace	Sheffield
7Oct06		Keep Space for Peace
8Oct06	Assynt	
9Oct06	Seize the Day	Assynt
10Oct06	Bristol	Seize the Day
11Oct06		Bristol
12Oct 06	Cyclists	
13Oct06	Edinburgh	Cyclists
14Oct 06		Edinburgh
15Oct06	Scottish Green Party	
16Oct06	Nordic Group	Scottish Green Party
17Oct06		Nordic Group
23Oct06	Glasgow	
24Oct06		Glasgow
26Oct06	Norwich Plus	
27Oct06	Quakers	Norwich Plus
28Oct06	Sussex Students	Quakers
29Oct06		Sussex Students
1Nov06	Clergy/Iona	
2Nov06		Clergy/Iona
4Nov06	Cambridge	
5Nov06	CND	Cambridge
6Nov06	Stop the War	CND
7Nov06	Manchester	Stop the War
8Nov06	Palestinian Solidarity	Manchester
9Nov06		Palestinian Solidarity
10Nov06	London	
11Nov06	French Group	London
12Nov06		French Group
13Nov06	Y Ddraig Goch	
14Nov06	North Wales	Y Ddraig Goch
15Nov06	Bradford	North Wales
16Nov06	Leeds	Bradford
17Nov06	Tweeddale	Leeds
18Nov06	Bucks&Buddhists	Tweeddale
19Nov06	Tyneside	Bucks&Buddhists
20Nov06		Tyneside
6Dec06	Power of the Word	
7Dec06		Power of the Word
11Dec06	TP	
12Dec06		TP
24Dec06	Christmas Crackers	
25Dec06		Christmas Crackers
7Jan07	Academics	
8Jan07		Academics
13Jan07	Dundee	
14Jan07		Dundee
25Jan07	Medical Professionals	
26Jan07		Medical Professionals
1Apr07	Clowns	
2Apr07		Clowns