

September 2006 Update on Faslane 365 for all Blockading Groups

Faslane 365 is now launched and ready to go! We have 50 Blockading Groups booked into the Rota covering 76 days and more are on the way. By the time you get the next Update the blockades will have started. The seeds are sown and the growing season has begun!
Good Luck to you all and please keep in touch.

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1. Report of the Launch

On September 9, the Lord Provost and Council of the City of Edinburgh hosted a breakfast reception in the City Chambers, to give support to Faslane 365 in advance of the blockade's launch on October 1. Some 30 representatives from blockading groups participated, as well as the 15-strong Edinburgh Protest in Harmony singers, Robin Harper MSP and various Councillors.

The reception was opened by the Lord Provost's representative, Bailey Billy Fitzpatrick, who gave the Provost's good wishes to the initiative and said that it was important that people were becoming involved in nuclear issues again. Councillor Ewan Aitkin, leader of Edinburgh City Council, which is a nuclear free zone local authority, went even further, giving strong backing to the planned civil resistance. He acted as the MC for the launch, introducing the speakers and underlining the importance of taking nonviolent action to prevent nuclear weapons being deployed or used. And he promised to continue to give us his support in the coming months.

On behalf of the steering group, Rebecca Johnson introduced the politics and ideas behind Faslane 365 and announced that 50 groups had signed up to the rota. She concluded, "For the past five years I've sat in the UN and heard British ministers and ambassadors reiterate that they have made an unequivocal undertaking to accomplish the total elimination of our nuclear arsenal - and yet here we are in 2006, and they are planning to spend billions on the next generation of nuclear weapons. People from all over the country are coming to Faslane to say No! Don't replace Trident - get rid of it!"

Patrick Orr, a local Edinburgh high school student and member of School Students Against War, gave a powerful speech about why he will be participating in Faslane 365: "Young people care about nuclear weapons because it is our future. The decisions on whether Britain will have these missiles is being taken now, behind closed doors. The government is taking

this decision without consulting the people who will have to live in the shadow of the bomb for the next half century. Young people are angry about Trident, like we were about Iraq, and like Iraq, young people see through the lies told about Trident. It is not there to protect us or to save lives: it is there to keep the powerful in power. The government is planning on spending between 25 and 40 billion on a replacement for Trident. Young people wonder why they can afford this but can't afford adequate school resources or new school buildings. Let's have the money for the people of the future and not the mistakes of the past."

Professor Alastair McIntosh, a well-known Scottish writer, academic and broadcaster, gave a thoughtful speech about democracy, civic responsibility and the necessity to stand up for what is right. He concluded by emphasising that the planned blockades would not be breaking the law: "It's the government deploying Trident that is breaking the law, and the protesters at Faslane who are upholding the laws."

Joy Pitman from the Dance and Movement Block explained why she would be dancing a blockade at Faslane "so that I can look my grand-children in the eyes". Then Pete Abel from the Manchester Block spoke about the importance of getting the Nuclear Free Zones active once more. He hoped that the lead taken by Edinburgh City Council would be a spur to Manchester City Council, which had been one of the first radical nuclear-free zones and yet had let this lapse. Finally, the Edinburgh Protest in Harmony singers sang the beautiful, lilting "Freedom Come Ae Ye", which ended the reception.

Later, at Augustine Church, around 30 representatives from different blockading groups shared ideas and experiences, watched the Camcorder Guerrillas films from previous blockades and generally felt empowered and connected.

As a result of the launch, Faslane 365 was featured on several Scottish radio stations and newspapers.

2. Faslane 365 Media

The Steering Group want to keep their media work to a minimum so that the focus of interest is on the autonomous blockading groups and their concerns. However, we will need to put out press releases occasionally to deal with overall issues. Copied below is the press release we sent out following the Launch on 9th September and groups may wish to customise that for their local or specialist media. In future all the press releases from the Steering Group will be on the website. As you send out releases to your local or specialist media it would be worth considering sending them to national/international contacts as well. The website will also benefit from good photos so please send in a selection during or after your slot. For all media issues contact David on davidmc@enterprise.net or 08454588364.

Press Release

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Press Release: 10th September 2006

Edinburgh Hosts Roll-out of Continuous Faslane Blockade

Anti-nuclear campaigners were upbeat yesterday following the launch, at a civic reception by City of Edinburgh Council, of Faslane 365, the civil resistance initiative which begins on 1st October.

On behalf of Provost Leslie Hinds, Baillie William Fitzpatrick welcomed the campaigners. Council Leader Ewan Aitken indicated his own strong support for the campaign and introduced short speeches from Edinburgh High School Student Patrick Orr, Professor Alastair McIntosh, author and academic, and Dr. Rebecca Johnson of the Acronym Institute.

Patrick said: "Young people care about nuclear weapons because it is our future. Young people are angry about Trident, like they were about Iraq, and like Iraq, young people see through the lies told about Trident. It is not there to protect us or to save lives: it is there to keep the powerful in power."

Professor McIntosh said: "It's not about breaking the law. It's the government deploying Trident that is breaking the law, and the protesters at Faslane who are upholding the laws"

Dr. Johnson said: For the past five years I've sat in the UN and heard British ministers and ambassadors re-iterate that they have made an unequivocal undertaking to eliminate the nuclear arsenal - and yet in 2006 they are planning to spend billions on the next generation of nuclear weapons. People from all over the country are coming to Faslane to say No!, don't replace Trident - get rid of it!"

The launch was given a rousing finale by Hamish Henderson's Freedom Come Ae Ye sung by the Protest in Harmony choir.

50 autonomous groups have now signed up to taking part. The groups will each bring around 100 people to blockade and demonstrate at the Faslane nuclear base for up to two days at a time. In preventing nuclear 'business as usual' these groups will also be making connections with issues such as climate change, poverty and resource allocation, to highlight the real, human security priorities. These groups will conduct their two days of blockading as they see fit, though all are committed to the non-violent ethos of the campaign and its common demand that Trident be de-commissioned and not replaced.

The list, which was published at the launch, includes groups organised locally (Assynt, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Leicester, Sheffield etc), by political parties (SNP and Greens), by organisations (CND, Quakers, Stop the War, etc.) and by groups sharing a common interest or profession (Cyclists, Writers, Artists, Parliamentarians, Health Professionals etc.).

The blockade rota, with contact details for each group, is at

<http://www.faslane365.org/BGs/rota.php>

Contact: Rebecca on 07733360955 or Angie on 07835354652

3. Legal Support and Solicitor

Does your Blockading Group have a Legal Support Team yet? The actual provision of Legal Support is down to each Blockading Group, but the Faslane 365 Legal Working Group will support and help you to do this. **You don't need any legal knowledge to do this.** We have recently put on the website at www.faslane365.org/legal a detailed pack for Legal Support Teams which explains what is involved and how we have done it for previous actions at Faslane.

If you haven't got a Legal Support Team together please start thinking about it (it doesn't have to be many people).

When you have a Legal Support Team, please could one of you contact the Legal Working Group on legalworkinggroup@faslane365.org This is because if we have updates on any legal issues we will feed them to the Blockading Groups via their Legal Support Team.

We have also added a Legal Briefing for Drivers to the website.

The Faslane 365 Solicitor is CLARE RYAN 07977 000 312

Clare Ryan will be available for anyone who needs a solicitor and her number can be put on your Bust Cards. If the work load gets too much she will share it with other sympathetic solicitors. If being the contact point gets too much we will contact later groups with another solicitors name and number. Can groups from November 1st onwards hold off printing Bust Cards until we see how the police and courts deal with it and therefore what the workload will be. Make sure everyone has read the legal briefing and has thought about in what circumstances they would need a solicitor. Much of the time you really do not need one.

4. Nonviolent Direct Action Workshops

Have you booked your nonviolent direct action workshop yet? Or have you been in touch with local facilitators who can help you run a workshop? Would you like to co-facilitate but haven't done it before? Please contact training@faslane365.org or call 07788 50 3761 or 01436 674 850 to book a workshop or for more information.

5. Accommodation - help is available!

While we have expected blockading groups to make their own arrangements as far as possible for accommodation during their two-day slot please be in touch if you are having difficulty since we have a number of churches we can approach to help out. Contact David on davidmc@enterprise.net or 08454588364.

Support around Faslane. Faslane 365 have been given the use of a caravan and a coach at Faslane Peace Camp (at the North end of the camp closest to Faslane). It will be a place where a few people can go to have a break, warm up, fill flasks or heat food. If all your group have been arrested a few support people can stay there overnight. We hope to have a landline installed too for doing legal support and media work. Of course the police or the council might prevent us from keeping this facility so have back up plans. And please respect the Peace Campers space - it is their permanent home.

There won't be broadband at the camp but a couple of houses in Helensburgh could offer a broadband connection if you want to send photographs. Please contact us in advance to arrange this.

6. Equipment for Hire

We have 2 sets of Kitchen Packs and two sets of Stove and Water Container Packs that can be hired. The hire price for the Kitchen Pack is £15. The hire price for the Stove and Water Container Pack is £35 (including the use of contents of one full gas bottle – the other will contain only what the last group has left in it!). One Kitchen Pack can be picked up in Glasgow and another Pack from the F365 area of Faslane Peace Camp. To be returned clean and packed away as found.

Kitchen Packs - Pack A is packed into 2 plastic boxes plus the saucepans and kettle separate; and Pack B is packed into 3 plastic boxes with saucepans and kettle separate.

2 x large pots (each for 120 people)	60 plastic bowls
1 kettle	60 plastic plates
3 serving spoons/ladles	60 mugs
2 wooden spoons	60 plastic forks
2 kitchen knives	60 plastic spoons
2 chopping boards	60 plastic knives
2 mixing/salad bowls	2 teaspoon
1 tin opener	

Stove and Water Container Packs

3 large plastic water containers
1 gas kitchen cooker (large and heavy) plus 2 gas bottles

There is also the possibility of hiring out a couple of large marquees (each could sleep around 30) for those that have need of them.

If you want to hire any of the above then contact Jane on 07778-267833
tp2000@gn.apc.org

7. Rota with Contact Details

Faslane 365 Rota – updated 12Sep06
50 Groups **plus 3 provisional bookings**

Date	Group 1 st Day	Group 2 nd Day	Group 1 st Day Contact
1Oct06	Greenham Women & Aldermaston Women		Rebecca 0207-503-8857 07733-360955 rej@acronym.org.uk
2Oct06	Women in Black	Greenham Women & Aldermaston Women	Sue susan-finch@onetel.net
3Oct06		Women in Black	

Date	Group 1 st Day	Group 2 nd Day	Group 1 st Day Contact
5Oct06	Sheffield		Jill 01433-651328 07891-380819 jgibbon@wimbledon.ac.uk
6Oct06		Sheffield	
8Oct06	Assynt		Helen & Ellen 01571-855231 seabed@callnetuk.com
9Oct06	Seize the Day	Assynt	Shannon 01749-860767 seizetheday@thismoment.freereserve.co.uk
10Oct06	South West	Seize the Day	Margaret 0117-9466885 nabataat@yahoo.co.uk
11Oct06		South West	
12Oct 06	Cyclists		Ian ianji@zenatode.org.uk
13Oct06	Edinburgh	Cyclists	Janet 0131-6572257 07913-861689 janetfenton@blueyonder.co.uk
14Oct 06		Edinburgh	
15Oct06	Green Party (Scotland, England and Wales)		Chris Chris.ballance.msp@scottish.parliament.uk
16Oct06	Nordic Group	Green Party (Scotland, England and Wales)	Petter petterjoelson@yahoo.se
17Oct06	Galloway Coalition for Justice and Peace	Nordic Group	Kirsty 01988 500730 akhurst@akhurst.force9.co.uk
18Oct06		Galloway Coalition for Justice and Peace	
21Oct06	Scottish National Party		Allison Allison.hunter@snp.org
22Oct06		Scottish National Party	
23Oct06	Glasgow		Sarah sarah@sigalloway.fsnet.co.uk
24Oct06		Glasgow	
26Oct06	Eastern		Sam 01603-663546 sam@maher63.freereserve.co.uk
27Oct06	Quakers	Eastern	Steve 0207-663-1061 stevev@quaker.org.uk
28Oct06	Sussex	Quakers	Dan 07717811747 dan888glass@yahoo.com
29Oct06		Sussex	
31Oct	Cumbria & North Lancs		Jo 01539-732583 josephine@jaffray.fslife.co.uk
1Nov06	Clergy/Iona	Cumbria & North Lancs	David 0141-6370797 dmclachlan77@hotmail.com
2Nov06		Clergy/Iona	
4Nov06	Cambridge		Helen 658260 helenfinders@hotmail.com
5Nov06	CND	Cambridge	Ben 0207-700-2393 campaigns@cnduk.org
6Nov06	Stop the War	CND	David 07951-579064 office@stopwar.org.uk
7Nov06	Manchester	Stop the War	Cath 01161 273 8283 gmdcnd@gn.apc.org
8Nov06	Palestinian Solidarity	Manchester	Angie 01263-512049 reforest@gn.apc.org
9Nov06		Palestinian Solidarity	
10Nov06	London		Rina leonrosselson@mac.com
11Nov06	French Group	London	Chantal 0033-468-200-482 chantal.duval2@wanadoo.fr
12Nov06	The White Poppies (Northern Quakers)	French Group	Mary Alice 01505-842 380 mamansell@hotmail.com
13Nov06	Y Ddraig Goch	The White Poppies (Northern Quakers)	Marie 01495-220400 marie@riseup.net
14Nov06	Gogledd Cymru	Y Ddraig Goch	Phil 01248 490715 phil_steele@btinternet.com
15Nov06		Gogledd Cymru	
16Nov06	Leeds & Bradford		Sarah 01274-730795/0781-8411823 Hannah 01274-233241 info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk
17Nov06		Leeds & Bradford	
18Nov06	Bucks&Buddhists		Marcus 07967-819514 peace_Marcus@yahoo.co.uk
19Nov06	Tyneside	Bucks&Buddhists	Andrew 08454588368 hgreen@broadgate47.freereserve.co.uk
20Nov06		Tyneside	
1Dec	Prayer I58		Sophie 07761 021391 info@prayer-i58.org.uk
2Dec		Prayer I58	
6Dec06	Power of the Word		Angie 01263-512049 reforest@gn.apc.org
7Dec06	Performers	Power of the Word	Angie 01263-512049 reforest@gn.apc.org
8Dec06	Artists	Performers	Angie 01263-512049 reforest@gn.apc.org
9Dec06	Irish	Artists	Mark markchapman@ntlworld.com
10Dec06		Irish	
11Dec06	TP		Adam 07743-341934 adam@conways.name
12Dec06	Keep Space for Peace	TP	Dave Webb 0113-2837585 d.webb@leedsmet.ac.uk
13Dec06		Keep Space for Peace	
16Dec06	Leicester		Emma 07748-447224 emmail@dsl.pipex.com
17Dec06	Staffordshire and Stoke	Leicester	Alison 01785-611768/07886972319 alison.crane@ntlworld.com
18Dec06		Staffordshire and Stoke	
19Dec06	Scottish Students		Sam slj07@students.stir.ac.uk
20Dec06		Scottish Students	
24Dec06	Christmas Crackers		Angie 01263-512049 reforest@gn.apc.org
25Dec06		Christmas Crackers	
31Dec06	European Youth		Emily Freeman, 07746344129 deepvioletfrogs@hotmail.com
1Jan06	Benelux	European Youth	David david@motherearth.org
2Jan06		Benelux	

Date	Group 1 st Day	Group 2 nd Day	Group 1 st Day Contact
7Jan07	Academics		Stellan stellan.vinthagen@padrigu.gu.se
8Jan07	Elected Representatives		Angie 01263-512049 reforest@gn.apc.org
9Jan07	Lawyers		Angie 01263-512049 reforest@gn.apc.org
13Jan07	Dundee		Andree 01382-550210 taypotturtle@lycos.com
14Jan07		Dundee	
25Jan07	Medical Professionals		Diana 942 6303 dwarner@tantraweb.co.uk
26Jan07		Medical Professionals	
26Mar07	FOE Scotland		
27Mar07		FOE Scotland	
1Apr07	Clowns		AI 07788503761 anna-linnea@faslane365.org
2Apr07		Clowns	
27May07	Dance and Movement		Mark 0114- 2701275 danceforpeace@riseup.net
28May07		Dance and Movement	
29May07	Footprints for Peace		Marcus marcus@footprintsforpeace.net
30May07		Footprints for Peace	