

hello !

You may already be part of the Coventry group going to Faslane in February or you may be considering some other form of support. Here is our second update for you.

report of non-violent direct action training, 14th january

On Sunday, 36 people were present for the Faslane-specific NVDA training, run by John and Jean. A very productive day was had by all, with discussion of legal, moral and practical issues related to Faslane and our planned action. The planning of the actions is coming together, with the group now split into three "Affinity Groups" who will each meet to work out their own particular plan. Special thanks to Alex for the wonderful lunch xxx !

practicalities**...accommodation**

We are planning to stay in basic 'indoor camping'. This means you will be sleeping on a floor so will need to bring a sleeping bag and either camping mat, air bed, etc. (There will be a full Kit List to help with what to bring and what not to bring soon.)

...food

A wonderful team of four people volunteered to be the food team at the training on Sunday. They will be providing delicious food for us throughout the time in Scotland.

...transport

We will be travelling to Faslane in minibuses, probably one from the university and two from Coventry.

...cost

We are asking for £30-40 per person, depending on income. (Most people have already paid £10 of this as a deposit.)

dates coming up**...non-violent direct action practical training
saturday 20th jan**

Someone from Seeds for Change will be coming to Warwick University on Saturday 20th January to run an all-day NVDA workshop, leading on from what we have already done. All welcome, please contact Sami: s.wannell@warwick.ac.uk or 07817 804 713 for more details.

**...clowning workshop
27th-28th jan**

Ever wanted to discover your inner clown ?? The Clandestine Insurgent Rebel Clown Army (CIRCA) are here to help you do just that ! Two days of learning practical rebel clowning techniques that we will be using at Faslane. It's fun and anyone can do it. It will be held at Warwick University. Contact Sami: s.wannell@warwick.ac.uk or 07817 804 713 for more details. (There will be a small charge for this training, probably under ten pounds for both days.)

...sunday afternoon planning sessions

The venue we have been using at the Peace House will be available every Sunday afternoon from 2-5pm until we leave for planning, banner-making, etc. Each Affinity Group is being asked to make banners with the theme "Coventry - City of Peace".

...police station visit

Penny has kindly arranged a visit for anyone interested to the Little Park Street police station. So if you want a preview of what the inside of a police cell looks like, this for you!! It will be next Wednesday, 24th January, meet at 5.30pm in the reception of Little Park St police station. Please tell Penny if you are planning to come: info@covpeacehouse.org.uk or 024 7666 4616.

...last but not least **faslane!**

11th-12th (-13th) february

The plan is to go up early on the morning of Sunday 11th and do a demonstration at the base on Sunday lunchtime. On Monday morning those who have planned to will blockade while others demonstrate with banners etc. Some people will travel back late on Monday but those arrested in the blockade and those supporting them will stay another night and travel back Tuesday 13th.

city centre events

While we are in Faslane, there will also be events held in Coventry city centre, to raise awareness locally of why we are doing this. If you can't come to Faslane but still want to be involved, this is your chance! Contact Penny: info@covpeacehouse.org.uk or 024 7666 4616

how you can get involved

1. come to Faslane and take on one of many roles as a driver, legal observer, blockader (arrestable), demonstrating without blockading (non arrestable), support for those arrested, filming it, drawing it, writing poetry as you go...

2. support us but don't come to Faslane, donate or raise money towards costs, hold event in city centre while we are there to raise awareness of the issue, help us publicise it when we get back...

...for more information see www.faslane365.org (our page is www.faslane365.org/en/coventry) or email info@covpeacehouse.org.uk or ring Penny on 024 7666 4616 or Ella on 07968 903 833

coventry group during their training day at coventry peace house...



...they decided that it was important to start by eating well to build themselves up for the long journey to Scotland...



...practicalities like can we park our kitchen trailer outside the main gate, or will it block the entrance, will be considered later...

...will it make a difference if we offer food to the police as well?

(Thanks to William for the pictures!)