

Building Justice out of Crisis



Monday 18 May - Sunday 31 May

2009

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Welcome to the Edinburgh World Justice Festival 2009

The **fourth Edinburgh World Justice Festival** comes at a time of global economic crisis, deepening poverty, worsening human rights abuses and increasingly worrying predictions about the scale of climate change. Grim reading perhaps, however, maybe the current situation offers an opportunity to find ways of **building justice out of crisis**.

This year's festival continues the legacy of the Make Poverty History and G8 alternative campaigns and picks up on the theme of building justice out of crisis. Douglas Alexander, Secretary of State for International Development will open the festival, kickstarting what promises to be 10 days of stimulating and thought provoking events.

Festival events are suitable for everyone and are an opportunity to learn more about the causes of some of the world's gravest problems and to explore potential solutions to them. The events are also a chance to identify actions that we can take as individuals, and as a community, to advance justice across the world.

You don't have to have any prior knowledge of the issues to join in, all of the venues are accessible and all events are free except for our festival gig on 18 May.

The range of organisations and individuals contributing to the festival, as well as the variety and quality of the events they are delivering, are testament to what can be achieved when we all work together.

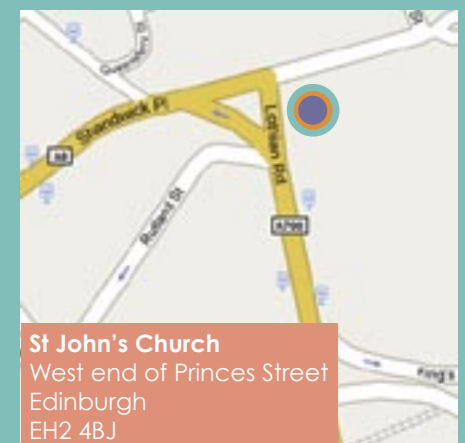
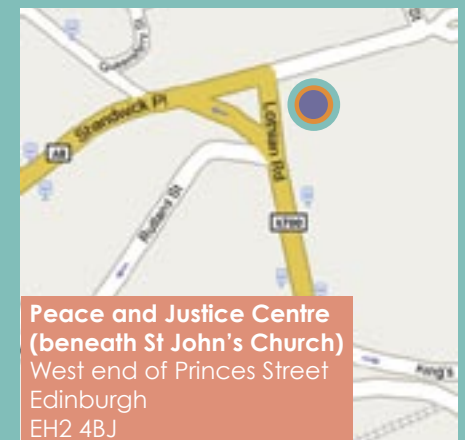
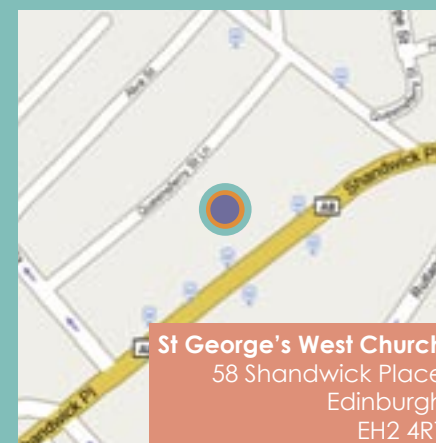
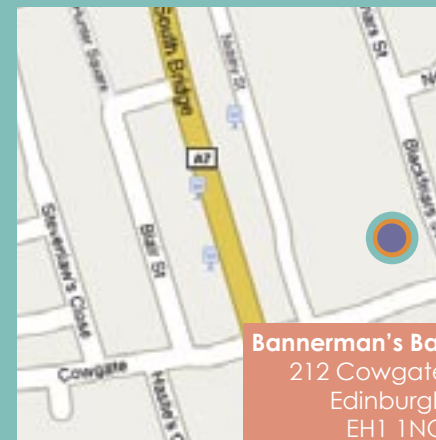
We hope you can come and join us.

The EWJF Team

For more information go to www.ewjf.org.uk or email info@ewjf.org.uk

MAPS OF MAIN EWJF VENUES

Further venue information is available on our website at www.ewjf.org.uk



events

All of the events at this year's festival are free and unticketed, except for our event on 18 May.

Check our website at www.ewjf.org.uk for any updates to the events listed in this programme.

Mon 18 May

Festival Gig Admission £7
8pm - 11pm
Bannermans

Sponsored by Edinburgh Stop the War and the Edinburgh World Justice Festival (EWJF)

David Rovics, Attila the Stockbroker and Fiona Keenan play from 8pm at Bannermans in the Cowgate. For an idea of their music go to

www.myspace.com/davidrovics

www.myspace.com/attilastockbroker

www.myspace.com/fionakeenan.

gig

Thu 21 May

Time to Take Control
7pm - 8pm
Augustine United Church
Christian Aid

This event includes the short animated film 'Time to Take Control' produced by pupils from Dalkeith High School film club, which aims to help participants focus on the injustice of climate change, i.e. the people already suffering most from global warming are those who have done the least to cause it and have the least resources to do anything about it. Activities around this film will help empower participants to take control and make a difference.

film/debate

Fri 22 May

Building Justice out of Crisis
12.30pm start
**City Chambers Business Centre,
High Street**
UNISON, World Development Movement (WDM) and Edinburgh World Justice Festival (EWJF)

Douglas Alexander MP, Secretary of State for International Development, will launch the festival speaking at this event. As the failures of global markets deliver a full-blown recession, we need a new model for world development - one which Puts People First. Other speakers include Benedict Southworth (WDM), Allyson Pollock (Edinburgh University) and Iain MacWhirter. Come, listen and debate.

Full event details are available on the EWJF website.

talk/debate

European Election Hustings
7pm - 9.30pm
St John's Church
World Development Movement (WDM)

With elections for the European Parliament on 4th June this is your chance to challenge your MEP Candidates on Trade, Climate Change and International Development issues. The hustings will follow a short introduction to trade issues from the World Development Movement.

talk/debate



Human rights represent a uniquely clear and practical way of setting out how to treat people in a just manner. Not because they are rich, beautiful or powerful but simply because they are human and therefore due a certain respect in themselves. While there remain plenty of disputes over what is and is not a human right, there is remarkable international agreement on a range of detailed treaties setting out rights to everything from education and shelter through to freedom of expression. If everyone in the world was able to enjoy all the rights that their governments have agreed they are due, then we would have taken a great big step towards achieving justice on a global scale.

Tue 26
May

Lunchtime discussion series

1pm - 1.45pm

Peace & Justice Centre

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Further information about the Peace and Justice Centre's lunchtime series is available on our website at www.ewjf.org.uk.

talk/debate

Mordechai Vanunu has been invited

7.30pm - 9pm

Augustine United Church

Sanctuary

Edinburgh Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) supported by Edinburgh Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT) and Amnesty International St Mark's Group

Upon his release from Prison for revealing the secrets of Israel's Nuclear Weapons programme, Mordechai Vanunu declared "I am a symbol of the will of freedom. You cannot break the human spirit." He remains under house arrest to this day. We gather together to explore through multimedia presentations, music and open discussions, the complex juxtaposition of Human Rights, Arms Sales and Nuclear Disarmament that surround Mordechai's exceptional story.

talk/debate

Sat 23
May

Mon 25
May

Bookmarks Fair

11am - 9pm

Augustine United Church

Bookmarks

The bookfair will run all day from 11am to 9pm allowing the possibility to browse and purchase from more than 2000 new and second hand books. From 11am to 4pm there will be short talks on many of the themes of the festival and from 4pm to 9pm music with artists including Lisa Paton, Alistair Hulett, Maggie Holland, Fiona Keenan, Confushian, Stevie Palmer and Penny Stone. Full details available on the website. Refreshments available all day.

book fair/talk/debate/music

Destination Unknown

8pm - 9.30pm

Augustine United Church

Impact Aids with African HIV Policy Network (AHPN), HIV Scotland, Waverley Care

"It is inhumane to deport people living with HIV who are on treatment to a country where treatment is not readily available or affordable". A persuasive presentation made up of visual images, including digital stories, a photo exhibition and positive speakers facing possible removal from the UK.

presentation/debate



Economic justice

requires that we address the roots of the debt crisis and re-write the trade rules which are stacked against the world's poor. But how those rules are to be rewritten, and what a world of economic justice would look like, remains to be agreed.

AT A GLANCE calendar 2009

Mon 18	<p>Festival Gig 8pm - 11pm Bannermans Sponsored by Edinburgh Stop the War and the Edinburgh World Justice Festival (EWJF) Admission £7</p>	Sat 23	<p>Bookmarks Fair 11am - 9pm Augustine United Church Bookmarks</p>	<p>To Copenhagen and beyond: what we want from the climate change talks 1.30pm - 5.00pm The Pleasance Theatre, Pleasance UNISON, Friends of the Earth, Stop Climate Chaos and Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF)</p>
Thu 21	<p>Time to Take Control 7pm - 8pm Augustine United Church Christian Aid</p>	Mon 25	<p>Stop Reckless Lending 7pm - 9pm Augustine United Church Jubilee Scotland</p>	<p>Lunchtime discussion series 1pm - 1.45pm Peace and Justice Centre Peace and Justice Centre</p>
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Wed 27
May

The concept of environmental justice arose in the US around the 1980s when many communities were campaigning locally against pollution, but the injustice it tries to tackle goes back a lot longer and is a lot deeper. The environmental justice movement believes that the poorest and most vulnerable should not suffer from the rich world's damaging impact on the environment. Locally, you can witness examples of environmental injustice. You can witness examples of environmental injustice at home as well as abroad; it is the poorest communities that are located next to the polluting factory, landfill or oil refinery.



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talk/debate

Stop Reckless Lending

7pm - 9pm

Augustine United Church

Jubilee Scotland

The fallout from reckless lending now threatens the livelihoods of millions in the developed world. But for people in the Global South it is a decades-old story. A screening of the gripping 'The Debt of the Dictators' will provide the basis of a discussion of the scourge of illegitimate debt, after which international debt campaigners will be on hand to discuss the strategies we can use to tackle bad lending and to ensure that we reform the global lending system to create a more just world.

film/debate

Thu 28
May

Lunchtime discussion series

1pm - 1.45pm

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talk/debate

No Access: Journeys of Abused Immigrant Women

5.45pm - 7.45pm

Augustine United Church

Shakti Womens Aid

No recourse to public funds' is the UK government-enforced restriction on individuals subject to immigration control. It is the cloaked devil which prohibits victims of violence, mainly women and children, from accessing services essential to dealing with abuse. Follow the journey of just a few women with no recourse to public funds in their struggle against domestic abuse. A Question and Answer session will follow.

talk/debate



Non-violent resistance: promoting fair trade of Palestinian Goods

8pm - 9.30pm

St. George's West Church

Hadeel / Palcraft

Promoting Palestinian food and other industries as a viable alternative to Israeli goods, both within and out with Palestine, is a positive way for the Palestinians to resist the Occupation non-violently, and for the international community to promote the economic viability of the Palestinian people. Margo Sabella, a young Palestinian woman currently studying at Edinburgh University will present some thoughts and invite discussion.

talk/debate

Fri 29
May

Sat 30
May

Sun 31
May

**The U.S, Israel & Gaza -
what does the future hold?**

7pm - 9pm

Augustine United Church

Edinburgh Stop the War Coalition

Ghada Karimi is a Palestinian author and activist. In this talk she looks at how the massacre in Gaza in January has its roots in the dispossession of the Palestinians in 1948 and how the conflict today is driven by the interests of the US in the Middle East.

talk/debate

Globally, you only need to look at the issue of climate change to see vast environmental injustices staring you in the face. It is the world's poorest countries that suffer the worst impacts while contributing the least to the problem. We need to learn that environmental issues are not just about the environment, they are about people and justice. We all need to start working to make sure there is justice for the world's poor.

**To Copenhagen and beyond:
what we want from the climate
change talks**

1.30pm - 5.00pm

The Pleasance Theatre, Pleasance

UNISON, Friends of the Earth,
Stop Climate Chaos and Scottish
Catholic International Aid Fund
(SCIAF)

The UN Climate Change talks in Copenhagen in December offer both hope and the dangers of failure. Hear debate about what we want from the talks, about the global movement we are part of and start to organise to lobby our politicians to fight for a strong and effective treaty.

talk/debate

Understanding the Energy Crisis

5pm to 6.30 pm

The Pleasance Theatre, Pleasance

Depletion Scotland

Peak oil refers to the point at which global oil production reaches a peak, after which it declines. As the price of oil rises, our globalised system will falter. Will food still travel around the globe if oil reaches £200/barrel? If not, can we grow our own? Come and discuss the real energy crisis - climate change AND peak oil.

talk/debate

Invisibles

6pm - 8pm

Augustine United Church

Médecins Sans Frontières

Inspired by the humanitarian work of Médecins Sans Frontières, producer Javier Bardem created the award winning film 'Invisibles' highlighting five neglected humanitarian crises. Each topic, shot by a different director, gives voice to the victims of these forgotten crises: two forgotten diseases and three armed conflicts. This film brings home the injustices faced. There will be opportunity for discussion afterwards.

Film with English Subtitles.

film/discussion

Invisibles

2pm - 4pm

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Poverty is a human creation and it is humans who can destroy it. But we are not doing a very good job. The debt crisis of the 1980s and 90s ended the mild growth Africa had seen after independence and plunged the continent into poverty. Since the crisis began, the rich and poor worlds have been rushing apart. Today, the poor countries get debt relief, but only if they guarantee to provide the rich world with cheap primary materials and to be ready markets for our cheapest exports. The ongoing global campaign against poverty is beginning to shift the politics of poverty, but it remains to be seen whether it will be enough, in time.



There has been not a single day in the last five decades without armed conflict somewhere in the world.

By and large wars take place in the poorest countries. War sets people against each other, destroys the environment and contributes to violence in society. War and arms spending contribute to poverty.

Some examples:

Trident:

an estimated hundred billion pounds to be spent on a replacement Trident system. How many schools and hospitals could this build?

Global inequality:

the richest countries are the biggest arms suppliers and have the biggest military budgets. By and large the wars take place in the poorest countries.

War:

according to Nobel prize-winner Joseph Stiglitz, America is spending \$16bn a month on running costs, (on top of the regular expenses of the Department of Defence) in Iraq and Afghanistan, that is the entire annual budget of the United Nations. Hundreds of thousands of people around the world have become active in the peace and anti-war movements. However we also need to understand the roots and consequences of war, if we are to successfully bring it to an end.

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