XR BATH AUGUST NEWSLETTER 8 August 2021

Hello all. The August Rebellion is just two weeks away so that's the main focus of this month's newsletter. But first a quick catch up on Bath actions over recent weeks . . .

BATH ACTIONS

1 July

XR Bath hosted **Roger Hallam** who outlined the desperate need for and thinking behind the new Burning Pink initiative, **Insulate Britain**. Hard-hitting, well worth watching - or if pushed for time, contact hello@xrbath.org.uk for a full set of notes from the talk.

Early July, the XR Bath **NOGasPS** group heard the fantastic news that their campaign supporting local residents in Midsomer Norton and Radstock had been successful! Conrad Energy announced they had scrapped plans for the gas-fuelled power station and were installing batteries instead. More info

17 July

The Green Outreach Hub was out in Kingsmead Square again and this time the theme was Air. More info and top tips on the Facebook page.

22 July

XR Bath rebels Breda Kingston, Dave Searby and Sue Poole spoke out powerfully at the Bristol Airport expansion inquiry. During the course of the week, Bath campaigners were also involved in the ongoing demonstrations outside the inquiry. On Thursday local XR groups joined the umbrella organisation BAAN for a march around Weston, involving a samba band and massed "flight crew". Bath XR rebels will also be

speaking out at the inquiry on 16 September. We need more speakers for this date as all statements from us members of the public will be taken into account in making the decision. Please contact us via bathxr@gmail.com for more info and guidance on how to prepare to talk from your own personal viewpoint, not on behalf of XR.
See here for the press release from Dave S.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FFaPcXkDlz-KVbsDWzX4ynkH-_2QgmUtr2OXRfy-qlU/edit?usp=drivesdk

28 July
XR Bath turned out in heavy rain to protest against the **Min Hospital hotel expansion** application - and again in sunshine. Despite all efforts, the plan was approved.

Throughout July the XR Bath **finance group** continued their sticker campaign targeting our dirtiest banks.

XR Bath and BoA arrestees
Court cases continued through June and July for some of the 15 people so far arrested. Here's an account of their stories. The Wiltshire Times covered this on 20 July, focussing on BoA rebels.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 15 August, 5pm
The next Bathavon Area Forum is focussing on the climate emergency. "The planning team will be joining us to discuss planning in relation to the climate emergency with a specific focus on energy." Residents are encouraged to join the webinar "to help shape how we can all work together across the parishes in addressing climate and nature emergency issues at a community level."

Tuesday 10 and 17 August
XR BATH up close and personal at St John's
Message from Mel, our internal co-ordinator: We're going for it indoors at St John's this Tuesday 10th and the following 17th 6-9pm with a vegan meal to start 6-7pm. These will be Rebellion organising meetings focussed on affinity group formation to make sure people are supported in London. There's also facilities for messaging so bring materials for block printing and placards/banners - and t-shirts, bags etc to be printed.

Saturday 21 August
The Green Outreach Hub More info on facebook.

XR August - THE IMPOSSIBLE REBELLION!

Monday 23 August to Sunday 5 September.
This rebellion targets the City with the simple message "Stop all fossil fuel investment immediately!"

XR Bath has reformed the Bath in London affinity group, Motley Crew - 17 members and open to all. Accommodation may still be available in a rented house but see the SW newsletter below for info on alternatives. Bath rebels will be there throughout the two weeks, some for just a few days, some for the whole time. Contact us via bathxr@gmail.com for more info.

REBELLION OUTLINE Here's a link to the XR South West Newsletter as they've covered it brilliantly - all you need to know as to where things are as of 6.8.21.

This **MESSAGING** doc gives a clear outline of the messaging across this rebellion.

And this is the main XR live **REBEL GUIDE** doc on the rebellion:

WELCOME MEETING
You are invited to join a meeting: Welcome to the Impossible Rebellion 4. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the meeting.
Find out up to date information about the Impossible Rebellion and how you can get involved and get more people involved so we can have the most impact
Mon 9th Aug @ 7pm Sun 15th Aug @ 7pm

Suitable for rebels of any experience, so bring a friend, bring two, bring your Mum, bring your Grandkids, bring your whole Local Group or Affinity Group! 🟫💃

All are called, all are needed. We are all Crew.

FOR THOSE REBELS WHO ARE STILL CONSIDERING WHETHER TO JOIN THE LONDON REBELLION, THERE'S A FULL PROGRAMME OF TRAINING SESSIONS TO SUPPORT YOU . . .

Outreach skills
Gain confidence in outreach skills to swell the rebellion
We're told it's impossible. But as the climate and ecological emergency wreaks havoc around the world, we need more and more people to step into action, to ensure the change we need becomes inevitable.
Join this workshop to develop confidence in using a range of methods to swell numbers and energise your local groups before and during rebellion.
Find out more about momentum driven organising, share ideas and step into your power.
Tuesday 10th August

Training for the August Rebellion: NVDA Online training.
Joining us on the streets in a few weeks? Two core trainings are NVDA (non-violent direct action - learn how to take action safely) and Know Your Rights (the legal side of protest).
Sat 14 Aug, 10am-1pm Tues 17 Aug, 6-9pm

Know Your Rights:
Register for any date here: Thurs 12 Aug 6pm Sat 21 Aug 11Am

To develop your skills further you can take these additional trainings:

Witnessing Police Behaviour
Sat 14 Aug 5:30

RISE CWUP (Pre-action/arrest preparation training)
Sun 15 Aug 2pm

De-escalation skills are useful to help keep things nonviolent at actions.

De-escalation 1-2-1 skills
Register for any date here
9 Aug 6:30pm
16 Aug 6:30pm

Embedding nonviolence in crowds
Thurs 26 Aug 12:30pm

Even more trainings on the new XR Talks & Training calendar

HOW TO GET INVOLVED. SEE THE REBEL GUIDE LINK FOR IDEAS. AND . . .

Help needed . . Can you imagine the impossible?

Messages from Jenny: Like Cooking? 🙂☺️😋 Come join us!
The **Rebel Sustenance Kitchen** Needs You! Help us Feed the Rebels 🔥in our stoves 🔥in our hearts!
Many roles available All shifts, all levels of food preparation chefs/cooks/choppers/bakers/washers/servers
We are gonna rock! 🍋😉😁😜🍇🍓
Join here

Seeking a few more **Penitents** for London..Anyone fancy joining us? We are building several groups across London to do 1 huge march of 100+.
We need a handful more to add our deeply emotional gravitas to a London action. Its a one off so plenty of time for you to be in other groups etc.. Although we are expressing our guilt and sorrow, Penitents at debriefs report such positive personal experiences for themselves.
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These items are from the XR UK Newsletter (4.8.21)
WHAT IS EXTINCTION REBELLION??
Do you know anyone who might be interested in this intro to XR? Share this!
Starts Monday 13 September.

Foundation Programme 'light': Introduction to XR
Group: Foundation Programme
Posted: 23/07/2021
Location: From home role with XR UK (UK Wide)
Hours per week: 2-4
No. spaces available: 30
Meeting Time: Tues or Thurs 7pm or in your own time
Meeting Format: Conference call
Meeting Schedule: Tues or Thurs 7pm, dependent on course schedule
Essential Skills: A keenness to learn!

This is a 4 week part time programme (1.5 hrs/week) for people new to XR who don't have enough spare time to do the full Foundation Programme. (https://volunteer.extinctionrebellion.uk/role/prepare-for-your-ideal-role-at-foundation-programme-Uk-wide/1084). It takes some basic elements of the full programme to give you an overview of who we are and how we work. Find where in XR you best 'fit' and get off to a flying start!This programme will be useful for anyone starting out in XR, (but will not help you into a group as with the full-length version).The next programme starts on **Monday 13th September** 2021. There are a couple of small things we will send you when you sign up, to complete before the programme starts.You don't need any experience of XR, just a can-do attitude, a good internet connection and a minimum of 1.5 hours per week.The programme consists of a mix of Zoom trainings, selected reading and e-learning We're working to make XR UK a diverse and inclusive space and we welcome applications from everyone.(If you have more time to spare, our full Foundation Programme (7-8 hours/week) gives you a more thorough grounding, some useful skills and matches you to a team and mentor. Apply via this link

LOOKING AHEAD TO COP26

There is an XR Bath Cop26 group, accommodation booked and available. Financial support available. Contact us via bathxr@gmail.com to find out more.

Camino to COP26: People's walk for the planet

XR Faith Bridge is organising an amazing long distance walk from the heart of our government to the gathering of nations in Glasgow. XR Faith Bridge is an interfaith alliance across a broad spectrum from established religions to those who are spiritual but not religious. A pilgrimage from the centre of UK government in Westminster to the gathering of nations in Glasgow is one that fits naturally within its declared intention of being “united for our sacred Earth”. A vigil will be held in Glasgow for the duration of COP26, when the eyes of the world will be on its leaders.

The route is provisionally scheduled to start on **Sunday 5 September** in London and end in Glasgow 48 days later. Each daily section is approximately ten miles. You can join for the whole thing or any section. More details here.

ARMCHAIR ACTIVISM

“**Respond now to the government's 'Jet Zero' consultation**. Those words need inverted commas round them because it's all ridiculously over-optimistic, and not mentioning anything to encourage or pursuade people to avoid flying. Consultation runs until September 8th. This link takes to you to a great crib sheet with ots of information and suggested responses.” Annie

Bristol Airport Action Network are teaming up with other UK community action groups to stop UK airport expansions and the resulting acceleration of the climate crisis. Last year We worked to stop Bristol Airport’s planning application and are now battling the airport’s appeal at a public inquiry. BAAN is also now helping in the legal case against Stanstead Airport’s plan to expand.
Stopping these expansion plans will prevent the unnecessary emissions of millions of tonnes of CO2.
BAAN is a voluntary group supporting our fantastic legal team who are working for a fraction of their usual fees. All donations will be to support our legal team.

Please share our story widely. Stopping these airport expansions now would be a game changer. Your donation will help us tip the balance!
https://uk.gofundme.com/f/help-us-stop-uk-airport-expansions

XR Families letter writing project

Here’s something you can do to fight the climate crisis that is quick, free and you don’t have to leave home. Write a letter to the trustees of the Science Museum asking them to pressure the museum to drop Shell as a sponsor. Ask your child to write a letter too, or draw a picture. The trustees, who are elected to govern the museum, are all trusted scientists. Let’s ask them to speak up for our kids' future by speaking out against the Shell sponsorship. Their head, Mary Archer, is a mother and grandmother. Surely she wants her grandchildren to have a livable future? Let’s ask her to take action to protect all children from climate breakdown. Tweet her @MaryDArcher. Email the trustees sian.thompson@sciencemuseum.ac.uk and share your letters on social media: #ShellOut.

Letters to the Earth

And while we’re on the subject of writing, Letters to the Earth will be taking children’s letters to the Palace of Westminster on **8th September**. They plan to have them exhibited, read aloud and printed in the press so as to put pressure on those in power to act for the future of our young. Letters for the Earth began in February 2019 in collaboration with Culture Declares Emergency, when the British public were invited to put pen to paper and write a creative response to the climate and ecological emergency. Since then thousands

of letters have poured in from all over the world - from 4 year olds to great grandparents, artists, scientists, nurses. If you want your Letter to be part of this story or know someone else who does, go here for inspiration and more details on how to submit. Deadline 31 August 2021. Find out more here.

READING

XR UK Website news
XR UK is now posting its own news bulletins on the website. We often get sensational coverage in the media -- indeed that is part of our success -- but the billionaire press has a habit of misrepresenting or skewing what we are doing and why we're doing it. So from now on we're going to do it for ourselves. So to keep current check out the website: https://extinctionrebellion.uk/news/

5.8.21
234 scientists read 14,000+ research papers to write the IPCC climate report – here's what you need to know and why it's a big deal
https://theconversation.com/234-scientists-read-14-000-research-papers-to-write-the-ipcc-climate-report-heres-what-you-need-to-know-and-why-its-a-big-deal-165587

5.8.21
https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/aug/05/climate-crisis-scientists-spot-warning-signs-of-gulf-stream-collapse

Potentially a seismic shift from the judiciary . . .
5.8.21 Prosecutors review all XR cases:
https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/extinction-rebellion-protest-appeals-prosecutions-b1897399.html
https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/b/extinction-rebellion-wins-fourth-appeal-in-as-many-days

Future of the Human Climate Niche https://www.pnas.org/content/117/21/11350 First published May 2020 and the situation has not improved since then . .
"All species have an environmental niche, and despite technological advances, humans are unlikely to be an exception. Here, we demonstrate that for millennia, human populations have resided in the same narrow part of the climatic envelope available on the globe, characterized by a major mode around ~11 °C to 15 °C mean annual temperature (MAT). Supporting the fundamental nature of this temperature niche, current production of crops and livestock is largely limited to the same conditions, and the same optimum has been found for agricultural and nonagricultural economic output of countries through analyses of year-to-year variation. We show that in a business-as-usual climate change scenario, the geographical position of this temperature niche is projected to shift more over the coming 50 y than it has moved since 6000 BP. Populations will not simply track the shifting climate, as adaptation in situ may address some of the challenges, and many other factors affect decisions to migrate. Nevertheless, in the absence of migration, one third of the global population is projected to experience a MAT >29 °C currently found in only 0.8% of the Earth's land surface, mostly concentrated in the Sahara. As the potentially most affected regions are among the poorest in the world, where adaptive capacity is low, enhancing human development in those areas should be a priority alongside climate mitigation."

VIEWING
Channel 4 News Climate Special with Michael Mann
https://youtu.be/7u8cs0-6iLA

And this brilliant episode of Late Night Line-Up, legendary series from the Sixties. Lady Margot Asquith and Lady Stocks recall their memories of the Suffragette movement. Some fascinating and relevant insights into the relative merits of campaigning as opposed to militant action - resonates so much today. Lady Asquith's references to "aesthetic recoil" at the sight of Suffragettes in disarray, hair tumbling down are priceless.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p0144zwk/late-night-lineup-the-suffragettes

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE STREETS OF LONDON. THE TIME IS NOW!

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Please send details of any events, trainings, etc to calendar@xrbath.org.uk

We continue to meet via video conferencing and would love to see you.
If you have any access needs about XR Bath events or meetings, please contact us on welcome.bathxr@protonmail.com.
We want everyone who wants to be involved, to be able to be involved.

WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT ANYONE WHO IS STRUGGLING IN WHATEVER WAY.
PLEASE REACH OUT TO US. Vicki is on swrc@protonmail.com

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