

AS THE WORLD LOOKS UP WE STEP UP

2022 XRUK Strategy

Extinction Rebellion UK Strategy 2022

If it was not obvious before, COP26 confirmed it. 1.5 degrees is dead. The Paris Agreement is dead. Those in power are neither willing nor capable of acting on the climate and ecological crisis. They lack the courage, conviction and creativity to do what is required. As the planet passes multiple tipping points, and our people sleepwalk into authoritarianism, what XR does this year affects everything.

We will not be bystanders. Our [Declaration of Rebellion](#) said:
“We refuse to bequeath a dying planet to future generations.”

This year Extinction Rebellion will reignite our original Theory of Change, mass mobilising towards 3.5% of the population. We will gather the movement together in Rebellion using focused and ambitiously creative civil resistance and material disruption. Our strategy identifies multiple strands of activity that must be coordinated. Extinction Rebellion has always been greater than the sum of its parts. This year those parts have a fundamental duty to collaborate, to act together.

Goals

1. **Grow the movement**, mobilising a critical mass, aiming at 3.5% of the population in active support of mass civil resistance over a sustained period of time. Understanding the need for a **spectrum of resistance**, recognising the place XR holds in the movement landscape and ensuring we rise to the challenge.
2. **Support a minimum of 3000 Rebels risking arrest** in the UK in April, and growing from there.

3. **Tell a new story about ourselves** and the reasons for our work. Paying particular attention to the relationship we have with the public; creating genuine conversation alongside our actions.
 4. **Demand the end of fossil fuels.** Harm is being done NOW. Leveraging the advantages of a more specific and shorter horizon objective.
 5. **Support all rebels throughout the year including post-actions, facing courts and prison sentences.**
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Story

1.1 - THIS MOMENT CALLS US TO ACT

It's happening now, we are living in an age of loss. As the 1.5 degree target is deserted by the world's leaders, we are at a watershed moment for humanity.

An extinction event is unfolding, but it's not just the extinction of species and the natural systems that sustain life – it is also an extinction of values. The erosion of our shared sense of humanity and care for each other.

We know that it's not enough to simply protect yourself and what you have. Our humanity tells us we must care about everyone, and that apathy in the face of suffering is unacceptable. We are standing up for human rights.

We are living in an age of increasing [draconianism and racism](#) in response to the Climate and Ecological Emergency. In the UK we face an avalanche of new legislation, a relentless effort to erode the values we once thought universal. The revised Human Rights Bill, the Nationality and Borders Bill, the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill, the reduction of Foreign Aid, the Covert Human Intelligence Bill, and much more. These are all attacks not only on civil rights and democracy, but on our common belief in decency and humanity.

We are also still living through a global pandemic, which can have unpredictable impacts on our work and has kept a lot of us apart and organising on screens for almost two years. We all want more human contact and we recommend that where safe we try to see each other face to face and rebuild the personal connections that make our movement so powerful.

The harshest loss of all? The loss of 1.5 degrees, and with it the Paris Agreement.

Our proposition is a challenge to step forward, to be active in holding ourselves and the whole of our social fabric accountable. XR was right to reject the greenwashing agenda that points to individual blame for high carbon emissions, but citizens do have a responsibility to act to guard our democracy by participating in civic and community life.

The conversation isn't where we thought it was. We think people get it now, but they don't. They simply don't see how big a threat climate and ecological breakdown is: the tipping points and cascade impacts. The risk is extreme and it is here now. And the majority hasn't seen how big a threat the avalanche of ugly legislation is. We must stay focussed on what is happening **now**.

We have experienced the overblown claims of COP26 and the stark reality of its complete failure to rise to the scale of the challenge. Greenwashing claims of 'technology will save us' trump stepping into our stewardship of the earth to protect our ecosystems. We see ever more dire cries of urgency from the scientific community, ignored under cover of political and fiscal excuses.

We must speak truth to power, but also to ourselves.

Our crisis of governance – of democracy – that has seen no meaningful reform or renovation in over a century arises from divide and rule, separation and a passive public. Of the pillars that constitute the foundation of an institutional framework, one is missing entirely: real democracy and people power. Reinstating that pillar would enable balance, the ultimate bulwark against concentration, against power easily grabbed and used opportunistically by vested interests.

What concentration of power means in practice:

- **Media** able to filter information through invisible agendas
- **Corporates and finance** able to incentivise government to redirect resources to them, and drive harm under protection of the state
- **Government able to facilitate harm** and drive through new laws to restrict equal access to power
- **Public:** XR is not interested in supporting concentration of power, not by markets, corporations or the state. We will only recognise a balance of power. And true balance means all people are empowered to participate and are represented equally.

We target the state because it is our duty as citizens, and no other body in society ultimately has power to change the laws and uphold them.

We are at a point in our struggle where ever-more sophisticated, funded and well-practised strategies are going to be deployed against us. We must be cognisant of that. But aware too that wider public support for action on the emergency is growing rapidly.

This is also a criminal matter. We are united with those everywhere who charge those in power with ecocide, crimes against humanity and crimes which will knowingly lead to mass death, displacement and destruction of people and property worldwide.

Now is the moment to step up, reinhabit the vacancy in the foundation of a healthy society. Enter into personal commitment to participate, reject the passivity of life under the cosy blanket of the silent majority.

Step up, participate. Refuse to be a bystander.

1.2. - VISION

We imagine a world that protects and prioritises all life. A world where regeneration, health and happiness are central to our cultures and communities.

We imagine a world where love, care, freedom and justice are truly centred. A world free from hate, division and discrimination.

We imagine a world where human rights meet Mother Earth rights.

We imagine a real democratic system that gives power to the people; listens to the collective wisdom of our society, ensuring individuals have agency over their own lives.

We imagine an economy for the benefit of the whole, not one that prioritises the corrupt and the rich.

We imagine a world with [Food & Land Sovereignty](#), Clean Air, [Water & Oceans](#) and Clean Community Energy for all. We imagine the triumph of The Commons.

We imagine a world where together we embody the change we crave.

This strategy lays out the blueprint for how we will begin to achieve this vision as a movement over the course of 2022 and beyond.

1.3. - OUR DEMANDS

We have revised the demands, and recognise the many long discussions and passion around changes to XR's demands and previous process that we have gone through on UK and local levels. We recognise the importance of embedding justice in what we call for in our demands and how they are essential to sharing a vision of the future.

Our demands are rooted in love, care and a fundamental commitment to climate justice. The effects of the emergency are being felt now, and will continue to be disproportionately suffered by those who have done least to cause the crises. In the UK, we bear a particular responsibility to the Global Majority, and acknowledge and support the incredible work of the many organisations specialising in the specific issues related to justice.

TELL THE TRUTH

All institutions must communicate the danger we are in. We must be clear about the extreme cascading risks humanity now faces, the injustice this represents, its historic roots, and the urgent need for rapid political, social and economic change.

ACT NOW

Every part of society must act now to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025 and begin protecting and repairing nature immediately. The whole of society must move into a new precautionary paradigm, where life is sacred and all are in service to ensuring its future.

BE THE CHANGE

We demand a culture of participation, fairness and transparency. The government must create and be led by a Citizens' Assembly on climate and ecological justice. Only the common sense of ordinary people will help us navigate the challenging decisions ahead.

1.4. - AN IMMEDIATE DEMAND:

END THE FOSSIL ECONOMY

In 2021 we launched an Immediate demand ('No new investment in fossil fuels') for our rebellion where we focused on the City of London.

That demand should now be expanded to:

NO NEW FOSSIL FUEL INVESTMENT

NO NEW FOSSIL FUEL LICENCES

END FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES NOW

Investment: Since the Paris Agreement, fossil fuel lending has increased every year and could surpass \$1trn by 2030. The financial sector, along with governments, is the key enabler of an economic model built on causing harm.

Licences: The government commits to end new concessions, licensing or leasing rounds for oil and gas production and exploration and to set a Paris-aligned date for ending oil and gas production and exploration on all territory over which they have jurisdiction.

Subsidies, the UK is one of the worst of the OECD-member nations, calculating that it gave on average £16 billion a year to support fossil fuels in 2017–19.

That's £43,835,616 per day – over £300 million a week – taken from our tax, and given to murderers.

Fossil fuel extraction in coal, oil and gas is an industry and wealth creation mechanism built on exploitation and on globalised racism. **The harm is offshored from wealthy countries to poorer ones while the demand is driven by the wealthy.**

The resources, gains and riches are extracted, funnelled out of poorer nations through British or multinational corporations and banks. The scale of natural destruction and devastation that is inflicted is such that it would never be tolerable to communities with more wealth and power. It is an arrangement of convenience for powerful states and corporations, enabling unimaginable suffering away from the view of British citizens. **And yet there is resistance.** Honouring the courage of majority world resisters should mean we all **act now to stop the harm.** Making oil and gas exploration and expansion non viable for investment by ratcheting up the financial risk is an achievable medium term objective for the climate movement.

It is also crucial to remember that those who seek to obstruct the attempts to legislate for net zero are well funded and creative. The Global Warming Policy

Foundation (UK's most notorious climate denying think tank) has had a rebrand and the new focus is all about the cost of net zero. Claiming that they are a consumer watchdog outfit, keeping an eye on the ordinary working persons household bills. We will have to continue to counter the subversive narratives that are designed and shared through the press. We can also anticipate the ratcheting up of a campaign for a [referendum on net zero](#) which may include Nigel Farage and the hard Brexiteers from the Tufton Street network.

1.5. - A DEMAND OF OURSELVES

We find ourselves in challenging times, a world where COP26 has failed us in all manner of the word. Times when earth protectors and activists on the front line, and around the world are being water cannoned, pepper sprayed, imprisoned, tortured, and murdered for defending life and land.

In this dark hour we look to each other to find courage, bravery and inspiration to step up, (remembering that we all risk arrest when in open rebellion with the UK Government). **Sacrificing your time to help support all those that can risk their freedom, and to help mobilising and recruiting a broad church of rebels into disruptive action is essential work.**

We set our mission on what is necessary, and mass resistance is the route to climate justice.

Our strategy calls for a mass movement. We make no apologies for the radicality of our theory of change.

We commit to be dedicated, make ourselves uncomfortable if needed, and to align with these intentions:

- **The climate and ecological emergency is happening NOW and I will step up NOW**
- **I will actively participate in strengthening the health of our democracy**
- **I will not allow crisis to mean self protection - I am committed to protection for all**
- **I will not allow myself to remain silent when whole communities are treated as acceptable collateral damage**
- **I will not allow myself to remain silent when all lives are not valued equally**
- **I will not free ride on resisters and activists for human rights to be secured**

To help us win please [show your commitment](#) to this action strategy by:

1. **Making a commitment to TAKE DISRUPTIVE ACTION**, risking arrest at 'the April Rebellion'
- and/or
2. **Making a commitment to SUPPORT rebels taking action** during 'the April Rebellion' before, during and after actions

In order to **grow the movement** in a big way over 2022, we must also set our intentions on our mobilisation strategy!

1. **Making a commitment to RECRUIT** five new rebels or more to come to a HfE talk in the run-up to Rebellions.
- and/or
2. **Making a commitment to HOST or ORGANISE** three Heading for Extinction (HfE) talks in the run-up to Rebellions.
- and/or

3. **Making a commitment to MOBILISE** three new rebels or more to come to 'the April Rebellion'!

1.6. - CULTURAL INFLUENCE

Around the UK, there are individuals who are treated as pillars of communities large and small. The time has come for the influential to make commitments that see them standing with resisters.

Faith leaders, NGOs, councillors: genuine leadership is absent throughout society. We will not continue to accept a society that has no leadership.

This year we will challenge individuals: across the spectrum, all demographics, all politics, all spheres of influence. Prioritising individuals known for their social or professional skills and contributions, not their ideology or partisanship. Wider is better, a mixed bag is best.

Showing moral leadership and example-setting while opening a new public conversation: the need to de-legitimise the creeping normalisation of a lack of care.

Growth

XR was born of a brilliant combination of **BIG** organising and **MASS** participation, nonviolent civil disobedience. We have created the largest movement of civil disobedience in the UK since the Suffragettes, and yet, we have not realised our original aim - to mobilise 3.5% of the UK population into active participation in

rebellion. The original blueprint created a momentum building style of mobilisation. With self replicating systems and groups which can quickly expand and support each other to take action without the need for sticky consensus processes.

We are at an opportunistic point in movement growth. Of course, we are at risk of decline, co-option, becoming moderate or infighting. But we can choose to not follow those paths.

Our learning and reflection is crucial now to how we move forward. Reminding ourselves of why we are here, our principles and the bigger picture. (More on this in the Strength section!)

We have gone back to some first principles for this strategy, thinking about what we got right at the start (some of which may have been lost along the way), and also what needs to change. We know that people are much more likely to join XR in line with a sense of identity, alignment with those they know or can see taking action. A mass movement needs to show that there are a lot of different types of people working together.

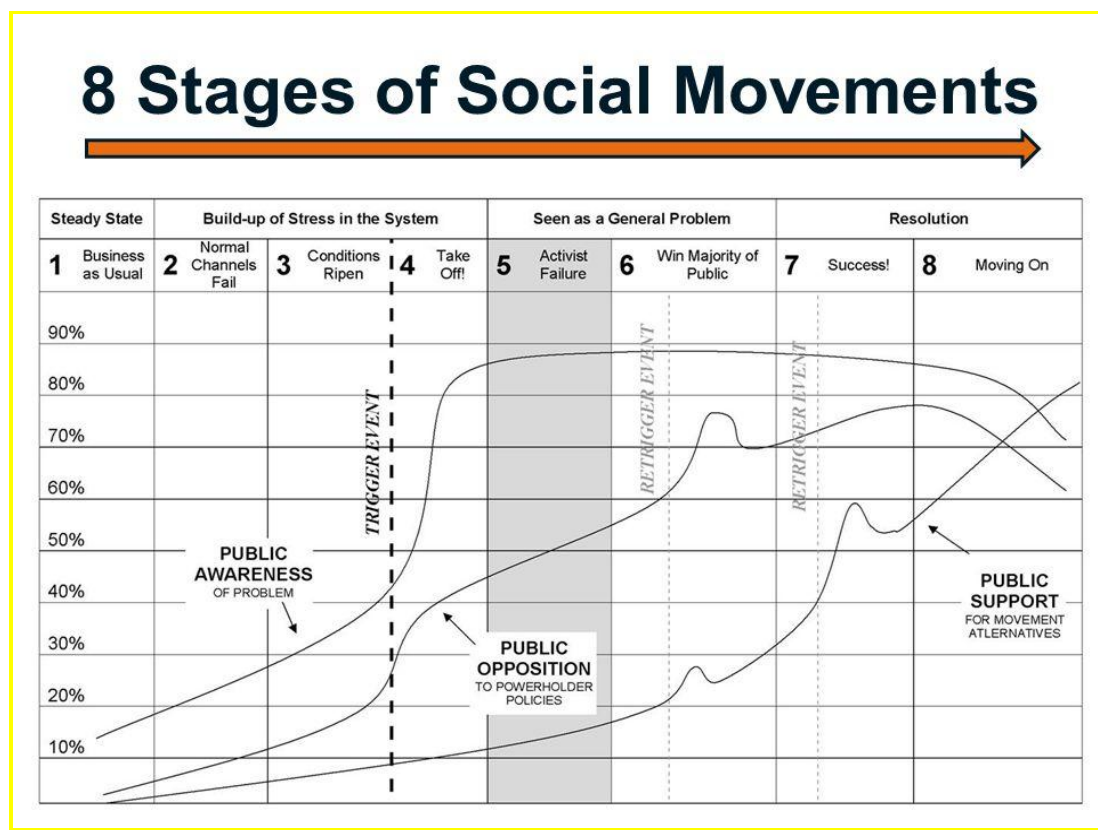
Diversity, openness and ease of participation are key.

2.1. - MOBILISING

We need a clear and simple plan on how to mobilise, and we know that personal connections matter a lot for this. A distributed model is best suited to this style of work which is why we have a team currently running trials for **Project 3.5**, supported by advice from the Bernie Sanders' team and other experts in BIG Organising methodologies.

The big organising concept suggests that a **streamlined national working space that can give a clear and coherent plan to a network to use for mobilising will succeed**. We retain a wider network that remains autonomous (and can report back to a core mobilising team on the results). This facilitates dynamic and experienced teams creating assets and plans to help everyone get on with the job of building the movement.

Also: we need our **experienced activists to become mentors for the new rebels** who will join us this year.



Bill Moyer's Movement Action Plan

XR is at a crucial point in our development. [Bill Moyer's 1980s research](#) is worth looking at. We are at that strange place in the diagram above where “Activist Failure” sits next to “Win Majority of Public” – both a precursor to “Success!”.

3.5 is totally achievable.

2.2. - ORGANISING - LOCAL GROUP HEALTH

After three and a half years of movement building and a global pandemic we need to strengthen and nurture our networks. Local Group structure needs revitalising, empowering local coordinators to set up new local groups as they expand. Simple actions need to happen on a regular basis locally to keep people engaged. Weekly local group meetings need to welcome people, feed them, love them and train them up towards mass rebellion!

We must be aware that there is a **difference between mobilising and recruiting**: Mobilise people to take action first, recruit into a role once they've got the jist of what we do! We have made mistakes of throwing people into significant roles and watching them drown in our complex structure. Whilst we welcome everyone and we are a volunteer organisation, making sure new recruits find the best role that suits their skills is essential to our functionality and rebels' wellbeing.

As part of XR's focus on growing the movement this year, we are **re-launching the Local Group Development circle** to provide support and connection to our amazing local groups. These groups are fundamental to our success in mobilising – rebels join XR because of the climate and ecological crisis, but they stay because of the community and connection they find. Local groups are XR's beating heart, where rebels learn the skills needed to design and take part in NVDA, plan more outreach to continue our growth, and begin building the world we want to live in.

Through the Local Group Development circle we want to create a “one-stop-shop” where local groups can find the resources they need to set up, grow and flourish. We will make clear guides available on how to do things, and we'll ensure they are all available in an easy-to-find place. We also want to provide advice and guidance through an email “hotline” where you can ask questions and learn where to find

training, advice, resources and support. As part of this we'll be offering Local Group Coordinator Training to help coordinators develop the skills needed to provide regenerative, "power with" leadership in local groups.

[Email us at localgroupsupport@protonmail.com](mailto:localgroupsupport@protonmail.com)

Follow Through : Resources already available on Rebel Toolkit: [How to start a local group](#)

Recommendation : For Communities to work with the Hive to organise Local Group Coordinator drop in Zoom sessions to share learnings and offer ideas and support to each other. Inviting UK coordinators to empower and inspire local group coordinators.

2.3. - HAVE A MOBILISING CONVERSATION WITH THE PUBLIC

We need to be telling a story that **aligns us** with unity and strength across the UK movement, making the urgency of the crisis tangible for people

Follow Through : **Coming soon: resources around how to talk about the CEE as a rebel** - we all have our own way of telling the story. We will cover key points around mobilising conversations whether you have these down the pub, door-knocking, flyering, or with your own friends and family.

2.4. - MOBILISING TECHNIQUES

There are [lots of ways of mobilising](#) that you can do with your local group or community group: traditional speeches, door knocking, flyposting, stalls, leafleting, and we can get creative: flash mobs, picnics, concerts, whatever it takes!

Mass leafleting	Mass flyposting	Door-knocking	Rebel Ringing
Talks	House Meetings	Stalls	Parties!

Project 3.5: Door-knocking pilot: This project is offering to work with local groups to run door-knocking campaigns and will be iterative, developing tactics to mobilise 3.5% of the UK population based on what works as we go along!

Follow Through : [Sign your Local Group up to Project 3.5!](#)

Mobilising our existing database: This year we will grow our lists and make more personal contact through rebel ringing. We need to give all rebels the opportunity to mobilise around their lives, and create some diverse pathways for participation that aren't just into NVDA.

Follow Through : [Sign up for Rebel Ringing!](#)

Talks: The single most effective thing you could do to grow the movement is by hosting 'Heading for Extinction' Talks. This is the first step for potential new rebels to go to and really understand the gravity of the emergency and our theory of change. If hosting a talk in your home or locally and inviting the community via your local [Mutual aid](#) chat, recruit new rebels from it, with over 4000 groups alone in the UK – what are you waiting for!

Follow Through : [Sign up to train](#) to give the Heading for Extinction Talk

Recommendation : Strategy Team to work with Communities, the Gardeners and the Hive to develop outreach packs and scalable plans for the above tactics, developing a team of Super Trainers who will tour the country delivering Heading

for Extinction, DNA and NVDA Workshops and training up new trainers across the UK. Working to improve and keep freshly up to date the [Rebel Academy](#) and [Rebel Toolkit](#).

2.5. - SISTER MOVEMENTS

We're inviting all sister groups from our network to collaborate towards a mass civil resistance campaign in April to end fossil fuels.

Sister Movements, such as, [Animal Rebellion](#), [HS2 Rebellion](#) and [Money Rebellion](#), are aligned with our demands and values, but have been created to focus upon particular aspects of the Climate and Ecological Emergency. Sister Movement strategy is about the growth of activism around the emergency. We honour our Sister Movements, in their courage, resilience and creativity.

Follow Through: If you're part of a sister movement and want to collaborate on the resistance campaign in April, contact relationshipsxruk@protonmail.com

2.6. - RELATIONSHIPS WITH EXTERNAL GROUPS

We must remember we are not the entire environmental movement. We play a specific role in the wider ecosystem, mobilising thousands of people to take part in nonviolent civil disobedience targeting the government. We need a broad range of organisations working on climate, as no one entity can cover everything essential to accelerate the economic, political and social change we need. Similarly we need to build on the relationships we have developed with organisations whose primary focus is outside the climate space – our collaboration as part of the Kill The Bill movement has shown how we can be greater than the

sum of our parts. This work continues in 2022. If you're an existing group or an individual who wants to start a group tackling the climate crisis in a way that is strategically or tactically different to XR, we would love to join forces. We want to make sure XR is connected to the many amazing organisations working to end fossil fuels (yep, even NGOs and Just Stop Oil) , ensuring the climate movement is as aligned, strong and healthy as it can be.

Follow Through :

- We'll be allocating funding to work on crucial relationship-building, especially the work to engage **notables and community leaders** that can help us mobilise millions! If you feel like you have the connections and skills to do this and want to support the UK Relationships Team - email relationshipsxr.uk@protonmail.com
- If you're an external group working to end fossil fuels in the UK, please get in touch on how we can collaborate better.

2.7. - YOUTH AND STUDENTS

In the last year we have seen the development of the [Affinity Youth Network](#) which is a new umbrella coordination group founded by [XR Youth Solidarity](#), [Radical Restart](#), and [Global Majority Vs](#) focusing on youth climate action based on solidarity and justice. They are engaging and growing relationships with [XR Youth Support](#) and [XR Universities](#). XR UK supports the growth of this youth network with funds and resources and connects with a link role in UK Operations, Relationships and the Integrated Budget Group. The Affinity Youth Network are currently working on a youth strategy harmonisation process.

Follow Through : If you'd like to find out more or are a young person and want to get involved, reach out:

@xryouthsolidarity // main campaign: www.wtfwwf.org

@globalmajorityvs // www.globalmajority.earth
@radicalrestart // radicalrestart.org

A message from XR Universities UK: “Throughout recent history, university students have been at the forefront of social change movements, being a radical demographic, pushing boundaries and demanding the level of change we know to be necessary for justice. XR Universities are taking a stance against those responsible for climate breakdown and the racist, classist genocide this entails. We are rising in nonviolent civil disobedience, proven by history to be what works and driven by our love for all life and rage at its destruction. We are not just demanding change, we are making it and we need you as a student, lecturer or other university staff to take on your responsibility at this time and join the rebellion for life while there is still time to save it and create the better world we all deserve!”

Follow Through: Are you a student, or university staff? **Please contact XR Universities to get involved**, especially if you are coordinating a uni group or want to set one up. Lots of resources and support available and we can guarantee there are lots of like-minded students at your uni. This is a time for bravery and courage! You are exactly who you have been waiting for! [Insta](#) / [Facebook](#) / [Email](#)
Come to XR Universities Refreshers Event: Virtual and In-Person! Please keep an eye on social media for more info.

XR Youth UK Local Groups continue to create youth leadership in their cities. Youth groups in Bristol, Cambridge, Brighton, Sheffield and the Midlands are all active, with many more as well. If you're interested in joining or growing your youth local group, [reach out on Instagram](#).

2.8. - INTERNATIONALIST SOLIDARITY AND ANTI-RACISM

We recognise that being in XR as a rebel of colour, a minority demographic or a non-UK resident takes greater courage. We thank you for staying with us and know we have to stand together better. As the UK Government becomes increasingly oppressive and we sleep-walk into authoritarianism, we recognise a need to strengthen our bonds across communities more than ever. For those living in the UK from diaspora communities, in contact with families and friends on the frontline in the Global South, thanks for your commitment, we see you and we love you.

We are proud of our continued relationship with XR's [Internationalist Solidarity Network](#) (ISN) that works with communities of resistance across the globe to build solidarity and share knowledge and support in a two-way relationship. We appreciate the communication we receive via ISN to help us understand, here in the UK, just how present the crisis is across the globe and that the harm is being done NOW. We are part of a global rebellion.

We recognise that there are communities in active resistance in many different ways across the globe, including shutting down ecocidal projects and building [planet repairs](#). We hold our UK Government to account for its role in destruction and exploitation globally and will not be bystanders. People in the UK are conditioned and dragged into being accomplices in ecocide, because it is done in your name, with your taxes - so stand up, say you won't allow it, get active!

Recommendation : For all rebels planning actions: Commit to making sure the message of your action is internationalist: recognising the harm is being done NOW. **Keep an eye on facebook events for when the next Oppressions workshop is being held.**

2.9. - DEFECTIONS AND WHISTLEBLOWING

Defections of people in power are a well researched factor in many successful nonviolent resistance campaigns. A great example of this is when 2 thousand [US](#)

[Military Veterans](#) joined the campaign at Standing Rock with Sioux Native American Indian people to protest the Dakota Access Pipeline from being built, supporting the protection of indigenous land.

Doctors and nurses have a professional duty, the Hippocratic Oath says that they will protect life. We have a number of former city workers, media professionals and service people in our movement (among others). But we need to get more people to consider siding with the resistance. We must ensure that wherever relationships are held with especially visible leaders in communities that the request to openly support our work is made to them and we should be unafraid to persist! Many of them do want to be on the right side of history but some just haven't realised yet!

[TRUTH TELLER](#): We are looking for whistleblowers to hold climate-damaging companies to account. If you work, or used to work, for a company that is committing, or covering up, harm to the planet, species and people. If your employer is saying the right thing in public, but failing the Earth in private. If you have insider knowledge of plans that will damage our common future. Then please let us know confidentially through the secure anonymous whistleblowing platform [Truth Teller](#) and we will find the safest way to get the truth into the public domain.

We'd especially love to hear from people working in:

- **Fossil fuel intensive industries;**
 - Energy, Transport/Aviation, Construction, Heating, Weapons, Agriculture, Fishing and Manufacturing.
 - **Fossil fuel industry investors/facilitators;**
 - Finance/Investment Banking/Insurance
 - Law Firms
 - Media & Advertising
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Action

It's time to get serious about our actions. Research has shown us that one of the barriers to trust in XR is a widespread mistrust of our motivation. We should avoid any activity that deepens the belief that we are not motivated by stopping harm: actions that are simply symbolic and not also disruptive do not always translate via the media filter, they can often give the impression we are doing this for our own enjoyment. This includes dancing actions and yoga: **it is always best when we can be creative and disruptive.**

Audacity and novelty in action design will be far more impactful in achieving objectives like mobilisation, and influencing without incurring this risk. We need to communicate the immediate risks of the CEE and the ways in which it will affect our lives right here in the UK, but **we need to be careful not to make 'visionary' be unachievable 'utopian', our actions need to have relevance with lived experience.**

3.1. - LOCALISED MOBILISING ACTIONS

Local group actions are an essential part of every rebel's journey and a good way to retain and grow your group's membership. That's why there needs to be regular actions happening! This strategy invites local mobilisation actions from January - March, in the run-up to Mass Resistance in April and May - August in the run-up to September's Mass resistance and thereafter.

These can be focused around the immediate demand and any local related issues, encouraging autonomy and decentralisation, XRUK Action Circle & Action Design

Space are working on aligned action plans that will help them hang together as a nationally coordinated effort.

The single most important point for local groups is to make actions relatable to where people are at in the HERE and NOW! Does your area suffer from flooding? Does your city have illegal levels of air pollution? The next time nature does it's thing, be ready with a related action to go for when that happens to build really clear links between climate change disrupting people's lives now. Consider storytelling via video before the action. Why do you intend to do the action as a way of growing an emotional relationship with the public, then share on socials on the day of the action.

What makes or breaks a good action is the message and how it's received, speaking in simple language for all to understand and avoiding using language that can be alienating.

Recommendation: We ask UK Media & Messaging Team to enhance the network of regional M&M coordinators, increasing skills across the UK to document and share actions with local press and social media, as well as aligning our message across the UK more effectively. Training to be available for local groups to have skilled-up media and messaging teams e.g. live streaming and press release writers working closely with design teams from conception stage.

Action Circle UK will be developing new action design ideas and related toolkits for all those that wish to use them. Coming soon!

Local Coup D'etat Action

On May 1st, 2019 the UK parliament declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency along with hundreds of [councils around the country](#), indeed over 1,900 local governments in 34 countries. Three years on and our leaders still don't have a plan and are perpetuating mass crimes against humanity, which shows us that their words were sadly all lies. This year we must hold them all to account for lying to the

public on their commitments, for not acting fast enough or proportionally to the crisis. We the people need to take back our power – our DEMOCRACY. This starts by targeting your local council. It's also election time for some regions on May 5th, so it's a perfect time to target councils. **Find out how [here](#).**

Paint the Symbol!

Flyposting and stickering is a popular (lower risk) action. In the month leading up to Mass Resistance periods we will be inviting rebels to get even more creative on the streets with Paint The Symbol! We want to see the XR symbol EVERYWHERE. Flyposting, spray painting, stencelling, subvertising, murals, graffiti and more. We're talking XR symbol takeover. **Here's [some inspiration](#) to get you started.**

3.2. - AFFINITY GROUPS

What happened to Affinity Groups!? Affinity groups are a practical structural tool for organising our mass rebellions and supporting each other. We learned about them from successful actions planning of the past, they are a tried and tested organisational design that creates a resilient network of groups ready to organise effectively on the ground. They are especially useful in changing circumstances where we may be unsure of the likely Police reaction/presence.

With a rebooted Affinity group Support Network, XR UK can better support rebels' journey from recruitment to action, from arrest, to post arrest, from stepping into higher risk actions, to self repping in court and facing legal consequences.

Seeing a high-risk action through all the way to court, considering how an AG is formed and who will be speaking on the dock with you - how about a scientist, a doctor, a mother? Especially in the coming Mass Resistance in April, we need everyone to help rebuild the XR UK Affinity Group network, upskilling and building confidence for rebels to take simple action.

Recommendation: Local Groups: Prioritise the forming of affinity groups in the action planning stage, rather than leaving this til the last minute: allowing friendship bonds to form!

Action Circle: Designing the next rebellion with multiple levels of risk for inclusivity and building confidence on rebels' journey as an activist.

Follow Through: [Find out more about what an Affinity group and how to set one up here](#)

3.3. - PARTICIPATION IN ACTION

Whilst our actions to date have had a significant impact, we are moving into changing times and we know that the embodiment of resistance is what true climate justice really means in action.

Earth protectors and activists on the front line of climate impacts around the world are being water cannoned, pepper sprayed, imprisoned, tortured, and murdered for defending life and land. [In fact, cases hit an all time high in 2020](#). Therefore it's our responsibility to examine our privileges here in the UK and fully commit to this urgent work.

Behind each arrestee we need a huge network of supportive rebels doing all kinds of work from food to back office, police station support, legal teams, regen and more. There are very good reasons why some rebels may not intentionally risk arrest. They may be from a marginalised group that faces greater police repression, or they may have immigration risks, health challenges, care responsibilities, or other things that make arrest the wrong choice for them right now. **If you are one of these rebels, we want you to know that you're very much loved and needed in the movement,**

whilst acknowledging that we all risk some possibility of arrest when in open rebellion with the UK Government.

3.4. - THE POLITICAL CONTEXT

The suite of legislation the UK government is putting through right now, including the PCSC bill seeks to put an end to effective protests. Guess what, this ain't the first time they have done this to us. Last time they used the [Public Order Act 1986](#) which “provides the police with powers to place restrictions on protests and, in some cases, prohibit those which threaten to cause serious disruption to public order.”

Are we going to let them intimidate us and win? No! But we must prepare for the state to continue to push our limits and expect further overreach.

3.5. - LEGAL STRATEGY

Extinction Rebellion challenges the courts and the legal system. We have a new UK Legal Strategy Team working to continue escalating [this work](#). It should be noted that every thing we do, and every action we take has a risk.

The following applies to England and Wales. Please seek additional advice in Scotland.

Know Your Rights! For more detailed legal guidance please visit: [Informed Dissent](#): Arrest, prosecution and on occasion prison sentences are consequences of civil disobedience. We will provide the information and support that rebels need before deciding to risk arrest and criminal conviction. We will also prepare and support those working in the circles who are at risk of preemptive police actions or conspiracy charges. The advice we give rebels being prosecuted through both the

Magistrates and Crown Courts will include moral, emotional and movement considerations as well as strictly legal ones.

Magistrates Court Trials: Every rebel facing prosecution in the Magistrates Courts will be given the support and information they need to decide whether to plead guilty or to plead not guilty and go to trial. For those who feel able to, there are strategic advantages in choosing the not guilty route: it reinforces the moral position that rebels are acting in the public interest; it advances the legal one that rebels were exercising their rights to protest when they were arrested and that their actions were proportionate and therefore lawful; it creates practical disruption by adding to the court's caseload; and it creates emotional disruption through connections with the judges. We will develop a comprehensive, accessible guide to direct rebels to sources of legal, practical, financial and emotional information and support to help them through the process. We will continue to collect, build and publish an archive of rebels' court stories and statements.

Crown Court Trials: Our success so far with juries supports the continuation of the strategy to design actions in order to reach the crown courts. Jury acquittals support our third demand for deliberative democracy and the empowerment of ordinary, informed citizens. Lessons from past crown court cases will be used to inform both the design of future actions and the strategic approach to upcoming jury trials. Trials scheduled for 2022 include those for actions that targeted the Department of Transport, the Treasury, the Home Office, the Brazilian Embassy, HSBC, Barclays, and Morgan Stanley. We will develop complementary actions, press and support strategies around these trials (with consent), which we will share with the movement once dates are confirmed.

Those being prosecuted through the Crown Courts, will have access to financial (limited), emotional, legal, practical and strategic support, including access to a network of former Crown Court defendants.

High Court: We will identify cases that we can appeal in the higher courts in order to set new precedents in protest laws that shift the balance in our favour (as the Ziegler judgement has done). We will also look for opportunities for Judicial Review where laws are being incorrectly implemented on the ground.

Disobey in the Dock: Contempt of court actions have a place in our Magistrates Court strategy, in the form of livestreams, glue ons and other creative actions. Disobey could also be a refusal to engage at all with the process by ignoring charge notices, failing to appear in court, and refusing to pay court costs or fines. Disobey actions extend the non-cooperation strategy used on the streets (e.g. going floppy); they escalate disruption in the courts; and they provide preparation in the way of short prison sentences for those considering more high-risk actions. We will create a team to provide rebels with action design, messaging, practical and prison support.

Our support for contempt of court will not include contempt in the crown courts, as this would undermine our primary strategy of communicating directly to ordinary people, in support of the third demand.

Raids: No building or vehicle associated with XR or action is considered 'safe' from raids or arrest by association as we are in open rebellion with the UK government. That's why we encourage every rebel to do Know Your Rights training when they join us. Further training and communication on raids will be developed, so that everyone is fully briefed on the risks related to everything we do.

The government's new policing bill, currently going through Parliament, is likely to strengthen existing laws, introduce a number of new offences, and increase sentences for those convicted. This strategy will need to respond to those changes once the bill is finalised and brought into law.

Follow Through: Find [here](#) **Legal Resources including:** Legal briefing / Bustcards / Stop and search cards / Raids leaflet / How to witness arrest / Security and phones info.

Remember the 5 key messages when facing arrest: No comment! No personal details! Under what power? No duty solicitor. No caution.

3.6. - ACCOUNTABILITY

Extinction Rebellion is completely nonviolent, all XR actions are done in full public view and we take responsibility for them. Being accountable for our actions is a strategic decision XR made at the very start, it is Principle number 4 and part of our Action Agreement. Read the rationale [here](#).

As the climate and ecological crises escalate in 2022, and we face increased state repression, we ask that all rebels continue to take responsibility. Much of our power in nonviolence comes from our openness, that we show respect, and are honest. See [here](#) for an exploration of property damage as a concept from our embedding nonviolence team.

Accountable action really pisses on the establishment's chips and inspires people worldwide!

We remain in solidarity with movements who take covert action to protect themselves and nature, for example by disabling a fracking rig or putting a detention centre out of action. We ask all rebels considering disabling actions under the XR banner to do so accountably, in full view to the public and media. XRUK can still be in solidarity with groups that use different tactics whilst upholding our foundational, long standing agreements which thousands of rebels have committed to.

Follow Through: [“Advantages of Accountability for nonviolent direct action”](#) by Embedding Nonviolence Circle.

3.7. - TACTICS

Nonviolent Direct Action (NVDA) is the main bread and butter tactic we use to bring about system change. We are often using the terms non violent civil disobedience, or nonviolent civil resistance. **Nonviolent [Civil Resistance](#) is a form of peaceful conflict or confrontation**, often associated with the advancement of democracy. It means proactively challenging the government’s harmful behaviour, using a variety of tactics, to create the best chance of getting rapid political and social change. It means intentionally breaking the law as an act of protest.

Rebels will urge juries and judges to uphold the citizen’s rights to prevent government wrongdoing by acquitting resisters. Civil resistance upholds the principle that citizens have responsibilities to their societies/democracy, and to resist government crimes or aggression. We act out of necessity to prevent a much more serious crime. Civil disobedience can lead to prison sentences. Rebels don't resist arrest or sentencing, and, as a result, the legal consequences become part of the protest.

3.8. - OPEN ORGANISING / SECURITY CULTURE

Open organising mass actions is understood as one of the key reasons for why XR was so successful in growing exponentially in 2019. Our transparency is the greatest tool we have against counter-insurgency.

Because it created:

- Mass participation
- Decentralised but working on the same big plan
- “We are all crew” culture
- Everyone knew the plan
- Accountability
- Welcoming, not exclusive, aiming to be as accessible as possible.
- Creates dilemma for state
- Builds interest in press
- Less paranoia without a secrecy culture.

However, the state quickly learnt what to expect from us and it became much harder to hold space in 2021. That doesn't mean we should stop open organising, but it does mean we need to evolve our tactics, be more agile and take basic steps to minimise pre-action arrests.

Basics Action Planning: Action Circle recommend you use;

- XR cloud or Cryptpad, NOT google docs/forms
- Remove google from android devices.
- Use Signal for chat/calls if not on mattermost.
- Email accounts with riseup
- Zoom (but not the chat), Jitsi or Big Blue Button on Mattermost
- Travelling to a reccie: use cash, don't use bank cards, turn off gps
- Buy everything in cash as much as possible
- Keep electronics, notepads, phones somewhere secure before and during an action.

Basics During Actions

- Use a Burner Phone
- Leave ID at home
- Don't take anything on an action you can't afford to lose

3.9. - ACTION DESIGN TRAINING / BUDGETING

In 2022 Action Circle will be developing training and space for peer2peer skill sharing around actions, design, planning and implementing. Stay tuned for more info, and get in touch with your regional or national action circle to find out more!

Action Circle will make sure that action designers and related trainings consider accessibility/inclusivity needs to further make actions as accessible where possible and will continue to work closely with the Disabled Rebel Network on this. Action Circle will continue to collaborate with the Digital Rebellion team to make sure that there is an aligned offering of actions both in person and remotely for all. All action planners are encouraged to do the same.

Criteria for local and regional actions:

- Economic disruption (could be via engaging state resources such as the police)
- Engages public / creates space for public to join in: attractive
- Building alliances:
- positive vision: opens space for other groups to showcase approaches to transformative behaviour change & solutions
- Strengthens the movement; networks, upskills, has a variety of levels of participation designed in.
- inspires creativity, autonomy and confidence of LGs and AGs within it.

3.10. - AUTONOMY WITHIN A STRATEGIC PLAN

We need a radically simple action plan during rebellion periods. One that is clear, has a coherent message, creates space for everyone to take direct action together and one that creates a rebel pathway.

Over the last year or two the movement has contracted and during mass rebellions, we have tried to do more and more actions with fewer people to accommodate everyone's wishes. The media can't follow loads of different messages/actions which means the public & government definitely can't either, and it's not easy for new rebels to join in so not easy for us to grow.

But isn't this a bit too centralised or breaking Principles & Values? Nope. Every group is empowered to take action any day of the week in their local area and beyond, and should continue to. **This is simply an open invite to take collective action in mass resistance together**, to have the greatest possible chance of us winning our demands. It's also a kind request not to plan autonomous/divergent actions during mass resistance periods.

Teams are working hard to design the details for April and to ensure that they are easy to work with, leave space for rebels to input on but offer enough definition and clarity that we can get the movement all singing in harmony.

3.11. - MASS RESISTANCE PLAN: APRIL 2022

10am, Saturday 9th April 2022, Hyde Park, London

Every rebel is **invited** to take part in mass resistance together in **London on April 9th onwards.**

Rebels are invited to participate in a very simple action plan with varying risk levels. This would mean no more scattergun actions but to **come together in unity with a**

single message, demand and a flexible action design. The moments of mass participation will be designed to be simple to join, openly organised, and with the ability to continue for weeks at a time. The model will be developed by a small experienced team and organised/implemented using a distributed model, like all of XR's most iconic and impactful actions.

TARGET:

WHO? UK Government, & related polluters investing in global extinction of all life.

WHAT?

- **Grow the movement** exponentially
- Get our **immediate demand** met
- Help **rebels take the next step** on their journey of resistance.
- Create **proportional disruption** to the crisis and response required,
- Move the **overton window, on the immediacy of the CEE** and the direct impacts on everyone's life and personal health in the **HERE and NOW.**
- **Overwhelm the state/police through mass resistance** and attrition tactics.

[Please commit to taking disruptive action or supporting those that are during April here.](#) More info coming very soon!

3.12. - REGIONAL SUMMER UPRISING

When: Late July 2022

What: **Decentralised** UK-wide aligned disruptive actions, trainings and workshops.

Why: Get our IMMEDIATE DEMAND met

Aim: **Material/functional disruption** and mobilisation.

3.13. - XR DIARY FOR 2022 - 2023!

KEY: Planning/Mobilising Action Social

Late Jan - Mid Feb Strategy Tour/Movement Gatherings - UK

Jan - March: Local Group/Affinity Group Actions - Autonomous
Planning, Training & Mobilisation

March: Paint the Symbol! UK Campaign - Decentralised

Mar 27th Earth Ball - London

April: Mass Resistance - London

May: Celebration, Rest, Onboarding/Training, & Strategy update

May - July: Local Group/Affinity Group Actions - Autonomous

June - July: Planning, Training & Mobilisation

Late July: Regional/National Summer Uprisings Nation-wide -
Decentralised

Onboarding

August: Local Group/Affinity Group Actions - Autonomous

August - Sept: Planning, Training & Mobilisation

August: Paint the Streets UK Campaign - Decentralised

Sept: Mass Resistance

Nov: Celebration, Rest, Onboarding/Training, & Strategy update

Nov - March 2023: Local Group/Affinity Group Actions - Autonomous

Dec - March 2023: Planning, Training & Mobilization

March: Paint the Streets UK Campaign - Decentralised

April: Mass Resistance

May: Celebration, Rest, Onboarding/Training, & Strategy update

Strength

4.1. PRINCIPLES FOR BUILDING STRENGTH INSIDE OUR MOVEMENT

Honesty and Accountability: We want our Government and institutions to be accountable. We need to hold this principle inside XR too, we remain accountable to each other.

Agility and Efficiency: Our structure has been resilient over the last few years but it has also been bogged down with process. We need to be able to move faster in a changing operational environment. This means prioritisation of work and remembering our SOS seeks not to be consensus focussed but consent focussed.

Clarity: we must prioritise improving communication channels.

Respect: We know each other now, tensions have built between individuals and teams. We need to reconnect and move ahead with kindness and respect. We can only do this work well if we stick together and have each other's backs. This does not require us to agree on everything all the time!

Unity: We are a broad movement and commit to alignment in our key messages and tactics, recognising the need to balance strategic planning with autonomy.

A note on XR meeting culture - XR was set up with a specific approach to meetings and the way we treat one another in our work. This strives to be a culture where everyone is heard, check-ins break the ice and help us to build trust together. Our regenerative cultures meeting statement is [here](#).

Follow Through : There are support systems available in our structure: TESN, Rebel Listeners (link) etc. [New Regen mandate proposal](#).

4.2. - STRUCTURAL CHANGE

XR UK needs some streamlining in its structure, as per the advice from [Systems Realignment](#) Project. Our Self-Organising System (SOS) allowed for fast growth but has led to a complex structure lacking in clarity over who's doing what in some areas. There are difficulties balancing our principles with our hybrid model of [sociocracy](#) and [holacracy](#). There have also been updates to the [XRUK Constitution](#).

Movements need leadership! This does not mean individuals hoarding power or dictating to others what to do, but it does mean sub-group or parent circles working to a set of priorities that achieve alignment in our purpose. This will prove to be more regenerative as rebels will feel empowered they are doing useful work and we

are achieving more as a whole. We all know that there are rebels who want to organise more autonomously, but we also know there are many who want guidance or plans they can plug into because they can't work on rebellion all the time. This strategy seeks to provide a framework that offers an aligned way of mobilising and then taking collective action.

To grow in our strength as a movement we need to feel empowered that we are working towards aligned goals and able to move in an agile way and make decisions fast. This strategy recommends we streamline our core teams in XR UK, combining those that have similar mandates but are working at low capacity and often have a crossover of membership. Empowering teams to prioritise and focus.

Our Self-Organising System that is used [constitutionally](#) by XR UK teams has within it a hierarchy of purpose. This can appear to clash with our principle of autonomy, which in turn is confused with the concept of decentralisation. We must be **aligned in our core purpose or decentralisation becomes a complete mess** of hundreds of different messages and no alignment, therefore less power as a whole movement. It also puts more pressure on the national working groups as they try to support masses of decentralised actions, then clashing with our principle of regenerative culture and making it hard to create a culture of accountability.

Recommendation: The strategy team, following this, will work with the Hive, Operations and a 'Tour Team' to make sure that we succeed in Momentum-Driven organising. We will encourage a distributed authority model, as our SOS is intended to create at the UK-level. Local and Regional Groups have autonomy and can opt in to following a coherent UK-wide plan.

4.3. - SUCCESSION

Many key coordinators in XRUK teams are facing the real possibility of prison this year and we are all at some risk of burnout in our stressful work. We will make sure to hand over the depth of knowledge gathered over time and empower distributed leadership. The complexity of our structure can make it difficult to step into roles, putting more continuous pressure on current coordinators who end up holding too much.

Throughout our networks 2022 is the year that those of us who have been here for some time become mentors. To achieve the growth we need we need to build good relationships and share the responsibilities as much as possible. Rather than delegation in an SOS system we seek to distribute responsibility. This may mean we need to look carefully at how we support each other to do that, it's not always easy to hand over work which you feel responsible for, and it can be difficult to onboard new folks at the same time as keeping up with your workload. [Contact the SOS team](#) if you want help and support to think about how you are coordinating teams.

Follow Through: [Explore the new Hub!](#)

Recommendation: For key coordinators in teams in XR UK to become mentors to rebels willing to step up more into key roles.

4.4. - RESOLVING XR TENSIONS

It has come to the strategy team's attention that rebels are not clear on what to do when they feel unheard; an issue raised was not resolved; when they identify a structural problem or when a coordinator or circle is breaking the [XR Constitution](#). (XR UK teams are bound by the constitution, it does not apply to all regional or local groups.)

When these issues are miscommunicated as with any form of public naming and shaming of an individual or circle, and without taking accountability it can result in

unnecessary harm, upset and division to the movement, it also breaks our core Principles & Values!

Let's start by putting it into perspective, remembering we are not the bad guys, we are a mass movement, we **are all volunteers**, doing our very best under extreme pressure. We are from all walks of life, with different skill sets, personal responsibilities, and with different levels of time/commitment. **However, we share one thing in common - our commitment to nonviolent civil resistance.**

The strategy team recommend the below steps to resolve tensions:

1. Give feedback directly to each other or communicate directly with the Internal Coordinator of the circle involved. (See the [Hub](#) for XR UK's structure and contacts.)
2. Ask the regen team to help convene a meeting of concerned parties including IC's.
3. If a resolution cannot be met with the IC's and facilitators help, the next step is to speak with the IC of the wider "mother" circle of said circle for further assistance.

Other avenues to consider:

If it's related to the XR structure then [speak to the SOS team](#) for further [advice](#) and guidance.

If it's an individual problem and neither IC was able to help you resolve it then a [conflict resolution process](#) is the final stop.

4.5. - BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE & RESISTANCE

Since COVID, XRUK has closed all office spaces and local groups stopped meeting in person regularly. Luckily XR was already using online video meetings, which kept the movement alive. However, two years on and:

- People have video-call and meeting fatigue.
- Working groups can become siloed. As a result mis-communication can breed distrust.
- We crave in person face-2-face emotional support, and many of us have faced long periods of isolation, a hostile political and media landscape, plus climate grief and anxiety.
- We can easily get stuck in our own bubble – we need to make it easy for new people to find and join us outside of actions.

We recommend taking an enterprising approach in your local area and creating XR community hubs as a; not-for-profit community interest company where rebels can;

- grow the movement
- connect with their local xr community over coffee
- offer emotional support for climate anxiety
- learn more about the CEE, our ToC and how to get involved
- see related film screenings/HfE talks
- read/borrow/buy nvda related literature.
- host workshops such as art blockers
- join xr planning meetings and actions
- accommodate visiting rebels
- vision through taking prefigurative local action

These spaces could be XR's "shop front", open daily/weekly depending upon capacity! This could be a 'Climate Canteen', or 'EmergenTEA break cafe', a community owned pub, or a mini art factory, whatever your local group wants it to be! This wouldn't have to be a big money making enterprise, but could have the potential to self-sustain the expense of renting an otherwise unused space, maybe even help supplement some local fundraising?

How is this idea different from a Climate Emergency Centre (CEC)? CECs are awesome - we love them. However, they are separate from XR and have different goals. They are an alliance-building project designed to bring the community together to develop solutions to adapt locally to the social and environmental crises facing us. XR members are welcome to be involved in CECs as members of their community, and can use the spaces as local community groups but CECs cannot be associated with any illegal activity.

We highly recommend that your XR group set ups its own Hub, so that you can focus on XR activities and have autonomy. It is best to make sure the space is self-funded, registered as a non-profit enterprise, and independently-owned (not council owned), so you are free to have an XR community presence of your choice. Another funding option could be to have a membership fee and/or volunteer scheme - a hybrid cooperative model.

Where? There are literally thousands of empty buildings of all kinds on the highstreet right now due to covid that could be better used at a discounted rate or free! Ideally with a shop front to be as accessible to the public as possible.

If you're low on capacity then find someone doing something similar like this already via the [Transition Network](#) and ask if they would be up for collaborating to host xr events, talks, and workshops etc. Inspiration: [The Remakery](#), [Civic Square](#), [Brixton Pound](#), [Community Pub](#).

Alternatively, why not test run the idea by hosting a **pop-up store/cafe** for a month or two for doing local outreach in your town or city centre, where rebels can “sell” the public their future back through donations in a number of creative ways!

4.6. STRATEGIC FINANCE

Strategy informs the movement budgeting, making sure we spend our precious funds in the best way to achieve our goals! We will review spending from the last few years in order to assess the spend and the impacts and this will help the team to go forwards from here.

We need to spend on critical core functions that support the whole and create a movement budget that focuses on growth, action and enabling maximum participation.

Strategic Finance Priority list:

- Prioritising UK-wide action plans that create sustained material disruption and dialogue, not purely symbolic or one-off actions.
- Prioritising funds for growing the movement, including outreach resources and supporting a fundraising plan including growing our audiences online and our mailing lists.
- UK Volunteer Living Expenses (VLE) Policy: This needs to be reviewed and make sure that we are offering VLE to those that are doing strategic essential work and most need financial support to do the work.
- Supporting participation in rebellion for rebels

4.7. - MOTHERSHIP

XR acting as an incubator has been one of our key successes. If specific projects are able to carry out strands of work that are necessary, but XR is not best placed to actualise them, we don't have to hold all of the innovation in the environmental movement. Our research suggests that experimentation and filling strategic gaps is needed but we can't be all things to all people. It's important to create focus in our own work whilst showing support and solidarity to people and groups with a diversity of approaches.

The key for successful outcomes in this area has been shown to be a matter of effective **communication, coordination and collaboration**. XRUK will take the primary responsibility for organising the periods of collective mass action.

4.8. - SUPPORT STRUCTURES & REGENERATIVE CULTURES

In these times of crisis, we must support each other. Our work is emotionally, physically and mentally draining. We have suffered burn out and talk about 'regenerative culture' as insisting rebels take a day off now and then, but it is much more than that. Nurturing regenerative cultures in our movement is part of our vision of a better society. **We will be more effective if we are nourished, rested and feeling strong in our connections and support of each other.**

We need to encourage one another to take on work with reasonable boundaries that protect our wellbeing, we are responsible for our own workloads so we need to make sure we share honestly when we are struggling to cope with the demands on our time or on our emotional resilience.

We must support those who risk prison sentences. This involves practical support structures, but also **how we talk to and about each other**, and how we

must centre **love** and **compassion** in all we do. After all, we are here because we have extraordinary love and care for our planet and all the living beings.

Although the situation is terrifying, love is the strongest motivator and ultimately the source of all our work. This year we will recommit to hold each other, and to be our best courageous and resilient selves, with [ferocious love of these lands in our hearts](#).

Not in the UK? Visit the [Extinction Rebellion Global Website](#).



END FOSSIL FUELS NOW: Extinction Rebellion and Just Stop Oil block oil facilities across the UK

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BREAKING: In the early hours of the morning, Extinction Rebellion UK and groups in the Just Stop Oil Coalition have blocked 10 major oil facilities across the UK. We will continue to block the sites until the UK Government agrees to end all new fossil fuel investments immediately.[1]

Extinction Rebellion is blocking the Esso West Terminal near Heathrow Airport, and the Hamble and Hythe Terminals in Southampton. People are locked on at the entrances using large pink oil barrels filled with concrete, with the words 'END FOSSIL FUELS NOW' on them. Two people are up bamboo structures at the Esso Terminal and the Southampton locations each have one of the iconic Extinction Rebellion boats blocking the entrances with people locked to them. At the Esso terminal in London, 4 people have climbed on top of an oil silo and have hung large banners that say 'JOIN US – LONDON APRIL 9' and 'END FOSSIL FUELS'.

Scores of people sat in the road to block oil tankers from leaving each site, while others climbed on top of oil tankers.

The action is taking place at a crucial time: The UK public is waking up this morning to a 54% rise in the energy price cap, which the Citizens' Advice charity say will leave millions of people unable to pay their bills.[2] As war wages in Ukraine – a war that Christiana Figueres describes as being “financed by those in the West who import Russian oil and gas” – governments around the world are making plans to get off Russian oil and gas at speed.[3] However, instead of doing what's necessary to move away from fossil fuels to align with Paris Climate pledges, World leaders are choosing to appease oil companies and pursue extraction elsewhere. This is despite the recent IPCC report stating that staying on fossil fuels means that half the population of the continent of Africa could be displaced within the next eight years. These are the people and nations who have done the absolute least to cause the crisis.[4]

Extinction Rebellion is here to say: **Not in our name.**

Clare Farrell, co-founder of Extinction Rebellion, said: *“Today the climate movement is asking you to pay attention, to join the dots on environmental destruction, the peril faced by our world family and the gross profiteering that is trying to cancel the future of humanity.*

“The dots are being joined for us all in the current context, from the wars fuelled by fossil fuel money, the blatant global racism on show in the response to the refugee crises, the exacerbating inequalities in the cost of living crisis, and energy companies shamelessly making record profits from the plight of the ordinary person. It's predicted that in just a matter of months 1 in 4 people in the UK will be unable to pay their energy bills. The Gillet Jaune had a catchphrase – end of the month, end of the world, same struggle.

“It is now clear in the UK too, we're being ripped off, our future is being burned, sold, decimated and all the while our government sits back doing nothing to help ordinary people. Enough of the lies, deceit and deadly political failure. Only a few months ago our

leaders were crying in Glasgow because they had failed the world, now they are seeking to bend the rules of physics to meet their political project and give oil and gas companies a pass. We know it won't work, and it's too late for denial and delay."

The blockades come just over a week before the Rebellion begins in London on April 9th.[5] For anyone watching the blockades over the coming days, we call on everyone who wants to bring an end to the fossil fuel economy to go to Hyde Park at 10am on April 9th and join us in civil resistance until fossil fuel investments come to an end. We will be big and loud and impossible to ignore and we will return day after day until our immediate demand is met: **No new fossil fuel investments, no new fossil fuel licences, end fossil fuel subsidies now.**

The government is making a choice to continue its addiction to fossil fuels as war wages in Ukraine, instead of accelerating the transition to a renewable led future. They could choose not to. Just a few months on from the "last chance" of COP26, Boris Johnson now claims the current crisis demands a "climate change pass".[6] The Prime Minister says he wants to "remove barriers" to increased extraction of fossil fuels from the North Sea and has now gone begging Saudi Arabia to increase its oil supply.[7][8] The UK is also set to approve licenses for 40 new fossil fuel projects.[9]

The recent IPCC report tells us in no uncertain terms that the window is closing on adaptation, let alone mitigation.[10] The Environment Agency put it bluntly in its October 2021 report: Adapt or Die.[11] Breakdown is happening in a way that isn't allowing time for adaptation. According to the UN Secretary General, staying on fossil fuels will cause an atlas of human suffering and 'delay means death'.[12][13]

All of this is taking place despite **recent polling showing that the UK public wants climate action now in face of the energy crisis.**[14] As fossil fuel multinationals use the war in Ukraine to lobby for new extraction, they are also getting huge tax breaks, while its expected that 1 in 4 people in the UK will not be able to pay their bills by September.[15][16]

But more UK extraction won't help ordinary people with rising energy costs.

The government's own advisors, The Climate Change Committee, said: "*Any increases in UK extraction of oil and gas would have, at most, a marginal effect on the prices faced by UK consumers in future,*"[17] More drilling in the North Sea will not provide the UK with a secure supply of affordable energy.[18] It would mostly be exported and exploration for new gas supplies would take around thirty years to come into effect. So, even if the government were to license a new gas field today, it would likely be 2050 – the year the UK has pledged to be net zero – before it produced anything we could use in

our homes. Even the Energy Secretary has admitted this won't address the cost-of-living crisis.[19] It won't help with the war in Ukraine. It won't give us energy security.[20]

Former deputy director of the UK's National Crime Agency and director of plan B, Tim Crosland, said: *"We are not facing a cost of living crisis, it's a cost of living scandal. The cost of living scandal and our dependence on petrostates for oil and gas are the consequence of our addiction to fossil fuels. The government is prioritising political pandering and vested interests over the public good in decision making while fossil fuel companies exploit this moment to expand their reach. Protestors are not the problem, policy failure is."*

"For any chance of a livable future, the response to war in Ukraine can and must be integrated with the logic of urgent and radical action on the climate crisis. The Government has no democratic mandate to use the war as a pretext to destroy the conditions which make the planet habitable. It is people's duty to intervene to protect each other. They are exploiting public fear and disorientation at a time of crisis to advance corporate-friendly policies incapable of attracting democratic support."

All the more, we are not preparing the workforce for the transition away from fossil fuels, leaving them vulnerable to shocks. Extinction Rebellion Youth are blocking the Fawley refinery to hold Exxon to account for their hand in the destruction to communities in the Global South, and to stand with workers who are planning to strike for better pay on 8th April.[21] The strike is planned due to Exxon offering a mere 2.5% pay rise to staff, despite Exxon's profits in 2021 topping an eye-watering £6.75 billion. The young people held banners calling for a just transition for workers as well as the cost of the living scandal to be paid for with the excessively high profits of oil and gas companies.

Swallow, 20, from Extinction Rebellion Youth, said: *British workers and families should not bear the brunt of the energy crisis while oil and gas executives make insane profits. The public wants a transition that is rapid and fair, to support workers to retrain and start building a better future, but we're being lied to daily by politicians who tell us we can't afford to change, while supporting corporate interest over people's lives and livelihoods."*

"It should come as no surprise that young people are choosing to step up and take action like this. Our futures are being sold and burned by the selfish few all while watching people's lives being decimated in the Global South already, and the betrayal we feel runs deep. If people had been doing what we're doing now 10 years ago maybe we wouldn't be in this situation, but we are. So, now there's nothing left for us to do but act because we refuse to be the last generation, we refuse to be bystanders."

A worker at the Esso terminal in London said to an XR protestor this morning, *“Good on you love, this has got to happen, fossil fuels have to end”*.

Decarbonising is not unaffordable even according to the UK’s own Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR)[22]. We should and could have been investing in renewables, heat pumps, home insulation, public transport, and the green economy for decades. As the OBR has said, these policies will create thousands of jobs and save billions of pounds for the UK public.[23] But the Government has been actively blocking them, enriching fossil fuel executives and oil state autocrats and subsidising climate breakdown instead.[24]

Rev Helen Burnett from Extinction Rebellion, said: *“Compared to the horrific bloodshed in Ukraine, the fight for 1.5 °C may seem abstract, but it is, in reality, all too real. It is the fight for all those on the frontline of the climate crisis, in particular our children and our young people and the majority of the world’s population in the Global South. It is the fight for a peaceful and organised international community, it is the fight for the story of humanity and the fight for all those whom we love.*

“We, the general public of the UK, are strong and resilient in times of crisis and will be ready to pull together to support each other as we roll up our sleeves and chip in to do our bit to make the change we need. But people deserve to have a say in what comes next. As the government is unwilling to do the right thing, ordinary people should be given a say in how we transition away from fossil fuels. That’s why XR calls for a Citizen’s Assembly. Your next door neighbour or your local shop keeper participating in a Citizen’s Assembly would be far more trustworthy than this government.”

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A few facts on the oil industry:

In an article published by Unearthed, it was revealed that, in 2021, the UK oil and gas industry reached a record high in carbon emissions, an increase of 15% compared to 2020. This is due in part because of pipeline outages to refineries. In fact, approximately 20% of oil is delivered to refineries from production sites via pipelines

In 2020, fossil fuel companies spent £7.1 million on 25,147 greenwashing facebook adverts, highlighting their investments in renewable energy and promoting natural gas as a sustainable energy source. Just over half of this spending came from one company: ExxonMobil.

The UK oil and gas industry is extremely carbon intensive due to the flaring carried out at refineries. Flaring is the burning of unwanted natural gas into the atmosphere, and is usually carried out to save money by getting rid of gas which is considered to be too unprofitable to transport [3]. This is done frequently, for example, at Fawley oil refinery.

Shell's profits for 2021 overall rose to \$19.3bn compared with \$4.85bn the year before, in part due to strong earnings from shipping liquified natural gas (LNG) on the international market amid a global squeeze on gas supplies.

A few facts on Hamble Terminal:

Hamble oil terminal is currently owned by BP. It was opened in 1924, and imports jet and ground fuels, and exports crude oil.

On March 28th, Energy Vice published an article stating that BP's climate targets to “set a net zero ambition covering operations, production and sales by 2050 or sooner” – so to reduce its absolute emissions – only account for 1/5 of the companies total greenhouse gas emissions. Importantly, its targets do not take into account its material sales. Global Climate Insights has estimated that oil and gas products will still account for 91% of BP's sales by 2050.

In an article by Unearthed, it was revealed that BP used money from a “low carbon transition” fund to buy shares in companies finding new ways to find and use fossil fuels. Furthermore, on the edge of the largest known cold-water reef in the world along the coast of West Africa, BP is developing a new gas field.

A few facts on Hythe Oil Terminal:

Hythe oil terminal is part of Fawley oil refinery, owned by oil and gas company ExxonMobil. ExxonMobil has known about the devastating effects of fossil fuel production on the environment for over 40 years, and concluded in 1979 that production “will cause dramatic environmental effects”, saying that “the potential problem is great and urgent”. However, instead of acting responsibly on this knowledge, ExxonMobil spent tens of millions of pounds funding climate denial and misinformation. A senior ExxonMobil lobbyist recently admitted that the company was aggressively fighting against climate science. One example of this is when ExxonMobil ran a behind the scenes US lobbying campaign against legislative efforts to restrict the toxic PFAS “forever chemicals”.

Additionally, Exxon is being legally challenged by communities in Guyana and Indonesia. In Indonesia, villagers of the Aceh Province have finally reached the courts in claiming justice for the tortures of dozens of Indonesian peasants at the hands of Exxon-hired armed guards: for 20 years, Exxon has slowed down justice for these families that saw family members maimed in the name of fossil fuel profit.

In Guyana, scientists and youth have filed a constitutional case on the grounds that Exxon's expansion of oil extraction in Guyanese territory violates the right to a healthy environment and the rights of future generations.

Fawley refinery is now the largest oil refinery in the United Kingdom, and one of the most complex refineries in Europe. With a capacity of 270,000 barrels (43,000 m³) per day, **Fawley** provides 20 percent of the UK's refinery capacity. [16]

A few facts on the West London Oil Terminal:

The West London oil terminal is owned by Esso, a subsidiary of the Exxon Mobil corporation. In 2021, Esso was granted a Development Consent Order by the Secretary of State to replace and expand 97km of underground aviation fuel pipeline to carry 40% more fuel across the South East of the UK; however Exxon can continue to use the old pipeline too enabling a potential 140% increase in capacity for at least the next 20 years.

ABOUT EXTINCTION REBELLION

Time has almost entirely run out to address the ecological crisis which is upon us, including the 6th mass species extinction, global pollution, and increasingly rapid climate change. If urgent and radical action isn't taken, we're heading towards 4 °C warming, and the societal collapse and mass loss of life that that implies. The younger generation, racially marginalised communities and the Global South are on the front-line. No-one will escape the devastating impacts.

Extinction Rebellion believes it is a citizen's duty to rebel, using peaceful civil disobedience, when faced with criminal inactivity by their Government.

Extinction Rebellion's key demands are:

1. Government must tell the truth by declaring a climate and ecological emergency, working with other institutions to communicate the urgency for change.
2. Government must act now to halt biodiversity loss and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025.
3. Government must create and be led by the decisions of a Citizens' Assembly on climate and ecological justice.

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Rebellion begins tomorrow. Will you step up?

April 08, 2022 by Extinction Rebellion

When scientists and doctors are gluing themselves to oil company headquarters and being arrested en masse, we should take that as a warning sign, shouldn't we?

Well, that's what's happening and governments around the world are continuing to double down on fossil fuels. What on earth is going on?

This is what's going on in the world of Extinction Rebellion:

People from all walks of life are rising up and refusing to be bystanders while the world is sold and burnt by those with power. Over the past week, scientists, doctors, nurses, teachers, students, engineers, mums, dads, grandparents and more have sat in roads, climbed on tankers, hung banners, handed out fliers or had conversations with people

passing by about the emergency we face. **We're building towards a mass movement that cannot be ignored and everyone is needed.** Will you step up too?

JOIN THE REBELLION

WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK? (1ST - 8TH APRIL)

XR AND JUST STOP OIL BLOCKED OIL FACILITIES

From April 1st, Extinction Rebellion and the Just Stop Oil coalition blocked 10 oil facilities across the UK: Hythe, Hamble, West London, Grays, Navigator, Purfleet, Kingsbury, BP, Esso and Buncefield. Whilst XR used boats and oil drums to block access to the terminals, Just Stop Oil sat in roads, climbed on oil tankers, and dug tunnels. The actions are ongoing. As a result, the dilemma for the government will soon be determined.



Stanwell, UK. 4 April 2022. Extinction Rebellion protesters blocked the entrance to Esso West London Terminal near Heathrow Airport. Protesters erected two wooden structures to block the transit of fuel delivery vehicles. Protesters demand an end to fossil fuels. Credit: Andrea Domeniconi/Alamy Live News

SCIENTISTS SPRAYED FAKE OIL ON SHELL'S BUILDING

On Wednesday, scientists calling for radical change in the face of the climate and ecological crisis took nonviolent direct action at the London headquarters of Shell. It was part of the world's largest-ever scientist-led civil disobedience campaign. The group used modified fire extinguishers to spray biodegradable fake oil on the building. Meanwhile, they also posted scientific papers to the walls. They were joined by scientists around the world, including NASA climate scientist Peter Kalmus, who was arrested in LA.



6th April 2022, Scientists from Extinction Rebellion, including 93-Year-old scientist Arnold, flypost Shell's London HQ with scientific papers on climate change.

XR DOCTORS AND NURSES LOCKED ON IN FRONT OF HM TREASURY

Brave Doctors for Extinction Rebellion took action outside HM Treasury in London on World Health Day. They were calling for an end to the UK government's financial support for fossil fuels. Six of them locked onto oil barrels in the road, whilst others held banners saying 'For Health's Sake: Stop Financing Fossil Fuels'.



OCEAN REBELLION SET A BOAT ON FIRE

Ocean Rebellion lit up the ship sculpture outside the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). They used the words from António Guterres' (UN Secretary-General) IPCC speech: "The world's biggest polluters are guilty of arson of our only home."

The oil slick below the ship, poured by the two Fossil Fool Oil Industry heads, was a testament to the continued ignorance of the IMO. Moreover, the IMO is a UN body that still allows the burning of Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO), even in the Arctic region.

4th April 2022. International Maritime Org., London, UK. Ocean Rebellion echo the words of the secretary-general of the United Nations Antonio Guterres who accuses the world's biggest polluters of committing 'arson on our only home'.

BANNER DROP AT TOWER BRIDGE

At 7am this morning, rebels hung a large 22m x 3m banner from Tower Bridge in London. It reads 'END FOSSIL FUELS NOW'. On the eve of Rebellion in London, that's a sign that we intend to be easy to find and impossible to ignore over the coming week!

Tomorrow the Rebellion begins at Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park, London at 10am. We will continue in resistance to stop all new fossil fuel investments. Will you step up and join in?

We need everyone now to give fossil fuels the final shove out the door. In short, why not head down and be a part of this exciting moment in history? You are necessary, you are powerful, you are needed.

Now is the time, this is the moment. Don't be a bystander while this beautiful world slips away.

Look up, step up. [Join the Rebellion.](#)

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Extinction Rebellion Statement on the UK Fuel Shortage

April 12, 2022 by Extinction Rebellion

Extinction Rebellion is continuing its protests this week with bridge blockades, mass outreach and targeted actions, such as today's shut down of financial institution Lloyd's of London. The movement is also supporting disruption at oil facilities with the Just Stop Oil coalition.

As petrol pumps around the country begin to run dry, the government has a choice: continue destroying life on Earth by doubling down on oil and gas and supporting corporate interest over people's lives, or honour the UK's Paris commitments and change course.

In short, put an end to all new fossil fuel investments immediately.

Extinction Rebellion is told time and again to stop disrupting ordinary people and target the bad guys instead. But it turns out when we disrupt carbon people feel it, as almost everything we do economically relates to – or relies on – oil and gas. We recognise these protests are hitting people now, but as the UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres said, we are “on track for an unlivable future” by continuing to invest in fossil fuels. The disruption coming will be far greater and beyond our control unless this stops now.

We are out of time – weather patterns are already destabilised and climate related deaths occurred on almost every continent in 2021. Our current political system is incapable of acting with the speed and integrity needed in this moment of crisis. Life as we know it is going to change, whether or not we choose to act on the climate crisis, and whether or not we like it. The UK government’s refusal to admit this is shameful dishonesty. In the words of its own Environment Agency, we must “adapt or die”.

Polling shows the UK general public wants urgent action on climate, but we are being lied to by a government in the pocket of big oil while energy companies get tax breaks and make huge profits off war in Ukraine. The climate emergency helps us see everything is interconnected and whether it’s Covid, war in Ukraine or the cost of living crisis, we can’t wait for a better time to tackle this because there won’t be one.

Which is why Extinction Rebellion will continue to join the dots through our actions. Disruption is the only power ordinary people have left to change things, to break the law to stop a greater crime taking place.

The plan is simple: We will continue to cause disruption until the government agrees to do what the IPCC, the International Energy Agency, the United Nations, its own Committee on Climate Change, and scientists everywhere are saying we absolutely must do now: **to end all new fossil fuel investments immediately.**

If the government agrees to this first basic step to address the climate crisis, we will go home.

When governments choose betrayal, people will choose resistance. As long as the government continues to choose to destroy the future of humanity, good people will choose to stop them. We all have a choice. That is theirs, and this is ours.

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Mass Occupation of Kingsbury Oil Terminal halts production again



For the seventh day in a row, supporters of Just Stop Oil have disrupted oil supplies from critical oil facilities in support of their demand that the UK government end new oil and gas projects in the UK.

At around 00.40am today, 37 people entered the Kingsbury oil terminal near Tamworth and climbed on top of tankers and the loading bay and locked on to the pipework. They have sent video messages to explain their actions. [1]

Elsewhere, at the nearby BP Oil Depot entrance, supporters of Just Stop Oil established a roadblock halting tanker routes to and from the terminal, while at the massive Navigator terminal in Essex operations are still suspended due to the ongoing occupation.

It is expected that this will continue to impact on fuel availability at petrol pumps across England

So far this morning there have been at least 10 arrests of Just Stop Oil supporters, and the total number arrested since April 1st is well over 400

Just Stop Oil have issued the following statement

The latest IPCC report issued on Monday made clear that staying below 1.5C is now a fairy tale, what is now at stake is humanity's survival, a liveable planet. Its message was clear: any further delay in implementing rapid and deep carbon cuts will result in the death of millions. Antonio Guterres, the UN Secretary General rammed home the message: "Climate activists are sometimes depicted as dangerous radicals." He tweeted. "But the truly dangerous radicals are the countries that are increasing the production of fossil fuels. Investing in new fossil fuels infrastructure is now moral and economic madness."

Fast forward not 3 days and the publication of the UK government's Energy Security strategy. What do they propose? Granting licences to new North Sea oil fields, another look at fracking and purchasing oil and gas from Saudi Arabia? These are the morally bankrupt plans of a criminal cartel protecting oil over life on earth.

Reducing energy demand through insulating housing is among the most cost-effective measures to cut our carbon emissions and enjoys huge public support, yet it barely figures. The government has fallen under the spell of shadowy lobbyists for the fossil fuel industry and is obsessed with huge infrastructure projects.

Boris needs to get a grip, he has referred to the oil funded war in Ukraine as genocide, what then do you call the planned deaths of millions due to the on-going support of the carbon economy?

The Just Stop Oil Coalition is calling on all of those whose futures are being destroyed, who are facing poverty, and who are outraged at yet another betrayal by this continuing dependence on oil and gas, to step up and take action. Join our daily zoom calls at 7pm. It's 2022 and the time to stand by has passed.

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[2] About Just Stop Oil

Just Stop Oil is a coalition of groups working together to demand that the government immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK.

We must urgently end our reliance on fossil fuels to avoid irreversible changes in the earth's climate system. We cannot continue to burn fossil fuels in the belief that future developments in carbon capture and storage and other so-called "unicorn technologies" will allow us to suck vast quantities of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

The UK must begin this process immediately. It starts by calling a halt to any further fossil fuel projects on the UK Continental Shelf. That would give us eight years of fossil fuel production left in which to rapidly transition to a zero carbon economy.

Everyone knows we have to engage in massive changes. Just Stop Oil is a coalition of groups demanding the no-brainer things be done immediately – actions that will reduce the demand for fossil fuel energy dramatically such as insulating our homes, rethinking how we travel, getting on with renewable energy and making sure no-one is left behind.

We either come together as humanity or we die. Youth know which they choose. They have already chosen. They are in the streets to demand a future. We are all in the streets to make sure they get it. It's as basic as that.

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Statement on Easter fuel shortages



The Just Stop Oil coalition has formed in response to a single truth: that this world, our only home, will be unlivable due to current government policies to extract more oil and gas from the North Sea.

With this knowledge it is 'frankly dangerous' to remain silent. We can not be bystanders while people, communities and countries across the world are sentenced to death because our government refused to get a grip and stop oil.

At this critical moment we find ourselves, as others have through history, having to do what is unpopular, to break the law to prevent a much greater harm taking place.

petrol station forecourts immediately, ahead of the Easter holidays, by committing to halt all new oil licenses and consents.

Ministers have a choice: they can arrest and imprison Just Stop Oil supporters or agree to no new oil and gas. While Just Stop Oil supporters have their liberty the disruption will continue. Now is the moment to come and meet with the coalition.

Oil destroys our economy

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A GROUP of climate protesters caused traffic disruption when they planted themselves in the middle of a city centre road this afternoon.

Dozens of Youth Climate Swarm activists brought traffic to a standstill on Saturday by blocking North Street, Brighton during the weekend rush.

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Officers from Sussex Police were seen talking to the group and frustrated drivers.

Youth Climate Swarm use the tactic of "swarming" or repeatedly blocking roads for short periods to cause disruption and publicise their demands.

The activists are aiming to pressure the [national](#) government into accepting the demands laid out on their website, which are: to "just stop oil", free transport and insulate Britain.



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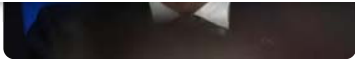
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Just Stop Oil: More than 200 arrested after oil terminal protests

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Protesters from Just Stop Oil have been demonstrating in Kingsbury since Friday

More than 200 people have been arrested since Friday as protests at oil terminals enter a third day.

Activists from Just Stop Oil have obstructed access to terminals across England, demanding an end to new oil and gas projects.

In Essex, a total of 155 people have been detained following demonstrations in the Thurrock area.

Meanwhile, Warwickshire Police arrested 54 people at the Kingsbury terminal.

The force said they had been arrested on suspicion of offences including



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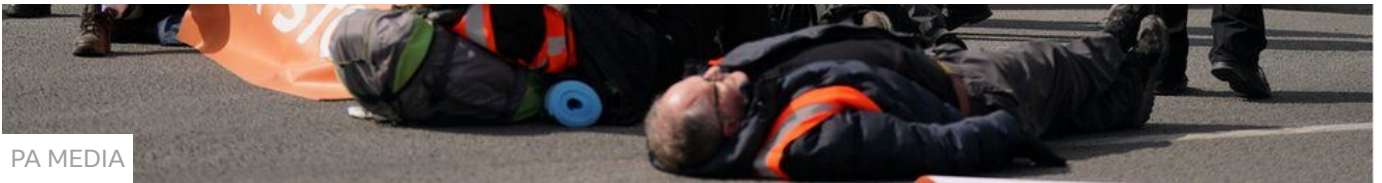
Police said officers remained at the scene after making dozens of arrests

"We fully acknowledge every person's right to engage in lawful protest, however, when that protest becomes unlawful and disproportionate in nature, we will act to protect the rights of others," Assistant Chief Constable Ben Smith, from Warwickshire Police, said.

"Due to the nature and scale of the policing operation, a large number of officers have been deployed over the last two days... I am hopeful the situation can be brought to a swift conclusion so my officers can return to protecting the communities of Warwickshire."

He said a "significant operation remains ongoing" at the scene.





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| A significant police presence remains at the scene in Warwickshire

In Essex, two tunnels are still being occupied at Navigator and Gray's Terminal. On Saturday, the county's police force said **83 people had been arrested after protests in the Thurrock area.**

Essex Police arrested 35 people on Sunday in addition to the 57 people held on Saturday and 63 on Friday.

Seven other facilities also continue to be disrupted near London and in the West Midlands.



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The arrests come after **activists from Just Stop Oil and Extinction Rebellion obstructed 10 fuel sites** in the Midlands and southern England in the early hours of Friday to stand against "expanding UK oil and gas production".

Protesters glued themselves on to roads and locked on to oil drums and each other.

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ExxonMobil UK, one of the country's largest privately owned underground oil pipeline distribution networks, said it shut down three of its terminals as a result, and police from at least five forces were deployed to tackle the demonstrations.

The Met arrested 14 activists who broke into a facility at Bedfont Road in Staines, Surrey, and West Midlands Police arrested six people at a terminal in Tyburn, Birmingham.

Hampshire Police also made four arrests on Friday following demonstrations at Hythe Terminal and at BP in Hamble Lane and Copse Lane. It has since stood down its presence after protesters left the area.

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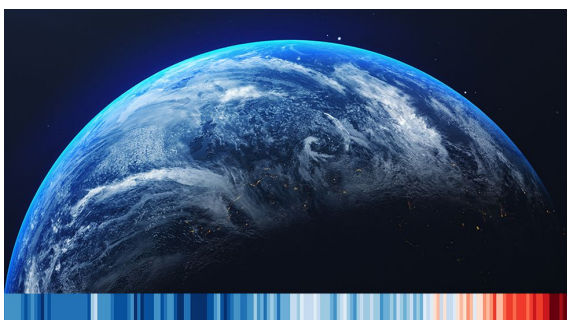
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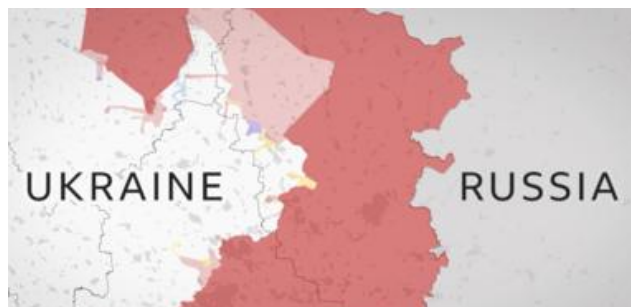
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Just Stop Oil: More than 200 arrests as climate activists disrupt key terminals for third day

Protesters have forced a number of facilities to cease operating as they call on the UK government to stop new oil and gas projects - with one activist telling Sky News "civil disobedience is only going to ramp up until we see change".



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Activists from Just Stop Oil took part in a blockade at the Kingsbury Oil Terminal in Warwickshire



About 100 protesters have disrupted key oil terminals in England for a third consecutive day.

Activists from the environmental campaign group Just Stop Oil have

and gas projects.

More than 30 members of Just Stop Oil camped outside the Buncefield oil terminal in Hertfordshire overnight.

In the early hours of Sunday morning, 12 activists gained access to the site and entered the facility.

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Activists climbed on top of an oil tanker at the Buncefield terminal



Activists seen on top of a tanker at the Buncefield terminal

Some stood on fuel trucks with banners and refused to come down, while others sat outside the gates to prevent tankers from leaving.

Ronan, a protester who slept overnight at the site, told Sky News: "This is an ongoing campaign so there is no end date to it.

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"Our message is that direct action and civil disobedience is only going to ramp up until we see change in the right direction.

"It's just incredibly sad that it takes action like this to force change, but as long as we don't see change, activists will stand up and force change."



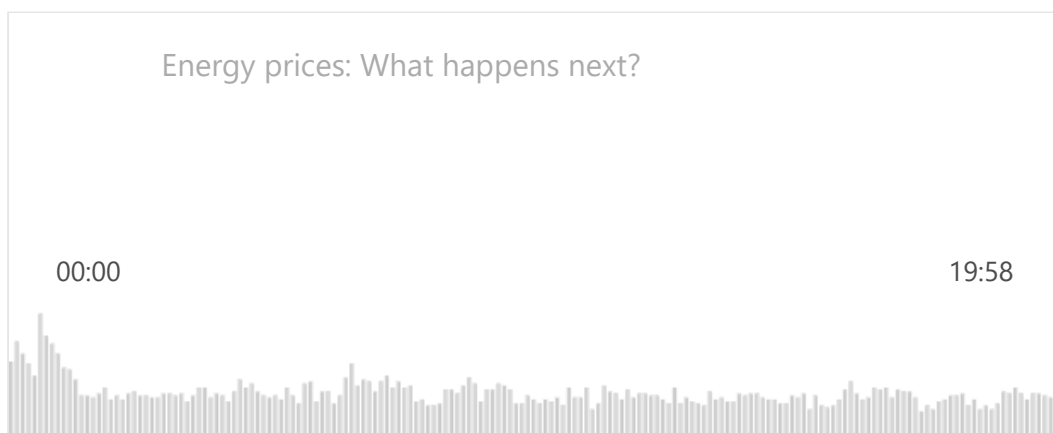
Demonstrators slept outside the Buncefield oil terminal in Hertfordshire overnight

When asked whether this is the right time for action like this disrupting fuel supply in the midst of a cost of living crisis, Ronan said he feels he cannot wait any longer.

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The protester continued: "Unless we act today, the questions we will have in the future will be, can we feed ourselves? That's the choice we now have.

"Do we go through mild disruption now, to transition away from fossil fuels rapidly - or do we plough on and end up in a situation where we have massive flooding, potentially mass starvation, as crops fail? This isn't hyperbole."



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Hertfordshire Police and ambulances have been on site since the early hours and have arrested 27 people. Officers flew drones above the site and an extensive exclusion zone remains in place.

Buncefield's terminal was one of seven sites targeted by Just Stop Oil over the past three days and more than 200 people have been arrested

since Friday.

At the Kingsbury Oil Terminal in Warwickshire, police arrested 54 people for offences including criminal damage, obstructing the highway and public order.



Activists have been lying in the road at the Kingsbury Oil Terminal, Warwickshire

Just Stop Oil activists have formed a blockade at the Kingsbury Oil Terminal in Warwickshire

Assistant Chief Constable Ben Smith, who is leading the operation, said: "We fully acknowledge every person's right to engage in lawful protest, however, when that protest becomes unlawful and disproportionate in nature, we will act to protect the rights of others."

Tunnellers who have disrupted the entrances to Navigator and Grays terminals in Thurrock, Essex, since Friday remain in place, with 35 more people arrested on Sunday.



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Eco mob glue themselves to road outside oil terminal in Warwickshire on FIFTH day of chaos - as total arrested in UK fuel protests tops 275

- Activists from Just Stop Oil block critical oil facilities at Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire
- 20 protesters are involved in today's action with group claiming five have been arrested so far
- Police have already arrested 275 people as fuel protests have caused havoc since last Friday

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Activists from Just Stop Oil today blocked critical oil facilities for the fifth day in a row – with police having already arrested a total of 275 people as the series of fuel protests continue to cause havoc across the UK.

Some 20 protesters from the environmental organisation sat down in the road with banners at the gate to the Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire this morning, which they said was causing tankers to be turned away.

The group claimed five people have been arrested, while those remaining were either glued to the road or locked on - and a roadblock was also established on a tanker route to and from the terminal near Junction 9 on the M42.

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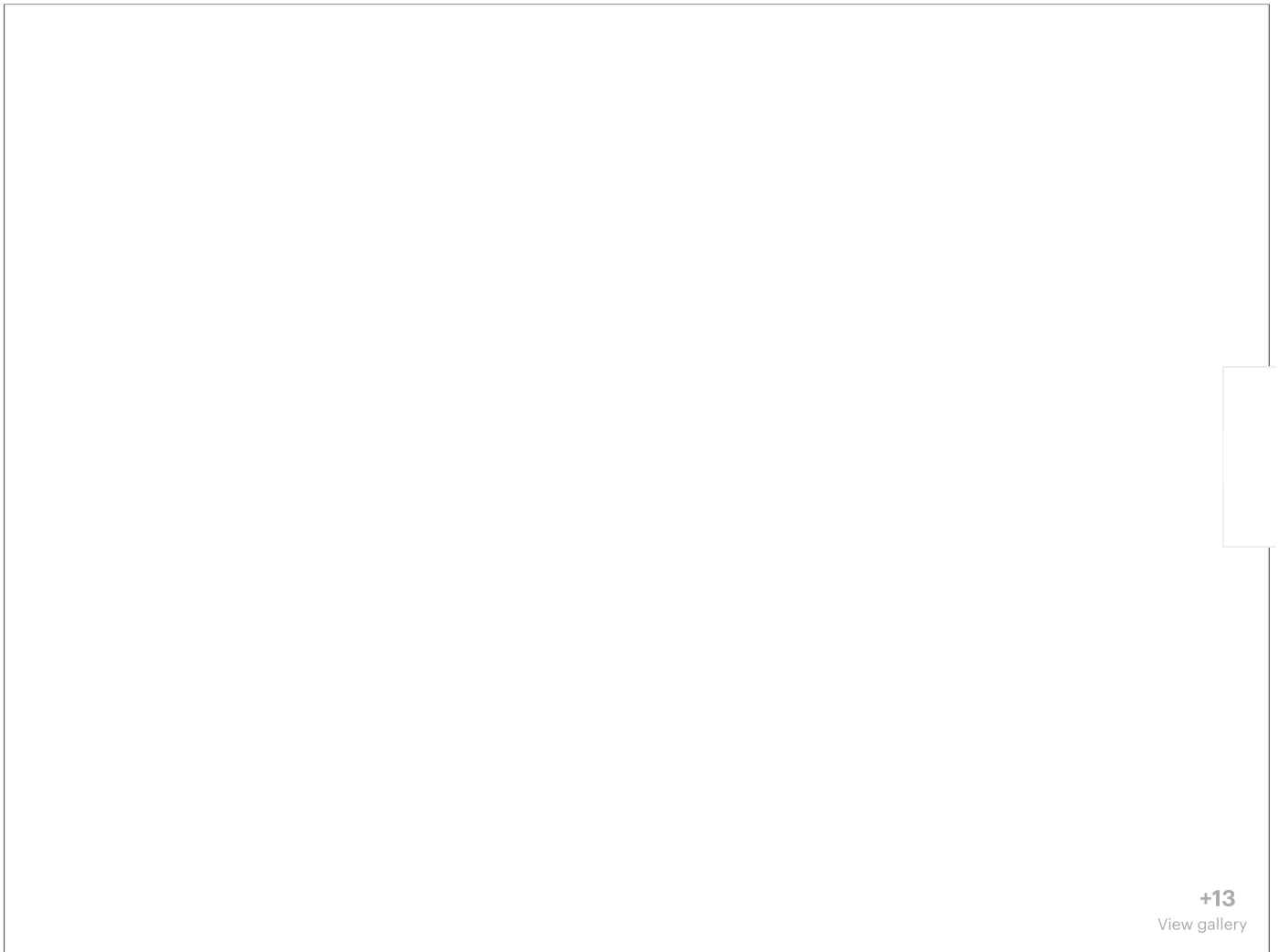


Warwickshire Police said today that a total of eight activists had been arrested, and this brings the UK total to 283.

Demonstrators from Just Stop Oil and **Extinction Rebellion** have been working together to block access to oil terminals across England over the past four days, demanding that the Government stops new oil and gas projects.

They also claimed today that supporters of the group who had dug a secret network of tunnels at the Navigator Oil terminal in Thurrock, Essex, remained underground as part of the action despite going 60 hours with no food.

It comes as UK motorists continue to suffer at the pumps with petrol prices hitting record levels in recent weeks after Brent crude oil hit a high of \$128 last month - up from lows of \$19 seen at the peak of the pandemic.



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Police on the scene as the eco protesters block a road leading to the Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire this morning

Just Stop Oil protesters block entrance to Kingsbury Oil Terminal



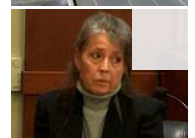
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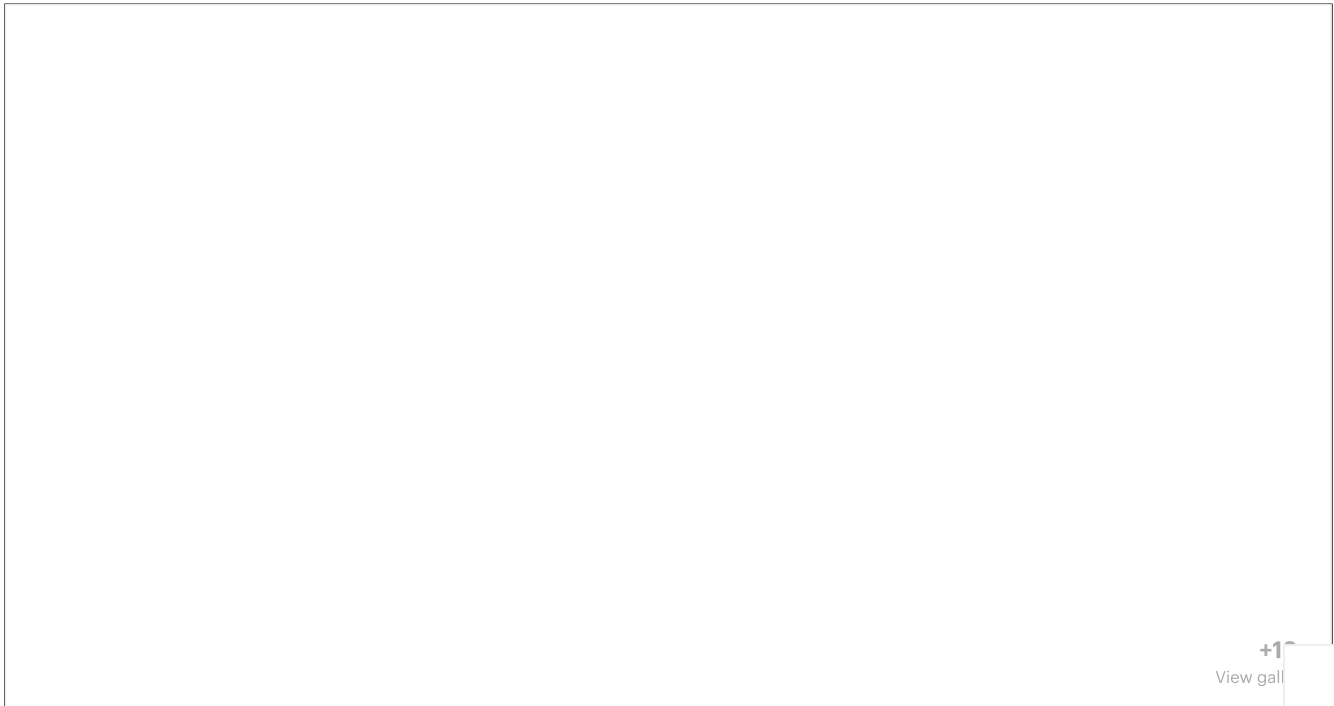
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Just Stop Oil activists climb atop tanker near Kingsbury Oil Terminal

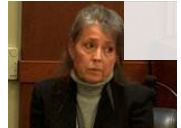


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Just Stop Oil campaigner thinks new oil projects are 'disgusting'



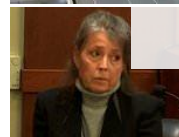
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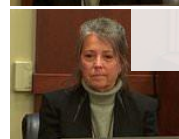
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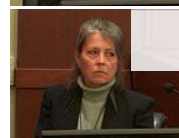
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Among the activists in Kingsbury today was Thalia Carr, 60, from Oxfordshire, who said: 'The IPCC said yesterday that nobody is taking action at the speed we need to avoid wars, starvation and billions of refugees which will be the inevitable result of a broken climate with multiple extreme weather events.'

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'How can that be? I'm sure it makes most people think, 'well it can't be that bad'. Unfortunately that's not true. It is that bad and no-one is doing anything on the scale and at the speed we need.

'Nothing I have tried so far has made a tiny bit of difference so I am forced to put my whole self out there and hope that the government will listen before it is too late.'

She was referring to the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) report released yesterday in which United Nations scientists called for an end to the fossil fuel age and warned immediate action was needed to curb dangerous climate change.

Claudia Penna Rojas, 24, a student activist, added: 'The UN Secretary General said yesterday that the world was on a fast track to climate disaster, so why then is the UK government planning to licence over 40 new oil fields?

'The reality is that everything good, all that we love, the lives of our children...are all at stake. The need for large-scale, radical civil resistance has never been more urgent. This is the fight for our lives and we all need to be a part of it. It's the only chance we've got.'

And Miranda Whelehan, 21, a student from Brighton, said: 'The government and the media sell us a lie that it is impossible to stop oil. We are told there is not enough money for renewables, whilst they drip more than one million pounds an hour into the overflowing pockets of UK oil companies.

'I do not want a future that is dependent on a resource that funds war, climate breakdown, and poverty. I want to live and I want others to have the future they deserve. And that is just not possible whilst we continue with oil.'

As of yesterday, police across the UK had arrested a total of 275 people in connection with the fuel protests - including activists who erected bamboo towers outside an oil terminal near London Heathrow Airport yesterday.

Essex Police said they had arrested 10 people yesterday following a number of demonstrations at fuel sites in the county on Friday.

The force added it had now arrested 172 people in total and it was 'continuing to engage with a small number of people remaining in situ'.

Yesterday, Extinction Rebellion said around 30 protesters returned to the Esso oil facility near Heathrow Airport at 4am, erecting a bamboo structure in front of its entrance.

A spokesman for the Metropolitan Police said four people had been arrested, bringing the total number of

Calls to end the fossil fuel age as UN sets out latest stark climate warning

United Nations scientists have called for an end to the fossil fuel age, as a new report warns immediate action is needed to curb dangerous climate change.

Meeting goals agreed by countries to limit temperature rises to 1.5C or below 2C to avoid the worst impacts of climate change requires rapid, deep and immediate greenhouse gas emissions cuts in all areas, a new UN report says.

And it calls for 'substantial reductions' in the use of fossil fuels to curb emissions.

While there are signs of action, the world is heading for more than 3C of global warming, scientists from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warn.

Jim Skea, co-chair of the team behind the report, said the world was 'definitely not on track' to limit warming to 1.5C, beyond which scientists warn increasingly severe floods, droughts, hits to crop yields, rising seas and wildlife die-offs are expected.

The report 'concludes that unless there are immediate and deep emission reductions across all sectors, limiting warming to 1.5C will be beyond reach', he warned.

And he said: 'We know what to do, we know how to do it, and now it's up to us to take action.'

One of the report's authors, Jan Christoph Minx, from the University of Leeds, said: 'We really need to change course, we need to end the age of fossil fuels and enter an age of climate policy. This has not happened yet.'

As the UN science body released the third part of its sixth assessment report, detailing the solutions to climate change, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres described it as a 'file of shame' of empty pledges made by countries so far, and accused governments of lying over the action they were taking.

'Climate promises and plans must be turned into reality and action now. It is time to stop burning our planet and start investing in the abundant renewable energy all around us,' he urged.

The report, which draws on 18,000 studies and sources, pitches scientific findings on climate change into an already heated debate over energy supplies and costs prompted by rising oil and gas prices amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

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Warwickshire Police meanwhile said it had arrested 68 people for a range of alleged offences including criminal damage, obstructing a highway and public order offences after weekend protests at Kingsbury Oil Terminal.

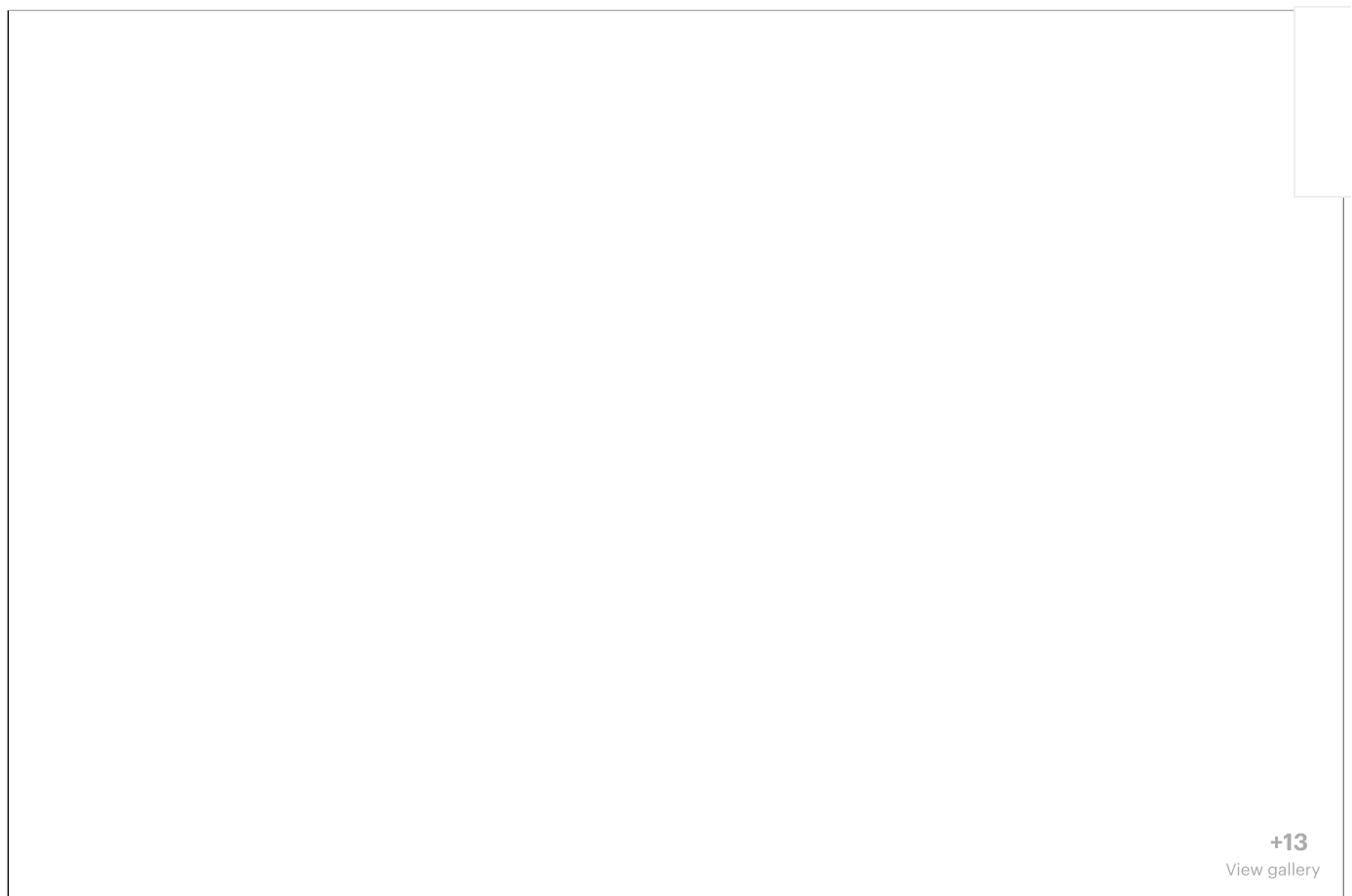
West Midlands Police said 13 people had been arrested following a protest at a terminal in Tyburn, Birmingham on Sunday.

Hampshire Police said its figure stood at four arrests after demonstrations took place on Friday at Hythe Terminal in New Road in Hythe and at BP in Hamble Lane and Copse Lane.

Andrew Smith, from Extinction Rebellion, said following the Esso protest: 'We're here to say that climate action cannot wait. Right now, governments are choosing to exploit the crisis in Ukraine to hand out oil licences and continue the fossil fuel economy that's destroying us.'



'The reality is, the UK public wants faster action on climate as the energy crisis hits. We know what is happening and what needs to be done - by acting in favour of corporate interest over the will of the people, the Government is showing contempt for the people who elected them.'



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YESTERDAY -- 30 protesters returned to the Esso oil facility near Heathrow Airport yesterday, erecting a bamboo structure

Just Stop Oil activists evicted from occupied tunnel in Essex

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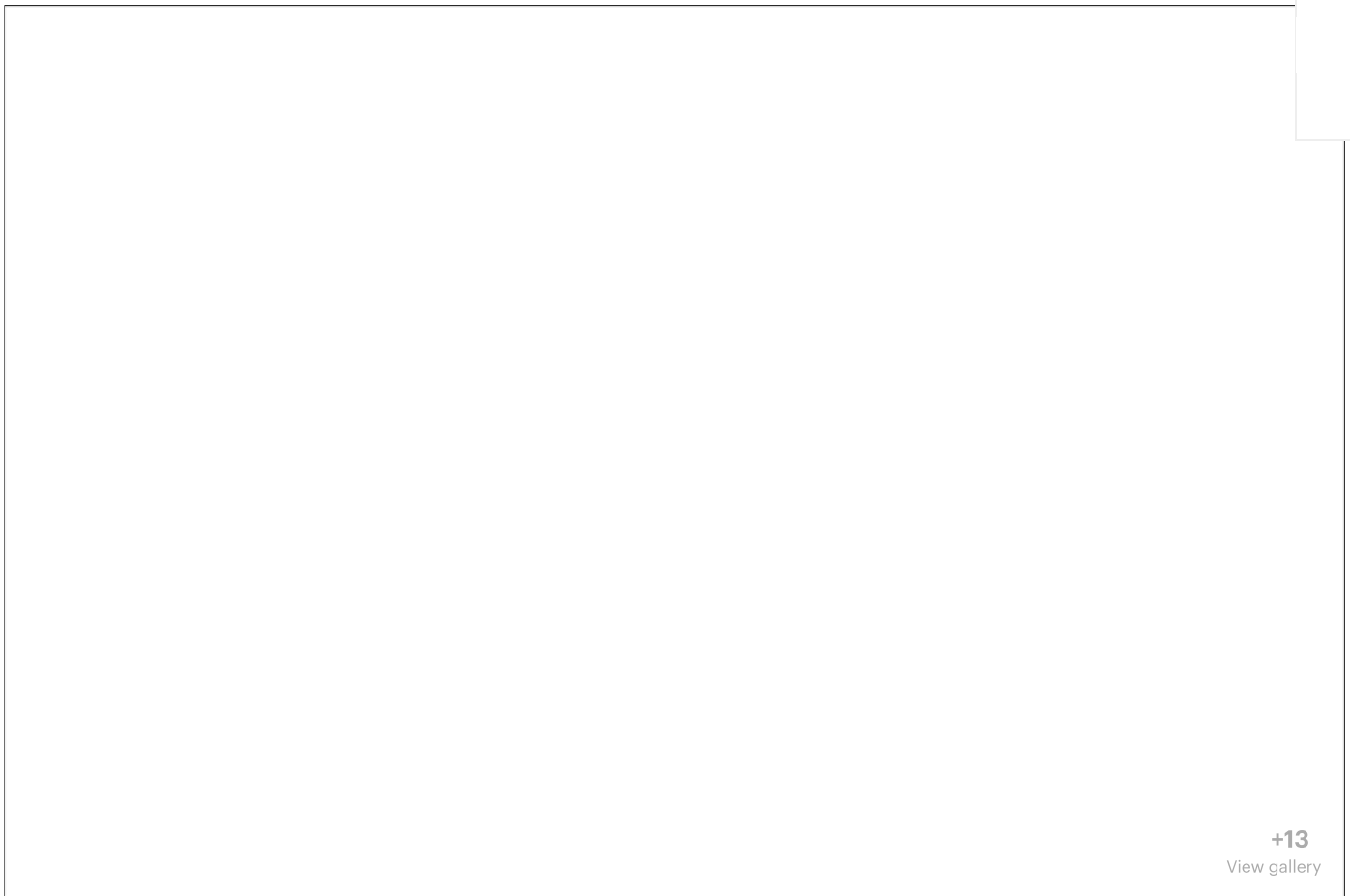
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SUNDAY -- Police speak to activists from Just Stop Oil taking part in a blockade at the Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire



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LAST FRIDAY -- Activists from Just Stop Oil block the route of a tanker as they blockade the Esso Birmingham Fuel Terminal

'How long ago did our Prime Minister say Cop26 was our last chance to save humanity? And now they're sidelining climate policy once again. This is not living in reality.'

The group said further action is expected from this Saturday in London's Hyde Park.

A Government spokesman said: 'Any criminal activity will not be tolerated, and swift action is being taken by the police, preventing significant disruption to the public and industry.'

'While we are working to drive down our use of expensive fossil fuels, there will continue to be ongoing demand for oil and gas over the coming decades while we transition to cheaper low-carbon energy.'

'As the Business Secretary has said, turning off our domestic source of gas overnight would put energy security, British jobs and industries at risk, leaving us more dependent on foreign imports.'

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A STATEMENT FROM THE JUST STOP OIL COALITION



On Sunday afternoon a group of ordinary people, Just Stop Oil supporters, stopped and climbed on top of two oil tankers, and succeeded in forcing two major oil terminals in Warwickshire to cease operations. Further south, a group of young people accessed the Inter Terminal in Essex bringing production to a halt. These were the latest in a series of ongoing, nonviolent but disruptive actions at oil facilities around the country over the past 10 days.[1]

This morning, there remain up to 12 people still locked onto pipework in the Inter Terminal and a number of people still

occupying a tunnel under a major access route to the Kingsbury Oil terminal in Warwickshire, 40 hours after it was first excavated.

Over 400 people have joined actions that have succeeded in stopping operations for up to 24 hours at a time at 11 critical oil terminals that supply fuel to hundreds of petrol stations across the Midlands and South of England. As many as one in three petrol stations are being reported as shut in the South of England due to the disruption caused by the actions. [2]

This is miserable, and our hearts go out to all those who are disrupted. No-one wants to be doing this, but it's 2022 and right now there is a need to break the law so we are not guilty of greater crime, that of complicity with a great evil. We have no choice but to enter into civil resistance until the government announces an end to new oil and gas projects in the UK.

The government knows that if we continue down the path of extracting and burning every last drop of oil, it will destroy families, communities, nations. It means the loss of every pension, every school, our food, law and order. It's going to impact everyone and everything you love. We will face the starvation and the slaughter of billions – and the utter betrayal of our children and their future.

Climate collapse means we must wean ourselves off all oil and gas, including that extracted in the UK without delay. The government knows that investment in new fossil fuel supply projects jeopardises the future of humanity, but encourages it anyway. “Just one more fix to help us transition”, we've been fed this line for decades and it's a barefaced lie. The International Energy Agency knows it and so does the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, he said as much in his speech last week. [3]

Today the Just Stop Oil coalition demands that the Government gets a grip, that they stop lying, that they stop recklessly destroying the future of life on earth and that they start by ending new oil and gas. There is no rational, human or moral

justification to continue. The supporters of Just Stop Oil will continue to disrupt until the government makes a statement that it will end new oil and gas projects in the UK.

There aren't endless five minutes to midnight, the Just Stop Oil Coalition is calling on all of those whose futures are being destroyed, who are facing poverty, and who are outraged at yet another betrayal to stand together in the only solidarity that matters anymore, the solidarity with life itself!

Join our daily zoom calls at 7pm. It's 2022 and the time to stand by has passed.

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Notes to Editors

[1] Locations

Just Stop Oil

- Inter Terminals UK Ltd, London Rd, Grays RM17 6YU
- Navigator terminals Thames, Oliver Rd, West Thurrock, Grays, RM20 3ED

- Buncefield Oil Depot, Hemel Hempstead HP2 7HZ
- Esso Petroleum Co Ltd, Wood Lane, Birmingham B24 8DN
- Kingsbury Oil Terminal, Tamworth, B78 2HA
- BP Oil Depot, Kingsbury, Tamworth B78 2EF
- Thames Oil Port, Stanford-le-hope, Essex
- Purfleet Fuels Terminal, London Road, Purfleet, Essex, RM19 1RS

Extinction Rebellion

- Esso West Terminal near Heathrow Airport
- Hamble Terminals in Southampton.
- Hythe Terminal, Fawley

[2] <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10704779/Petrol-stations-fuel-shortage-Just-Stop-Oil-Extinction-Rebellion-protest-block-oil-depots.html>

[3] “If governments are serious about the climate crisis, there can be no new investments in oil, gas and coal, from now – from this year.” Fatih Birol, IEA

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/may/18/no-new-investment-in-fossil-fuels-demands-top-energy-economist>

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The protestors are demonstrating against the production of oil barrels of North Sea oil and gas

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PROTESTERS BLOCK OIL DEPOT IN ESSEX

A number of climate change protestors have been hiding in underground tunnels in Essex for days, with many claiming to have had no food or water. Nearly 200 Just Stop Oil protestors have now been arrested in Essex with demonstrations taking place up and down the country over the last five days.

Here in Essex, protestors targeted Corringham's Thames Oil Port, Inter Terminals UK Ltd in **Grays** and Navigator terminals Thames, also in Grays, on Sunday. The protestors are demonstrating against the production of oil barrels of North Sea oil and gas.

Activists from Just Stop Oil and Extinction Rebellion groups obstructed 10 fuel sites in the Midlands and southern England in the early hours of Friday morning to stand up against "expanding UK oil and gas production".

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Footage that's been widely shared on social media now shows a number of protestors hiding in underground tunnels. Essex fire crews have been on hand to help police officers in trying to remove them.

In a video shared by Just Stop Oil on April 4, Ben, 27, explained why he has been hiding in an underground tunnel near to the Navigator oil terminal in Essex for four days, and added that he'll leave the road once all new oil and gas projects are stopped. He said: "I'm p***** off that our government is still investing in new fossil fuel projects.

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"So, I'm in a tunnel under the road next to an oil refinery. Why am I here? Well, oil is killing people and it's happening now, it's fueling war and it's destroying everyone's future. It's geocidal, basically, it's f***** up. So what I'm asking is that the government gets f***** grip. We need an emergency response to get off oil and gas now. This needs to be paid for by the fossil fuel companies and the rich, not ordinary people."

Another woman says she's been in the tunnel for two-and-a-half days. She could be seen in a video with what appeared to be heavy black dust around her nose and added: "We've asked ourselves, 'Why are we here?' We're here because we're trying to stop the flow of oil, along with many hundreds of other people who are deeply concerned that there is no livable future on this trajectory that we're on."

"We're in a tunnel under the road and we've been here for two-and-a-half days. We haven't eaten anything in a long time, or slept much, but we're doing okay."



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using a variety of police tactics.

A group of 17 people were arrested shortly after 4.50pm yesterday (April 4) at the junction of Stoneness Road and London Road during a proactive stop by officers on patrol. During a search of the group, officers found a number of items which they believed could be used to cause criminal damage.

All 17 were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit criminal damage. Two other people were arrested last night in connection with the protest during a proactive vehicle stop in Grays. One additional arrest was also made when a car was stopped proactively by officers in Grays.

In total, Essex Police has now made 192 arrests in relation to this incident. Of that number, 24 people have been arrested more than once. Of all the sites originally affected, all but one are now reporting a complete business as usual function and we continue to engage with a small number of people who remain at one site. Police say they want to bring the current situation to a "swift and safe" conclusion.

Essex Police Assistant Chief Constable Rachel Nolan said: "Our response to these protests have now entered the fifth day. Thankfully, we have been able to keep the disruption caused to the affected businesses to a minimum and all but one are now reporting business as usual.



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"There is a small number of people who continue to protest, and we are working to resolve this as quickly and – most importantly – as safely as possible. We are continuing to work alongside our key partners on this issue and our priority has always been to bring this incident to a safe conclusion and to bring the areas affected back to normality as quickly as possible.

"A large element of that is our proactive response, which again has yielded results in the last 24 hours, with 20 arrests made. As a result, no new protests have been reported on any sites in the area.

"I want to again emphasise that policing is not anti-protest; we will always endeavour to facilitate protest where we can. However, we must be robust when laws have been broken, that is what our community expects of us.

"That means making arrests when other options have been exhausted and, where we can, pursuing action against those who we believe have broken the law. We are in dialogue with the Crown Prosecution Service, as well as other forces, as we seek to achieve that."

Meanwhile, in response to protestors occupying underground tunnels, a police spokesperson added: "A small number of people remain in situ at one site. Regular welfare checks are being carried out on them, both in terms of their health and the safety of them and the surrounding communities. We continue to liaise with them as we seek to bring the situation to a conclusion."

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Activists block 10 oil facilities across UK to demand immediate halt to new fossil fuel projects

ENVIRONMENT ([HTTPS://WWW.OFFSHORE-ENERGY.BIZ/TOPIC/ENVIRONMENT/](https://www.offshore-energy.biz/topic/environment/))

April 1, 2022, by Melisa Cavcic

On a quest to end further fossil fuel extraction, environmental activists from groups in the Just Stop Oil coalition and Extinction Rebellion have blocked ten oil terminals across the UK, demanding a stop to new oil and gas projects and investments on the UK Continental Shelf.

Hundreds of supporters of the Just Stop Oil coalition and Extinction Rebellion blocked ten critical oil facilities near **London, Birmingham** and **Southampton** to demand that the UK government stop funding new fossil fuel projects in the UK.

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In its statement, the Just Stop Oil coalition quoted **Fatih Birol**, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency, to further underscore its aims and get its point across: *“If governments are serious about the climate crisis, there can be no new investments in oil, gas and coal, from now – from this year.”*

The activities undertaken to successfully block these terminals were varied. Some people sat in the road to block oil tankers from leaving each site, while others climbed on top of oil tankers, including over 30 young people at the Navigator Oil Terminal in Thurrock.

Extinction Rebellion blocked three oil terminals – **Esso’s West London terminal**, **ExxonMobil’s Hythe terminal**, and **BP’s Hamble terminal** – while Just Stop Oil blocked the remaining seven: **Inter Terminals UK**, **Navigator terminals Thames**, **Buncefield Oil Depot**, **Esso Petroleum Co**, **Purfleet Fuels Terminal**, **Kingsbury Oil Terminal**, and **BP Oil Depot**.

“ ! *BREAKING: EXTINCTION REBELLION AND JUST STOP OIL BLOCK FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE UK ! Earlier this...*

Posted by Extinction Rebellion UK (<https://www.facebook.com/XRebellionUK>)
on Thursday, March 31, 2022
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While demanding an end to the government’s policy of expanding UK oil and gas production, the Just Stop Oil coalition stated that ordinary people can no longer afford oil and gas, adding that it is time to stop the new investments, as this is funding war and killing people in the global south while destroying the future for young people everywhere.

Amid the current geopolitical crisis – exacerbated by Russia’s attack on Ukraine – the cost of living has increased significantly worldwide while the recent IPCC report indicates that climate breakdown is happening much faster than expected. The Just Stop Oil coalition explained that ordinary people are being made to pay, while the government wastes £230 million – or **over \$302 million** – per week subsidising the oil industry, enabling energy companies to make huge profits.

In light of this, activists felt the need to take action as the Just Stop Oil coalition believes these events should prompt an emergency response to **reduce UK dependence on fossil fuels**. However, the government is doubling down on drilling for new oil and gas, according to the coalition.

One of the activists, **Louis McKecknie**, 21 from Weymouth, remarked: *“I don’t want to be doing this but our genocidal government gives me no choice. They know that to allow more oil and gas extraction in the UK is suicidal and will accelerate global heating. I stop when oil stops.”*

“When Boris said "Build Back Better" what he really meant was "Burn baby burn."

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Furthermore, the Just Stop Oil coalition sees renewables as the key to rapidly transition to a zero-carbon economy, adding: *“There must be no more increases in fuel or heating costs. Fossil fuel companies and the richest must pay. The cost of living crisis is not going to end, but we can insulate ourselves from higher fuel prices by getting off oil and gas. **No new oil, reduce demand and invest in renewables.**”*

Since Russia’s attack on Ukraine started, global governments have been working on enabling the security of energy supply and reducing reliance on Russian fossil fuels as Russia is one of the biggest producers and exporters of oil and gas.

Having this in mind, the United States government already [banned imports of Russian oil](https://www.offshore-energy.biz/u-s-bans-russian-oil-lng-and-coal-imports-while-uk-moves-to-phase-out-russian-oil-imports/) (<https://www.offshore-energy.biz/u-s-bans-russian-oil-lng-and-coal-imports-while-uk-moves-to-phase-out-russian-oil-imports/>), liquefied natural gas, and coal while the UK government has decided to phase out Russian oil imports by the end of the year, prompting calls for an increase in domestic oil and gas output much to the disapproval of environmental campaigners.

Clare Farrell, co-founder of Extinction Rebellion, said: *“Enough of the lies, deceit and deadly political failure. Only a few months ago our leaders were crying in Glasgow because they had failed the world, now they are seeking to bend the rules of physics to meet their political project and give oil and gas companies a pass. We know it won’t work, and it’s too late for denial and delay.”*

Extinction Rebellion has announced further blockades in London on 9 April, adding: *“We will be big and loud and impossible to ignore and we will return day after day until our immediate demand is met: **No new fossil fuel investments, no new fossil fuel licences, end fossil fuel subsidies now.**”*

Instead of accelerating the transition to a renewable-led future, Extinction Rebellion believes that the government is making a choice to continue *“its addiction to fossil fuels”* as war wages in Ukraine, while **Boris Johnson** now states the current crisis demands a *“climate change pass.”* The activists reminded that the Prime Minister recently said he wants to *“remove barriers”* to increase extraction of fossil fuels from the North Sea while the UK is also set to approve **licenses for 40 new fossil fuel projects.**

Another activist, **Jack Johnson**, 23 from London, stated: *“**There is no climate change pass.** We all face a choice – stand by and do nothing while the government destroys your future or take action. Nonviolent civil resistance works. It’s our best hope of forcing the government to take responsibility. Now is the time for action, thousands of us are taking to the streets. We will go home when the government makes a meaningful statement to **end new fossil fuel production in the UK.**”*

Extinction Rebellion further elaborated that increasing UK extraction will not help ordinary people with rising energy costs as more drilling in the North Sea will not provide the UK with a secure supply of affordable energy.

Tim Crosland, former deputy director of the UK’s National Crime Agency and director of plan B, stated: *“The government is prioritising political pandering and vested interests over the public good in decision making while fossil fuel companies exploit this moment to expand their reach. Protestors are not the problem, policy failure is.”*

This is not the first that activists have blocked an oil facility. Back in October 2021, Extinction Rebellion Scotland [blocked an oil rig maintenance facility \(https://www.offshore-energy.biz/activists-block-invergordon-rig-facility-in-protest-against-fossil-fuels/\)](https://www.offshore-energy.biz/activists-block-invergordon-rig-facility-in-protest-against-fossil-fuels/) with a prop oil rig, demanding a stop to fossil fuels extraction.

Petrol Stations Forced To Close Due To Protesters



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Petrol stations in Britain have been forced to close as a result of ongoing protests against oil terminals.

The Just Stop Oil campaign launched their demonstrations on Friday (1 April), in a bid to urge the government to 'stop planning the **destruction** of their future' and put an end to 'all new oil and gas'.

Campaigners occupied the busiest oil terminal in south-east England, located in Thurrock, Essex, in the early hours of the morning on Wednesday (6 April), and continued their efforts the following day by breaking into the **UK's** largest inland oil terminal in Kingsbury, in Warwickshire.

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The demonstrations brought distribution to a halt, and it seems that as a result a number of petrol stations were unable to offer fuel to their customers.

Drivers took to social media to share their experiences with the shortage, with one warning of a shortage at a petrol station in Saffron Walden, Essex, while another described a closure at a petrol station in Portsmouth and a shortage at a petrol station in the nearby village of Hordean.

A third **Twitter** user said a petrol station in Newmarket, Suffolk had been closed 'most of the time for three days' as a result of the protests.

Demonstrators managed to break in to the terminal in Kingsbury via an unguarded rear gate, after which they deflated the tyres of tankers, climbed on to the trucks and handcuffed themselves to pipes.

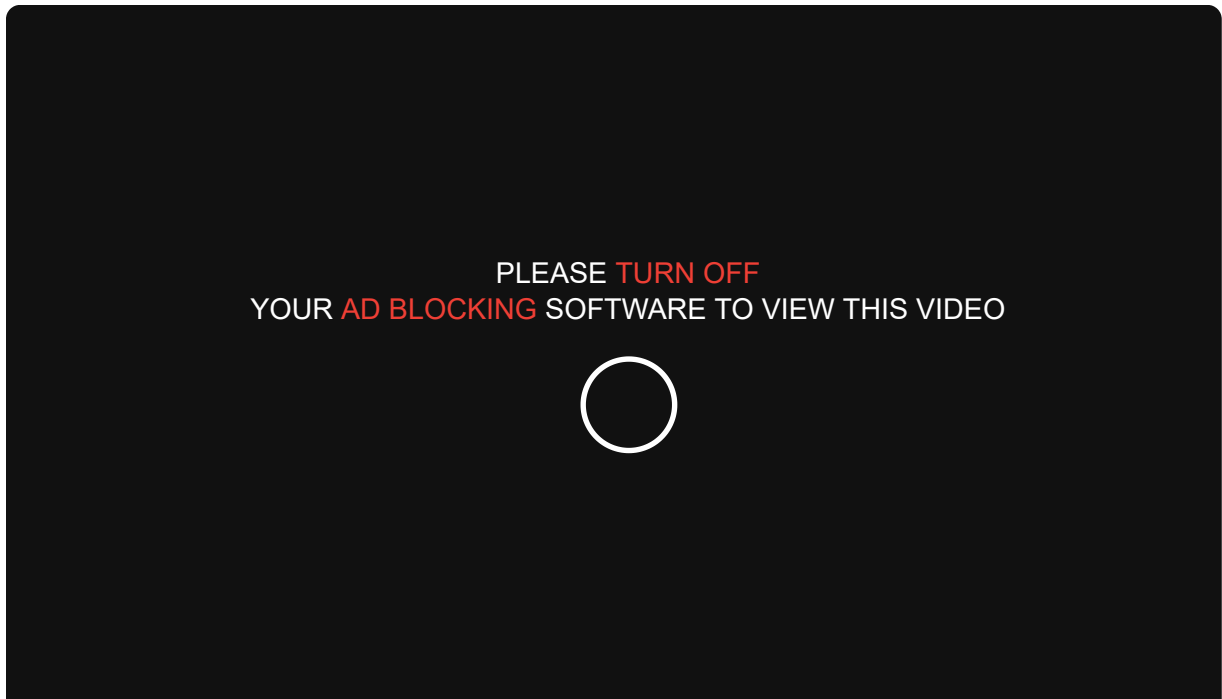
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Petrol stations have had to close due to shortages. Credit: Alamy

Speaking to [The Independent](#), the protesters assured they knew they faced arrest, but felt their actions were 'vital' to 'confront the complacency' towards fossil fuels.

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One protester, Paul Sheeky, commented: "People have tried holding banners and going on protests and marches, and nothing has changed – we are still killing the planet.

"And this might not achieve anything beyond some disruption either but no-one else I've come across has come up with a better plan so it's vital we do this stuff."

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Sheeky went on to stress he did not 'want' to be protesting at the 'horrible industrial plant', noting it was 'freezing cold' and he was 'going to end up being arrested', but added: "It's the only way I can see to try and get through to the government and to people, and to confront the complacency around the damage fossil fuels are doing."

As well as occupying terminals, protesters have set up roadblocks to prevent tankers from passing to other terminals.

More than 100 protesters have been arrested at the Kingsbury terminal, with those arrested ranging in age from 25 to 71.



Environmental activism

Climate activists 'disrupt supplies from three oil terminals in England'

Just Stop Oil says action will affect fuel availability at petrol pumps across south-east and Midlands

Helen Pidd

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Clean energy campaigners claim to have disrupted supplies from three oil terminals in the Midlands and south-east of [England](#), as motorists complain that some petrol stations are running short of fuel.

The government said only one terminal was out of action on Sunday afternoon as a result of [the Just Stop Oil protests](#), and that local police forces were working with the industry to ensure that fuel supplies can be maintained.

“Currently all supply points are operational except one and this will allow deliveries to be made to those sites which have experienced shortages,” said a government spokesperson.

[On Monday morning a spokesman for the Department for Business [Energy](#) and Industrial Strategy said all supply points were operational.]

There was also disruption in central London as Extinction Rebellion activists stopped traffic crossing Lambeth and Vauxhall bridges.

Hundreds of climate campaigners took to Lambeth bridge, which links Westminster and Lambeth, backed by speakers playing dance music creating a festival atmosphere. Cars and buses were stopped, but demonstrators parted to allow ambulances to pass. By 6pm Lambeth had been cleared of protesters, while traffic resumed on Vauxhall Bridge about an hour and a half later. Police said 38 arrests had been made.

Howard Cox, the founder FairFuelUK, which campaigns for low fuel prices for motorists, said he had been “bombarded with messages that garages up and down the country are short of petrol and diesel stock”.

Cox said the blockades by Just Stop Oil were to blame for the shortage, accusing campaigners of carrying out “a pointless crusade they believe will save the planet”.

But Caroline Lucas, the Green party MP, said such disruptive protests were the “only way that people feel they can make their voices heard”. Just Stop Oil said on Sunday that activists were disrupting supplies from fuel supply points in Warwickshire, Hertfordshire and Essex.

The group said supporters had dug a tunnel under a tanker route to the Kingsbury terminal in Warwickshire. “The tunnel was concealed by a modified caravan parked on the roadside and surrounded by Just Stop Oil supporters. Despite a number of police arrests, five people remain inside the caravan this morning working on the tunnel,” the group said in a statement.

At 2.30am, 40 campaigners approached the gates of the Buncefield oil terminal in Hertfordshire and locked themselves on to it, blocking the entrance, the group said. This was followed at 6.30am by a further action at Inter Terminals in Grays, Essex, where about 40 people swarmed into the facility, climbed the loading bay pipework and locked on, they claimed.

“It is expected that this morning’s actions will continue to significantly impact on fuel availability at petrol pumps across the south-east and the Midlands,” the group said on its 10th day of action demanding that the UK government end new oil and gas projects in the UK.

A government spokesperson said: “We are aware that protest activity at some oil terminals has led to short-term disruptions to fuel deliveries over the past few days. The local police forces are working with the industry to ensure that fuel supplies can be maintained.”

In an interview on the Sunday Morning show on BBC One, Lucas said: “I am sorry that it has come to this and that this is the only way that people feel they can make their voices heard.

“The International Energy Agency says that ... the latest IPCC [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change] report says that, and yet this government and this energy strategy ... is foreseeing getting out even more oil and gas from the North Sea. That is frankly immoral and the UN general secretary said that is frankly both morally and economically mad.”

This article was amended on 11 April 2022 to include a later statement from government saying that all supply points were now operational.

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Just Stop Oil protests continue amid fuel shortages in Cambridgeshire



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Just Stop Oil have continued protests into Sunday (April 10). - Credit: Just Stop Oil

Protesters from Just Stop Oil are continuing to disrupt fuel supply today despite [widespread shortages across Cambridgeshire](#).



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Warwickshire today (April 10), marking the tenth day of action.



Queues for fuel in Peterborough amid supply issues. - Credit: Terry Harris



Police on scene early this morning (April 10). - Credit: Just Stop Oil

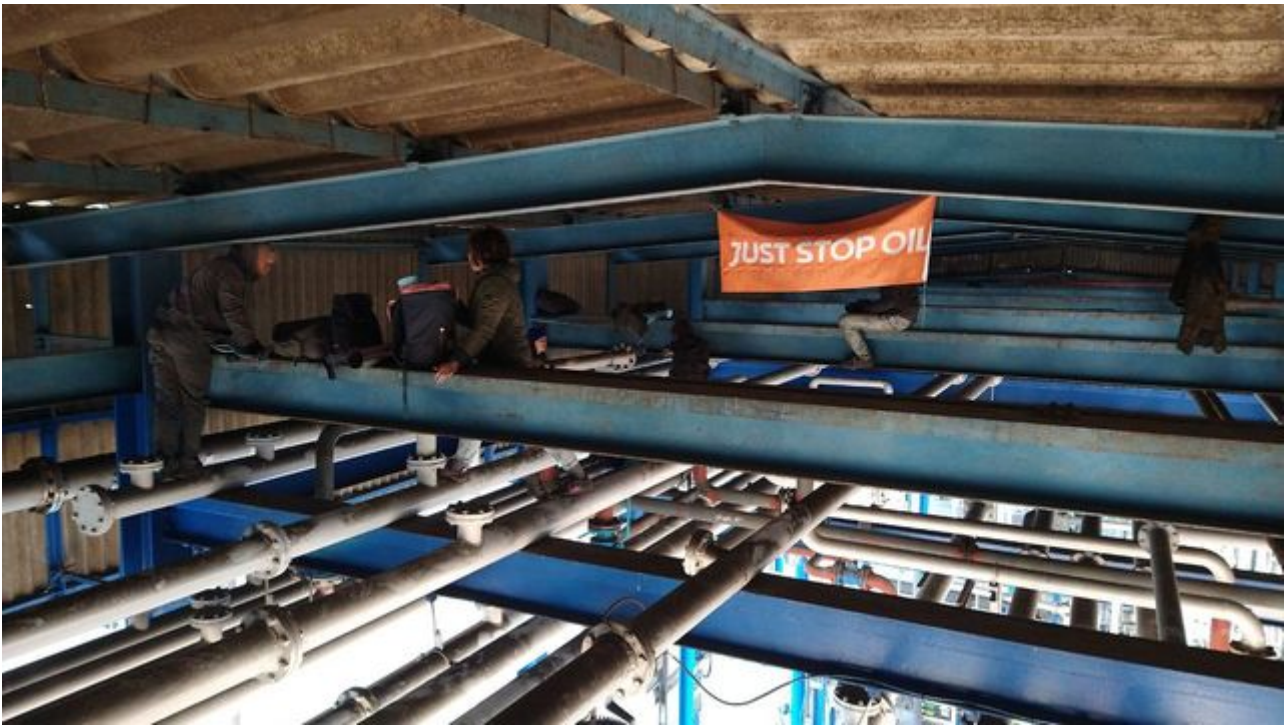
Forecourts across Cambridgeshire have been [forced shut this morning](#) after pumps ran dry, with several still having no supply of diesel.

Overnight, supporters of Just Stop Oil dug a tunnel under a key tanker route to the BP



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At around 2.30am today, and despite a heavy police presence, 40 people approached the gates of the Buncefield oil terminal in Hertfordshire and locked on, blocking the entrance.



Protesters displaying a Just Stop Oil sign. - Credit: Just Stop Oil



Police have arrested 800 protesters so far! - Credit: Just Stop Oil

This was followed at 6:30am by a further action at the Grays Inter Terminal in Thurrock where around 40 young people swarmed into the facility, climbed the loading bay pipework and locked on.

It is expected that this morning's actions will continue to significantly impact on fuel



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There have been over 800 arrests, with at least 80 more expected today.

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A 19-year-old Just Stop Oil supporter, speaking from Grays Terminal this morning, said: "I'm terrified and I hate heights but I've come here anyway because I'm more terrified of my future with fossil fuels.



Fuel supply issues at Bar Hill Tesco in Cambridge.



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No HGV fuel on the M11. - Credit: Terry Harris

“We need to ensure that the government gives out no new oil and gas licences. I will keep going until that happens.

“I’ve been strip searched and treated badly by police and it’s been a really traumatising experience at times, but I will keep going because I know that this is the only option.”

Another supporter, a 71-year-old retired priest from Swindon, said: “I’m here because our government is useless, they make a lot of noise but they are doing nothing.



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A closed BP garage in Soham this morning (April 10). - Credit: Terry Harris

“As a priest I have a duty of care for people, and also for creation.

“What I’m doing here, with everyone in this caravan, is what our government should be doing – that is trying to protect our families and our loved ones from the appalling future that stands before us.

“I hope we can continue what we’re doing and stop the flow of oil, if the government won’t.”

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