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FESTIVAL

12-26th October 2013

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Welcome to Edinburgh World

Justice Festival 2013

What would a just world look like? As we respond to the onslaughts of austerity the ideas are coming together across the world. Breaking away from the establishment's rigid and restricted views of what's possible, they're embracing radical, but entirely practical, approaches based on putting our shared needs first – and well above the rights of the rich to go on making money while the austerity imposed on the rest of us drives poverty and environmental degradation.

This festival presents a window onto the world justice movement from a wide alliance of campaigns and social movements here in Scotland. We help you to take the long view, to get up-to-date on the issues which most bother you, and to make connections.

To help us with this we're delighted to have the assistance of Denis Goldberg, the South African social campaigner, active in the struggle against apartheid, who was sentenced in 1964 to four terms of life imprisonment at the same time as his friend Nelson Mandela. Denis will kick off the festival on Saturday 12 October, introduced by Councillor Andrew Burns, leader of the City of Edinburgh Council.

Come and listen, get involved, and be inspired as organisations and individuals put forward their ideas for positive change. You don't have to have any prior knowledge of the issues to join in: all of the venues are accessible and all events are **free**.

About the Festival

In the summer of 2005, while the G8 met in Scotland and made promises that have yet to be kept, a people's movement was born in Edinburgh. Under the banner of "Make Poverty History" a quarter of a million people marched on Edinburgh's streets calling for an end to man-made poverty through changes to a glaringly unjust global trade system and a suffocating debt burden. Since then, the Edinburgh World Justice Festival has continued to keep world justice issues on the agenda in our city.

For more information, go to **www.ewjf.org.uk** or email **info@ewjf.org.uk** Find us on Facebook and follow us on twitter **[@edworldjustice](https://twitter.com/edworldjustice)**

Festival Opening:

World Justice and Austerity

Sat 12 Oct, 11-5pm, Grassmarket Centre

UNISON, Oxfam, Christian Aid, SCIAF, Jubilee Scotland, Friends of the Earth, Scottish Venezuela Solidarity Campaign

A day event, with Denis Goldberg as keynote speaker, to highlight world justice issues and the challenges and opportunities which austerity policies bring; and offer a shop window for world justice movement in Edinburgh.

Denis Goldberg was sentenced in 1964 to four terms of life imprisonment at the same time as his friend Nelson Mandela for his part in the struggle against apartheid.

Come for the day or drop in for one of the workshops or to browse the stalls and books on sale.

See details on www.ewjf.org.uk

Workshops:

Global action on food justice – IF campaign, Oxfam, Christian Aid, SEAD & SCIAF

Food justice and the choices we make – IF campaign, Oxfam, Christian Aid, SEAD & SCIAF

Debt justice – Jubilee Scotland

Solidarity and world justice and the role of the unions – Edinburgh UNISON

The bedroom tax, welfare and austerity – Edinburgh TUC

Environmental justice and big money – Friends of the Earth Scotland

Latin America offers hope – Scottish Venezuela Solidarity Campaign

Working for peace – Edinburgh CND & Stop the War

Venues



Grassmarket Centre

86 Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh EH1 2QA

Augustine United Church

41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL

Quaker Meeting House

7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2JL

St John's Church Hall

Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 4BJ

St Columba's-by-the-castle

14 Johnston Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2PW

Austerity and activism

**Sun 13 Oct, 7.30pm, Augustine United Church
Jubilee Scotland with WDM & the Edinburgh Econowhat...?**

An evening of short films and discussion, highlighting some of the problems of austerity, but also showcasing remarkable activism from past and present.

Scrap Trident and build alternatives

**Mon 14 Oct, 7.30pm, Quaker Meeting House
Edinburgh Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament**

This session will explore in drama and song the issues surrounding the Trident Nuclear Weapons system. We will look at the arguments for and against keeping Trident. We will ask the audience to suggest alternative uses for the vast resources spent on this capacity.

Burmese Voices - the beginning of the transition to democracy

**Tues 15 Oct, 7.30pm, Quaker Meeting House
Burma Educational Scholarship Trust**

Burma is changing, but the beginnings of the transitions into democracy are still only just green shoots. Sarah Boyack MSP and BEST Scotland trustees and supporters will read from the writings of Aung San Suu Kyi. Khine Maung, recent graduate from Edinburgh University, will read from writings of other former political prisoners, democracy activists and refugees.

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Scandalous Edinburgh plc walking tour

**Wed 16 Oct, 3.30pm, meet at St. Andrew's Square
World Development Movement**

An entertaining yet serious walking tour of Edinburgh's financial district that will look behind the big glass doors and expose how these 'respectable' institutions are financing environmental destruction and human rights abuses around the world. Dress warmly and prepare to be scandalised!



The shadow world of the international arms trade

**Wed 16 Oct, 7.30pm, Augustine United Church
Campaign Against the Arms Trade**

Andrew Feinstein will be exploring corruption in the global arms trade, including the government's part in this unjust, destructive trade which has given rise to so much indebtedness in developing countries.

Climate justice here and across the world

**Wed 16 Oct, 7.30pm, Quaker Meeting House
Friends of the Earth & Greenpeace**

Climate change will hit us all but it will hit the poorest in the world soonest and hardest. Come and hear about the effects of greenhouse gas emissions on communities around the world; how they can be stopped; and what we are doing about it in Scotland.

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Women and Warfare - experiences of women of the diaspora

**Thurs 17 Oct, 7.30pm, Quaker Meeting House
Scottish Women's International League for Peace and
Freedom**

Explore the links between women's stories, in their experiences and thoughts about how they are left to deal with war or how they are used as part of war (by wider society and community as well as within family life). Comparing the experiences of women from different parts of the world examining the commonalities and differences if any of their experiences.



Environmental justice and corporate accountability

**Fri 18 Oct, 7pm, Augustine United Church
Scottish Friends of Bhopal**

The event will hear from people involved in campaigns on environmental justice issues, including the campaign for the thousands of victims of the terrible poisoning in Bhopal in 1984 from a factory belonging to Union Carbide Corporation. They will be followed by discussion about these campaigns and specifically the tactics used by the companies at which the campaign is targeted; and the tactics that have been used by the campaigns. Key questions will be: what forms of international solidarity have been found helpful; what forms of would the campaign like to see develop.

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Drones quilt exhibition

**9.30-11am & 1-2.30pm, St John's Church Hall
Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre with CND,
Stop the War, CAAT, Scottish WILPF**

This 40 foot patchwork quilt is a tribute to victims of Drone wars and a work of advocacy. Each square was individually created by different people from around the world to represent a life lost to a drone attack, most civilians, many children. The Quilt is a living petition which will be presented by Fellowship of Reconciliation to Parliament.

The economic and human cost of drone wars

**Sat 19 Oct, 11-1pm, St John's Church Hall
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The UK is conducting drone attacks in Afghanistan from Warrington Air Base. Chris Cole, Coordinator of DroneWarsUK will talk about the economic and human cost of drone wars and his part in cutting a fence and planting a peace garden inside Warrington Base. He will be joined by someone with ties to communities affected by drones and will display the FOR Drones Quilt.

People's health in people's hands

**Sat 19 Oct, 3-5.30pm, St John's Church Hall
People's Health Movement**

You are invited to join a discussion on building and strengthening a people's movement on health and social justice. This event will run as a story-telling session, to hear your experience of health and circumstances that affect it; followed by success stories from the UK and internationally.

For more information on these events, go to www.ewjf.org.uk

Radical Voices: rise up, words and music of revolutionary struggles

**Sun 20 Oct, 6.30-9.30pm,
Constitution Bar, Constitution Street, EH6 6RS**

Radical Voices

Come and join our monthly gathering to listen to singers of radical songs and to share songs, stories and poems on this month's theme: *Rise Up: Words and Music of Revolutionary Struggles*. Entry is free, with raffle and donations collected for a relevant cause.

Women and War - the experience of Iraq and Afghanistan

**Mon 21 Oct, 7.30pm, Quaker Meeting House
Edinburgh Stop the War Coalition**

Defending women's rights was a prominent part of the case made for war in Afghanistan and Iraq. The experience of women on the frontline of invasion and occupation has been in stark contrast to the rhetoric of humanitarian intervention. Our speakers include Haifa Zangana who is a Kurdish-Iraqi novelist and former prisoner of Saddam Hussein's regime, who has advised the UNDP and Brussels Tribunal, and contributed articles to numerous journals.

"A Massacre Foretold" (Chiapas)

**Tues 22 Oct, 7.30pm, Quaker Meeting House
St Mary's RC Cathedral Justice and Peace Group**

What does it feel like to know that you are about to be killed? In 1997, villagers in Southern Mexico sought refuge in a small wooden church to await their fate. Now, the story of the massacre at Acteal can be told. See the award-winning film "A Massacre Foretold", followed by Q&A session with people living and working in Chiapas.

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I Am Malala

**Wed 23 Oct, 7.30pm, Quaker Meeting House
Scottish PEN**

In October 2012, 15 year old Pakistani schoolgirl, Malala Yousafzai, was shot by the Taliban after campaigning for female education. She has since become the heart of a worldwide campaign. Our event will use readings about Malala and by banned women writers to explore the issues. Karen Campbell will also talk about her latest book, *This Is Where I am*.

HIV and AIDS - is the end in sight?

**Thurs 24 Oct, 7.30pm, Augustine Sanctuary
Church of Scotland & ImpactAIDS**

Great strides have been made in the treatment of HIV in sub-Saharan Africa - but there is still no cure or vaccine, stigma and discrimination remain, and global funding is under threat. Maria Silo, from Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Programme in Malawi shares her personal experiences, and opportunities for campaigning are identified.

Songs, somoud and the growing of olive trees

**Fri 25 Oct, 7pm, Augustine Sanctuary
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In 2012 a group from Edinburgh went to the West Bank to learn about conditions for ordinary Palestinians, and to perform songs of peace and solidarity and take part in nonviolent protest against the Occupation. Come and hear the inspirational stories of the people we met, and our songs of hope.

Scandalous Edinburgh plc walking tour

Sat 26 Oct, 11am, meet at St. Andrew's Square
World Development Movement in partnership with
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An entertaining and informative walking tour of Edinburgh's financial district that will look beyond the grand facades and expose how these 'esteemed' banking and finance institutions are fuelling environmental destruction and human rights abuses around the world. Dress warmly and prepare to be scandalised!

The heretic's guide to global finance: hacking the future of money workshop

Sat 26 Oct, 2pm, St Columba's-by-the-castle

Followed by an inspiring workshop for anyone who'd like to get to grips with how global finance works and find out what we can do to make it work for the common good. With Brett Scott, ex-banker and author of *'The heretic's guide to global finance: hacking the future of money'*, this is one you can't afford to miss.

Register in advance for one or other or both of these events. For more information go to: www.wdm.org.uk/events/scandalous-edinburgh-plc-walking-tour-5

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Other events you might like

Take One Action Film Festival

Fri 27 Sept - Sat 12 Oct

See www.takeoneaction.org.uk

to know about:

Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign

divestment workshop

Sat 19 & Sun 20 Oct, Grassmarket Centre

A two day conference bringing together international speakers and Scottish organisations actively supporting the Palestinian call for a campaign of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions which aims to build on boycott successes and growing civil society support for Palestine in Scotland and around the UK. Website: divest.scottishpsc.org.uk
Email: divest@scottishpsc.org.uk

Edinburgh independent radical book fair

Wed 23 - Sat 26 Oct, Out of the Blue Drill Hall, 30-38 Dalmeny Street, Edinburgh EH6 8RG

(more information from www.word-power.co.uk)

Skills-share for local groups

Sat 16 Nov, Glasgow

A joint event organised by WDM, Jubilee Scotland, Amnesty International, SCIAF and Oxfam.

A workshop to help campaigners feel re-energised, link up with other groups in their area, and gain some new skills to make them even more effective. Find out more at www.wdm.org.uk/events

More about Edinburgh World Justice Festival:

Edinburgh World Justice Festival is organised by a small team of dedicated volunteers and runs on a shoestring budget. If you would like to get involved in helping to make this year's festival a success or planning next year's, please drop us an email at info@ewjf.org.uk. For more information go to www.ewjf.org.uk

We gratefully acknowledge a grant from a charitable fund managed by Foundation Scotland and UNISON. All donations welcome!

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