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**World in crisis – what's the
alternative?**

Friday 15th – Saturday 23th October

2010

Welcome to the Edinburgh World Justice Festival 2010

In its fifth year, the Festival centres on the theme:

'World in crisis - what's the alternative?'

2010 is the European Year Against Poverty and Social Exclusion and with only five years left to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, the people of the world are watching in despair as money continues to be spent on bankers bonuses and illegitimate wars. But it doesn't have to be this way. Come and get involved, listen and be inspired as organisations and individuals come together to put forward their ideas for positive change.

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.

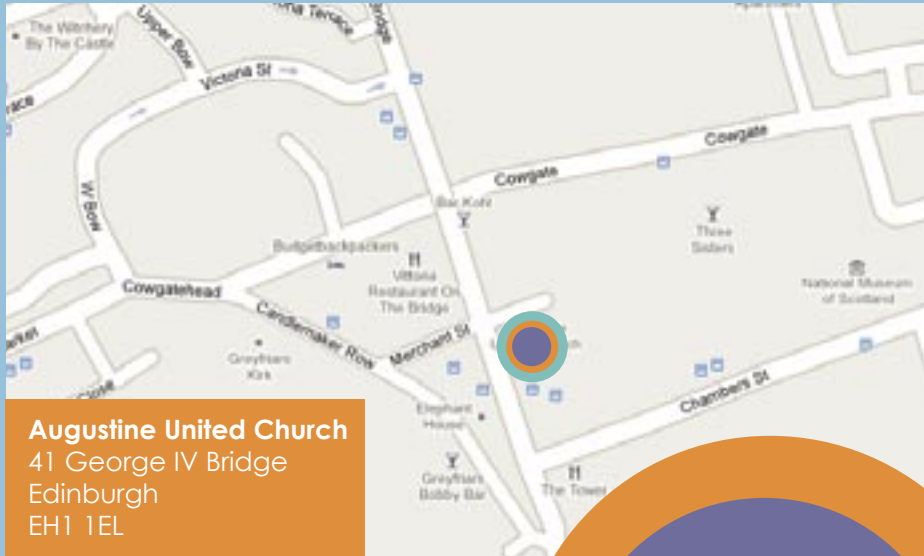
You don't have to have any prior knowledge of the issues to join in, all of the venues are accessible and all events are free. The range of organisations and individuals contributing to the festival, as well as the variety and quality of the events they are delivering, are testament to what can be achieved when we all work together. We hope you can come and join us.

The EWJF Team

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

Edinburgh World Justice Festival is organised by a small team of dedicated volunteers and runs on a shoe string budget, if you would like to get involved in helping to make this year's festival a success, please drop us an email at the address above.

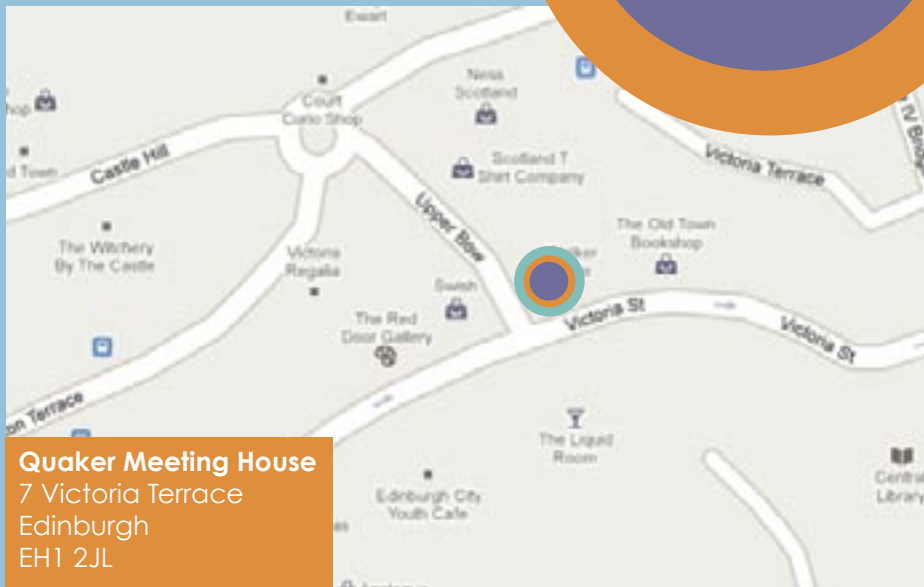
EWJF is pleased to take place during One World Week, 17 - 24 October. For more information see <http://www.oneworldweek.org/v2/>



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

MAPS OF
EWJF
VENUES



Quaker Meeting House
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events

All of the events at this year's festival are free and unticketed.

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

Fri 15 October

Venezuela and Bolivia - changing the state of Latin America

7pm

Augustine United Church

Venezuela Solidarity Campaign and UNISON

Bolivia and Venezuela are leading radical changes in Latin America which offer positive examples for achieving Millennium Development Goals and building economic and social justice - popular governments are using national wealth and resources for social welfare and reciprocal economic aid, not free trade liberalisation, to the displeasure of US governments. Speakers HE Maria Beatriz Souviron, the Bolivian ambassador, and Dr. Francisco Dominguez, from Venezuela Solidarity Campaign, will bring the latest news on these developments.



Sat 16 October

To help us estimate numbers for workshops and catering, it will help if you tell us you're going to attend: email monica@unison-edinburgh.org.uk

Two Crises: One Solution

starts at 11am. All day event, please feel free to come and go as you please.

Augustine United Church

EWJF and UNISON

11.15am For Richer and Poorer

What's happening to global poverty through the world recession? And what happened about all the promises which the rich nations made at the G8 in Gleneagles? Three interactive workshops will allow a detailed exploration of the issues.

All workshops start at 11.15am

Workshop: Achieving Millennium Development Goals

Working Together for Change

A participative workshop on the Millennium Development Goals which will allow people to utilise their own experiences and learn from others experiences across the globe. The eight Millennium Development Goals were agreed by 189 nations at the UN Development Summit in 2000 in New York, to be achieved by 2015.

Workshop: Global Poverty Action's "1.4 Billion Reasons"

SEAD, World Development Movement Edinburgh

The Global Poverty Project brings their groundbreaking presentation '1.4 Billion Reasons' to Edinburgh. Based on leading research, it clearly articulates the facts of extreme poverty and demonstrates that by making simple changes everyone can be a part of the solution. Designed by those who ran the Make Poverty History Campaign in Australia, the presentation aims to invoke the optimism and enthusiasm that surrounded Make Poverty History to catalyse a movement to end extreme poverty within a generation.

Workshop: Five years on from Make Poverty History

Oxfam and ImpActAIDS

Five years ago the G8 promised to increase overseas aid by US\$50 billion by 2010. They also agreed to cancel the debt of the poorest countries as a first step towards making poverty history. They did so in the face of an unprecedented global campaign, which mobilised millions to demand action. Hear Oxfam's assessment of who has kept to these promises - with a particular focus on the promise of universal access to anti-retroviral treatments from ImpActAIDS.

'World in crisis - what's the alternative?' ... continued



Sat 16

October continued

... Two Crises: One Solution continued

1 - 1.45pm Lunch

1.45pm **Calling for Climate Justice**

Calls for climate justice are echoing around the world, from April's inspirational People's Conference on Climate Change in Cochabamba, Bolivia, to campaigns in our own country. We'll talk about how to link ideas globally, from indigenous movements in Latin America to our own activities in the workshops. **All workshops start at 2.15pm**

Workshop: **Cochabamba: The People's Agreement on Climate Change**

World Development Movement, UNISON

The World People's Conference on Climate Change was a global gathering of civil society and governments hosted by Bolivia in April, in response to the failures of the Copenhagen climate talks. Attended by around 30,000 people from over 100 countries, it resulted in a People's Accord and debated a World People's Referendum on Climate Change and the establishment of a Climate Justice Tribunal. Come and hear more from the Bolivian Ambassador and Kirsty Wright of WDM.

Workshop: **Transition to Food Sovereignty**

Peace and Justice Centre

Information coming soon, please check our website for more details www.ewjf.org.uk

Workshop: **Kicking the Oil Habit**

Peak Oil

Dr. Mandy Meikle has been speaking on energy & 'peak oil' since 2004. Societal wealth comes from exploiting the Earth's resources and fossil fuels have provided the energy with which to do this. Now that most of the world's remaining oil is either deep off-shore or bound up in tar sands, what will the implications for the economy be?

3.45 - 4.15pm - Tea and coffee

4.15 - 5.30pm - 'One million climate change jobs'

Edinburgh UNISON and TSSA

Launching the pamphlet One Million Climate Jobs, featuring contributions from trade unionists and green campaigners, Manuel Cortes, Assistant Secretary of the union TSSA will argue that it's not cuts but well targeted spending that can lift us out of recession. A massive programme to produce renewable energy, renovate our buildings, and provide world class public transport will contribute directly to world-wide climate justice. We need investment in a green economy - and the planet we live on - now!

5.30 - 6.30pm - Plenary: **Two crises, one solution**

EWJF and UNISON

5 years on from Make Poverty History, poverty is rising as the economic crisis throws more people into poverty. So will the environmental crisis of climate change. We face two crises but we need to find one solution. If not, the danger is that economic measures will sabotage attempts to control climate change. Hear contributions from the Bolivian Ambassador, Duncan Maclaren of Friends of the Earth Scotland and a speaker from the STUC; join the debate.

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



AT A GLANCE calendar 2010

All of the events at this year's festival are free and unticketed



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

Fri 15

Venezuela and Bolivia - changing the state of Latin America

7pm
Augustine United Church
Venezuela Solidarity Campaign and UNISON

Two Crises: One Solution 11 - 6pm

Augustine United Church
Talks and workshops by a wide range of organisations.

- Global Poverty Action's "1.4 Billion Reasons"
- Achieving Millennium Development Goals
- Five years on from Make Poverty History
- Calling for Climate Justice
- Cochabamba: The People's Agreement on Climate Change
- Transition to Food Sovereignty
- Kicking the Oil Habit
- 'One million climate change jobs'

Sat 16

Sun 17

Robin Hood Strikes Back - making money work for a better world

1.30 - 5pm
Augustine United Church
A plethora of organisations Talks and workshops include:
- Robin Hood Tax and Tax Justice
- What's the right way to run a world economy
- Our money, our banks: the £45.5 billion question
- It can be different!

Mon 18

The True Cost of Nuclear Weapons

7.30pm
Quaker Meeting House
Edinburgh Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

Tue 19

Private Gain, Public Pain
7pm
Quaker Meeting House
Campaign Against the Arms Trade

Wed 20

For Our Honour: Scotland's Role in Tackling 'Honour'-Based Violence

7pm
Augustine United Church
Shakti Information & Education Project

Thu 21

Afghanistan, 30 Years of War and Poverty

7.30pm
Augustine United Church
Edinburgh Stop the War

Sat 23

Cuba and Health
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1.30 - 5.00pm

Augustine United Church

We all know the stories of the popular folk figure Robin Hood; taking from the rich and giving to the poor. With poor country governments losing billions each year to international companies dodging tax, the bailed-out banks taking our money and investing it in climate-wrecking fossil fuels and the international financial system being run by traders and speculators, we really need Robin today! Join the merry band of Scotland's leading anti-poverty and development NGOs and trades unions for an absorbing afternoon of discussion, activities and thought-provoking talks. Find out how today's rich are still taking from the poor, and how we can all be a little bit more 'Robin'!

1.30 - 2.00pm Lunch

2.00 - 2.15pm Introduction to the event

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



All workshops start at 2.15

Robin Hood Tax and tax justice.

Christian Aid, Oxfam, SCIAF
Tax matters.

- The 'Robin Hood Tax' is a tiny tax on speculative trade in financial products that would have a massive impact. It would raise enough money to help poor people, protect public services and tackle climate change at home and abroad.

- Poor countries have the riches to help work their own way out of poverty. But a worldwide culture of financial secrecy allows tax-dodging multinational firms to rob poor countries of more than \$160bn a year.

Hear about some of the problems, discuss some of the solutions and learn about how you can support campaigns promoting them.

What's the right way to run a world economy?

UNISON and Jubilee Scotland.
Jesse Griffiths of the Bretton Woods Project, which aims to challenge the power of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund will talk about how we might achieve a global economic system that operates on the principles of justice, equity,

human rights and environmental sustainability, with international institutions that are democratic, transparent, accountable, and responsive to the poorest and most vulnerable citizens. The Project acts as a network hub and works with civil society to change the Bank and the Fund.

Our money, our banks: the £45.5 billion question

World Development Movement
What would you do with £45.5 billion? It's a lot of money - not far off the GDP of Iraq. £45.5 billion is the amount of taxpayers' money that the UK Government has given to one single British bank to bail them out. That bank is RBS. And RBS is investing that money in projects that are wrecking the climate and abusing human rights. But imagine what else could be done with £45.5 billion. This interactive workshop will set you thinking about the power of money and how it can be used to make the world a better, or worse, place.

3.30 - 4.15pm Plenary: It can be different!!

How to fix things and make them better.

4.15pm Tea and coffee.

Mon 18 October

The True Cost of Nuclear Weapons

7.30pm

Quaker Meeting House
Edinburgh Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

The event will use multi-media: presentation, video and music to investigate the true resource cost of Nuclear Weapons systems and ways that we can campaign for a truly just and peaceful world order.

Tue 19 October

Private Gain, Public Pain

7pm

Quaker Meeting House
Campaign Against the Arms Trade

The UK Government supports the arms trade through promotion of weapons sales by a large dedicated team of civil servants in the UK Trade and Industry Department. Private companies reap the profits while citizens subsidise jobs and high level commercial support. These weapons are used by repressive regimes to suppress freedom of expression; fuel conflicts and

divert precious resources away from development of public services. In these times of fiscal restraint, is it morally right to allocate citizens' income taxes to support arm trades...? CAAT invites you to a compelling debate and the alternatives to stop the deadly trade.

Wed 20 October

For Our Honour: Scotland's Role in Tackling 'Honour'-Based Violence

7pm

Augustine United Church
Shakti Information & Education Project

Violence in the name of 'Honour' claims the lives of countless people world-wide, the vast majority being women, their 'crime' often loving the 'wrong person'. Can 'Honour' justify killing? What can Scotland do as a multicultural nation to start addressing this global issue? Shakti Women's Aid in collaboration with the International Campaign against Honour Killing will be hosting a presentation and a debate to tackle how we can stop violence against women in the twenty first century.

Thu 21 October

Afghanistan, 30 Years of War and Poverty

7.30pm

Augustine United Church
Edinburgh Stop the War

Afghanistan, one of the poorest countries in the world has been ravaged by war since 1979. This event analyses the underlying reasons and focuses on the last ten years of occupation by NATO forces and its impact on Afghan people. The event also includes a discussion about how the campaign to end the Afghan tragedy can be built.

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

Sat 23 October

Cuba and Health

2.30 - 4.30pm

Augustine United Church
Scottish Cuba Solidarity Campaign

"The most important contribution Cuba has made to global health is its example - that you can introduce the notion of a right to health care and wipe out the diseases of poverty". This event is about Cuba's major developments in health and its international aid efforts. With contributions from Cllr Gordon Munro and others, the event offers two films, one on giving sight back to thousands across the Caribbean and the other about Cuban doctors in Haiti, followed by an informal discussion.

4.30 - 5.30pm

Cuban Son and Salsa

The event will end with a more light-hearted look at Cuba's contributions to world happiness - son, salsa, rum and cigars

Additional information - STUC demonstration 'There is a better way', Saturday 23 October, morning, in Edinburgh. Details will be posted on www.stuc.org.uk



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

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

Some examples:

Trident:

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

Global inequality:

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

War:

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

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