

Reclaim the Power Program for Drax Climate Camp 2024

The camp runs from 8th to 13th August. More info here: <https://reclaimthepower.org.uk/drax/>

Friday 9th

Time	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Workshop 4	Outside
8 - 9	Breakfast				
9 - 10	Morning Meeting			Intro to Reclaim the Power and Knowing Your Rights	
10 - 11	Site Work				
11 - 11.30	Break				
11.30 - 1	Activist Speed Dating				
1 - 2	Lunch				
2-3.30	Climate Justice is Migrant Justice	Coal in the UK, what can we learn from how we got to nearly winning?	Techno-fixes	Air pollution and health, community resistance in the UK	Wide Game
3.30-4	Break				
4-4.30	Activist Speed Dating				

6-8	Dinner
8.30	Intro to Drax Queer Ceilidh

Introduction to Reclaim the Power

A brief history of who Reclaim the Power are and an introduction to how the camp works. It is recommended to attend once if you have not previously been involved with RtP (although you are also more than welcome to join if you have!).

Know Your Rights

This 'Know Your Rights' workshop aims to give you the knowledge to combat repressive police tactics commonly used against protesters. Police officers often rely on the lack of legal understanding of those participating in protest so this interactive session will give you the tools to take action more confidently. We will cover: GBC's 5 key messages, police and private security tactics, stop and search powers, common protest laws, and what happens if you get arrested. This workshop will run everyday after the intro to RTP session, and everyone should attend once.

Activist Speed Dating

Activist Speed Dating is Reclaim the Power's tried and tested method for getting folks into teams so they can make plans and take action together. It's a way of making Affinity Groups (crews of like minded people) swiftly, even among folks who've not met before.

Climate Justice = Migrant Justice (with No Borders in Climate Justice)

Come along to this workshop to learn about the intersections between climate justice and migrant justice! We will be exploring how the climate movement can adopt a 'No Borders' approach to climate organising and how to take action to challenge the hostile environment towards migrants

Coal in the UK, what can we learn from how we got to nearly winning? With Coal Action Network

This September, a historic moment—no more coal for UK electricity. But how did we get from coal fired power stations littering the UK, and plans for more, to none at all? How did we build the movement that took on Coal at Drax and held the first climate camp here? What lessons can we learn from this?

And whilst we rightly celebrate this massive win, we'll explore the UK's ongoing coal mining & its environmental vandalism, the global coalscape, and why it's not all about electricity when it comes to coal...

Techno-fixes

Big biofuels, Carbon Capture and Storage and Geo-engineering are proposed 'techno-fixes' for the problem of climate change. Are these technologies really 'politically neutral', as their advocates suggest? In this workshop will discuss the idea that science and technology are inherently political.

Air pollution and health, community resistance in the UK

How are different communities impacted by air pollution? How do they perceive the problem? How do they respond individually and collectively? And what do they want done about it? As a researcher into air pollution in York I've been exploring how people resist the forces that expose us to everyday air pollution. While the focus will be on local experiences the ideas translate to wider struggles for greater local autonomy and environmental justice.

Wide Game

A big game in a field involving lots of running around.

Ceilidh

A high energy, social folk dance. We will walk you through the moves and get everyone jigging and jiving.

Saturday 10th

Time	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Workshop 4	Workshop 5
8	Breakfast				
9-10	Morning Meeting			Intro to Reclaim the Power & Know Your Rights	
10-11	Site Work				
11-11.30	Break				

11.30 -1	Climate Colonialism: Resisting extractivism in Africa and Latin America	Action Training part 1	Subvertising	Introduction to Anarchism	Football
1-2	Lunch				
2-3.30	Drax and Workers Struggles	Action training part 2	Economics for Climate Activists	LO training part 1	
3.30-4	Break				
4-4.30	Drax 101	Engaging with Workers - Workshop	Class and Activism	LO training part 2	Wildflower Identification walk
6-8	Dinner				
8.30	Communities link up with Mississippi Lucy and Hazel - Queer folk duo Pete the Temp				
10	Creeping around in the dark workshop				

Climate Colonialism: Resisting extractivism in Africa and Latin America

In this workshop we will delve into the roots of global extractivism and how communities in the Global South are resisting oil and coal projects. We will hear from members of the campaign groups Stop EACOP and Resist Glencore on how people in East Africa and Colombia are fighting back. Together we will explore how people in the UK can stand in solidarity with global movements resisting extractivism.

Action training

A chance to gain skills and share hopes and concerns for the day of action spread across two sessions. Everyone is encouraged to come to this, especially if you haven't attended direct action training before. This is a two-part training - you must attend part 1 if you want to attend part 2.

Subvertising

Ad-Hacking/Subvertising as a form of creative direct action against advertising. A DIY platform for accessible art and campaign messaging. Workshop covers art history theory of activism and practical hands-on session.

Introduction to Anarchism

Answering at least some of the questions you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask. We aspire to be an anarchist space, this talk busts some myths and talks you through why.

Football

Playing a game of football together. It's not complicated.

Drax and Workers Struggles

Workers will talk about their work and ongoing disputes. They will hold discussions about what a worker-led green transition could look like

Economics for Climate Activists

An easy access guide to demystifying some systems.

LO Training

You'll often see Legal Observers (LOs) at demonstrations wearing bright orange bibs. LOs are volunteers who monitor the police at protests, help curb police violence and support activists. In this two part training, we cover the basics of legal observing, including what an LO's role is, how to observe and take notes, how to observe and support an arrest, and some types of action you may encounter. This is a two-part training - you must attend part 1 if you want to attend part 2.

Engaging with Workers - Workshop

Workplaces are the site and terrain of a lot of climate activism. Workers can and should play an important role in campaigns. In this workshop learn and discuss how to engage with workers in environmental campaigning. We will also discuss how to bring environmental politics to your own workplace. All levels of experience are welcome!

Drax 101

What is Drax? Why are we targeting it? An introductory session on Drax, woody biomass power, and the domination of land based solutions over renewable energy and economic transformation. We will cover how we ended up burning millions of trees worth of wood at the expense of the bill payer, and the impacts on climate, ecology and communities. It will be a chance to explore the root causes of the climate crisis (hint: capitalism and colonialism), and dig into technicalities and nuances of Drax itself in relation to energy production and green-washed capitalism.

Class and Activism

Class shows up in our movements in messy ways, but we're still not great at talking about it. Whatever your background, show up for this.

Wildflower Walk

A walk around the local area, seeing how many flowers and trees we can identify between us. We are not experts, and you may know more than us! This is a chance for a walk in nature and to share our knowledge. Note - weather dependent, we won't want to be walking around in pouring rain.

Communities link up with Mississippi

A chance to speak directly with the community living next door to Drax's pellet production plant in Gloster, Mississippi. We will share stories between the frontline and our camp in Yorkshire, hearing the devastating reality of those in Drax's "sacrifice zone".

Greater Greener Gloster are a community group fighting to hold Drax accountable for the horrors brought upon their lives. This camp is in solidarity with their struggle, with a core aim to lift their voices up.

Lucy and Hazel - Queer folk duo

Lucy and Hazel are a queer folk duo charming audiences with self penned folk laced with humour, harmonies and heartache.

Pete (the Temp) Bearder

Pete Bearder is a loop station artist, comic and spoken word poet.

Not seen, not heard: moving at night without being detected or identified

A structured series of practices culminating in a capture the flag game to hone your action skills. If you have accessibility questions please ask someone at the welcome tent to put you in touch with us for a chat beforehand.

Sunday 11th

Time	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Workshop 4	Workshop 5
8	Breakfast				
9-10	Morning Meeting			Intro to Reclaim the Power & Know Your Rights	
10-11	Site Work				
11-11.30	Break				
11.30 -1	Alternative jobs and a real green economy for Yorkshire & the Humber	How to Spot and Resist an Immigration Raid	Youth Liberation	Energy Embargo for Palestine	Fences, over under, through
1-2	Lunch				
2-3.30	Where can RTP do Meaningful solidarity?	Rapid Decision making on actions	Deconstructing Transphobia	Technology Security	Reclaiming Play
3.30-4	Break				
4-4.30	Climate Justice Organising	Transformative justice in	Nothing About Us Without Us -	Safer spaces policies:	

	and Climate Camps in Europe	Our Movements	Disability Justice in Palestine	great to have, hard to use	
6-8	Dinner				
8	Mass KYR reminder in Plenary Evening walk 80s disco Yoga				

Alternative jobs and a real green economy for Yorkshire and the Humber

Drax seeks community support by claiming to be a great employer. Not only is this untrue, but jobs based on burning trees and on unsafe, unworkable technologies like carbon capture, are not the right jobs! But workers need jobs and the transition to a zero carbon economy needs workers! A just transition is one where everyone is guaranteed a decent livelihood. Based on a research report being put together by the Green House Think Tank and the Stop Burning Trees Coalition, we discuss the jobs that could and should be created in the region, as alternatives to Drax, to get the emissions down and improve quality of life for everyone. We go on to discuss what strategies can be used to make this happen and how the wider climate justice movement can get behind this.

How to Spot and Resist an Immigration Raid

Learn how to spot and resist immigration raids with Leeds Anti Raids Action.

Youth Liberation

Youth, and especially children, face oppression in our society, and even in many of our supposedly radical spaces, that is frequently ignored. In this workshop, we consider the basics of youth liberation - the nature of the oppression of youth in capitalist society and the fight to end it. All ages welcome.

Energy Embargo for Palestine

Our interactive workshop demonstrates how the struggle for a liberated Palestine is ultimately a struggle for the future of the planet. We will provide an introduction into the role of energy in the zionist settler-colonial occupation of Palestine. We will then speak about how displacement is a violent tool used by energy companies in service of capital and empire, drawing out the connections between various struggles for climate and land justice and the global Palestine solidarity movement. Finally, we will put forward what a green anti-imperialist movement can look like from within Britain and collectively brainstorm ideas for future actions.

Fences: over, under, through

A practical session suitable for beginners. If you have accessibility questions, please ask someone at the welcome tent to put you in touch with us for a chat beforehand.

Where can RTP do Meaningful Solidarity?

What does solidarity look like in RTP? How should we stand in solidarity with wider movements? How can linking with other activists make our world stronger? What's our strategy?

This workshop will look at how Reclaim the Power can use our skills and resources to stand in solidarity with other groups and campaigns fighting for social, economic, and environmental justice. From climate to migrant justice, trans rights to prison abolition - no-one is free until we all are free.

Rapid decision making on actions

How to make group decisions when the situation keeps changing and the stakes are high.

Deconstructing Transphobia

Almost all of us interact with gender on a daily basis in some form, yet our understanding of its origins and impacts are often limited. This workshop aims to deconstruct the ways in which we consider those most impacted by our gendered system, and build understanding and solidarity with Trans and Non-binary people both within and between our communities.

Technology Security

Is security too difficult to even try? Or is it something you try to follow every rule you've heard without understanding what the point of each is? This is a workshop to give you the tools to assess your own situations and apply appropriate security. In simple language where there's no silly questions.

Reclaiming Play

Take a break from being in your head and get back into your body! To do this, we will be using techniques from the world of improvisation and wisdom from the world of clowning. Allowing ourselves to build a more playful perspective on relating to one-another and the world at large.

Climate Justice Organising and Climate Camps in Europe

Despite different governments, organising cultures, traditions and contexts, what lessons can we learn from comparing the climate struggles in different countries? How did the climate camp form spread from the UK to mainland Europe? Why is working across Europe for climate justice important? From the scale of civil disobedience of Ende Gelände in Germany, the longevity of the movement in the UK, the extraordinary work linking struggles in Italy and the fierce determination of those in the Czech Republic building a climate movement from scratch, this workshop will open discussion on comparing our national climate struggles to learn from each other and build our pan-European movement. As post Brexit Xenophobia and the far-right grows so too must our internationalist organising. This workshop explores some of the struggles for climate justice in mainland Europe and why learning from each other to build a strong, diverse and expansive movement is more important than ever.

Transformative Justice In Our Movements

An introduction to some practical techniques that can help us integrate transformative justice into our movements, allowing for more care and compassion when dealing with harm. Expect good chat and role play! CW: while facilitators won't raise topics of abuse, we can't guarantee they won't come up in conversation.

Nothing About Us Without Us - Disability Justice in Palestine

Using a great session plan from Maken and Diversity and Abilities we will talk you through the different models by which people look at disability, and what it means to be fighting for Disability Justice in Palestine right now.

Safer spaces policies: great to have, hard to use

Dealing with oppression or harm in groups can be hard, even if you have agreed values or systems in place. This session will explore challenges, tools and approaches to having conversations that are politically and relationally engaged.

80's Disco Yoga

Leggings, stretching, classic tunes. Does what it says on the tin.

Times and workshops are subject to change - see the welcome desk for up-to-date information.

CAMP INFORMATION

Everyone is crew

Reclaim the Power is an anti-hierarchical grassroots network, where no-one is paid or in charge. Due to the amount of work involved in maintaining the camp, everyone needs to help with tasks as their abilities allow - from chopping veg, washing up and restocking the bog roll, to welcoming new arrivals. This is a DIY culture, so if you spot something that needs sorting out, take it on, or find others to help you address it. There will be an hour set aside every morning to make sure we get the basics of this work done together, with a list of tasks announced during the morning site meeting before hand for you to join a team (9am, main marquee). We're modelling the world we want to see, where everyone does this important work together, can learn new things, meet great new people or just pick up some solid anecdotes about compost loos. There will also be a jobs board by the Welcome Tent for tasks that don't necessarily fit tidily into this morning session.

Organised Fun

We want everyone to have as good a time as possible on site. We offer some organised fun in the mix because some folks like a structure for that, but we also really appreciate that some people don't. We'll always make sure there are non awkward ways to step out of these invitations when they come up.

Safer Spaces

We actively aim to challenge oppression both inside and outside of our network. We recognise that the same systems of domination, unearned privilege, exclusion and institutional violence underpin many different forms of oppression.

Within our network we aim to be open, welcoming and accessible to all. We also recognise that each of us is vulnerable to either consciously or unconsciously acting out oppressive behaviour towards others. Reclaim the Power operates a Safer Spaces Policy in order to begin to address some of these issues.

The safer spaces agreement is to help us all work together, resolve disputes and power and privilege issues fairly. Oppression can take many different forms, for example because of ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, age, income, ability, appearance, immigration status, belief or non-belief and experience. Oppression exists in society and we can each unconsciously bring it to the space.

Whilst at this camp we agree to:

- Treat each other with respect.
- Not engage in oppressive behaviours, for example based on ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, age, income, ability, appearance, immigration status, belief or non-belief and experience.
- Make no threats of violence or use physical violence.
- Be aware of our own privilege and challenge oppressive behaviours for example racist 'jokes' or interrupting someone on the basis of unspoken privilege
- Be willing to reflect upon our behaviour and how we can make it less oppressive to others, and to work to educate ourselves on issues of anti-oppression.
- To engage in mediation or discussion to resolve disputes, and to recognise the possibility of change on the part of the individual who has been oppressive, while still centering the experience of those who have been hurt.
- If disruptions or behaviour are not adapted to ensure everybody feels safe then we may ask the person/people involved who are causing the harm to leave. In this instance, issues will be dealt with, where possible, after the camp.

The wellbeing team will be available at the wellbeing tent for support, and should be a first point of contact if you wish to discuss behaviour that is making you feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

Action Consensus

We will be practising the camp decision making process on Friday, where we will seek to reach consensus on something close to this proposed agreement:

On Monday we'll be taking direct action against the owners of Drax and the systems and institutions which support and enable the burning of large scale woody biomass. This will include interventions accessible to those who need to avoid arrest.

We respect that movements are diverse and we choose to adopt different tactics in different circumstances. In this camp we are trying to support the normalising of direct action and create an accessible way for people to try it for the first time. So we've created an action consensus to ensure everyone can feel as safe as possible when participating. In being on this camp and while taking part in action on Monday we agree to:

- not commit violence against any person.
- treat the workers at any company or organisation we target with dignity and respect.
- not talk to the police. (except where absolutely necessary via an appointed Police Liaison person)
- not take photographs without the prior active consent of everyone in shot.
- value all contributions
- Avoid arrest for it's own sake.
- Journalists will be welcome on site in a professional capacity by prior invitation only.

Kids Space

Our kids tent aims to create an empowering space for a separate stream of child friendly activities. It will be open from Friday to Sunday, 8:45am - 4:45pm, and will have its own programme of games and workshops (although children and young people are welcome to attend other workshops if they wish). This is also the place for lost and found children. Kids Space Programme:

	Morning	Afternoon
Friday	Dance	Shadow puppet storytelling
Saturday	Circus skills	Placard making
Sunday	Nature walk	Creating a play
Monday	Clay and stick creatures	What is protest?