



TIDAL *news*

Trade Injustice and Debt Action Leeds

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Help make a

SPLASH!

Sat 19 October

11am-2pm Dortmund Square

TIDAL, WDM and Water Aid supporters are joining forces to draw attention to the way new trade rules are depriving some of the world's poorest people of their right to clean water.

- 1.1 billion people in the world don't have safe water
- 2.4 billion people lack adequate sanitation
- The average distance people have to walk to fetch clean water is 6km.

Rich countries are using their financial power as creditors to force poor countries to privatise their public water supplies. In Bolivia this meant the price of water increased by 200%, but then the people came onto the streets in protest and the government backed down. However, new

★ **Sponsored water-carry! Fill the TIDAL bath tub!**

★ **Learn how to carry water on your head!**

★ **Send a postcard to the Trade Minister!**

★ **Get your face in the local press!**

★ **Help TIDAL and Water Aid make a splash!!**

Don't get cut off!

TIDAL is now laundering the massive mailing list inherited from Leeds Jubilee 2000 Network. Use the form inside if you want to stay with us!

(Please note: this means **YOU** too)

trade rules may soon make it illegal for governments to listen to their people and think again as they did in Bolivia.

The debt hasn't gone away, the trade rules are still devastating the poorest communities in the world. We still need your support!

We want **you** to help raise awareness and money by getting a group together to carry water from your home, school, place of worship or community centre to Dortmund Square.

Carry as many litres as you feel appropriate! Get sponsored per litre and per kilometre, but most important...

Come along to TIDAL's first big street event!

Proceeds will be divided equally between TIDAL and Water Aid.

National JDC Campaign Day Sat 23 November, Leeds

After the success of the last JDC Campaigner's Day in January in Birmingham, Leeds is set to host the next one. Speakers, workshops, kids' events. Programme and venue tbc – watch this space.

Help needed: ring Annie 2454700



Photo: Mike Webb, Tearfund

WDM FOUND! Administrator



Well its Hello from me...

I'm Annie Connolly and I'm delighted to be taking over from Tim as TIDAL's Administrator and Campaign Development Worker, and really excited to be part of the team working on debt and trade in Leeds.

My first day on the job involved a trip to London for a Jubilee Debt Campaign meeting, to swap information and plan Jubilee events for the autumn with campaigners from other cities and our partner agencies. Being part of this

nation-wide network of people with such energy and commitment (especially in Leeds) is really exciting.

I grew up in Harehills and Chapel Allerton, and came back to Leeds after university in Newcastle and living in France for a year. I have been campaigning on various issues and with different groups for years, both voluntarily and as part of the jobs I have done. This rather eclectic list includes co-ordinating Leeds Independent Bar Owners Association, managing The Corn Exchange, and working for Leeds City Council's External Relations department.

Earlier this year I got back from 11 months of travelling and voluntary work with my husband in South America (along the Andes from Ecuador to the Tierra del Fuego), Australia, South-east Asia and China. I was determined to get work campaigning on international development issues on my return, and so was very pleased when I bumped into Mary Keynes at the Trade Justice mass lobby of parliament the week after we got back. She told me that TIDAL would be looking for an administrator in the near future, and three months later, here I am!

I'm really looking forward to working with the steering group and supporters on maintaining the momentum on debt and raising the profile on trade. It makes sense to me that we've brought the two campaigns together, and from the JDC meeting I attended last week, it appears

that other cities are contemplating doing the same. Leeds leads the way as usual!

Please feel free to get in touch with me for any reason, even if it's just to introduce yourself. I'm on the same number as Tim (0113 245 4700), and will be in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays.

...and Goodbye from Tim

This is my last newsletter as TIDAL administrator, so time to wish you all goodbye, sort of. For the last year I've been working for Christian Aid for the three days a week that I haven't been in this office. The opportunity arose to work there full time and I jumped at the opportunity to simplify my life – no more running between offices and lunch times! That said, I will miss being TIDAL's administrator and working with such dedicated and creative campaigners. I have every confidence in Annie to take on TIDAL with enthusiasm and am sure that Leeds' greatest campaigning moments lie in the future. No doubt I will meet many of you in my new role.



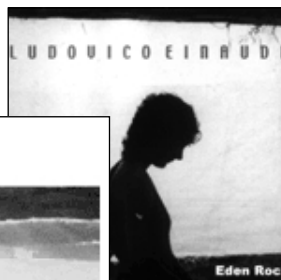
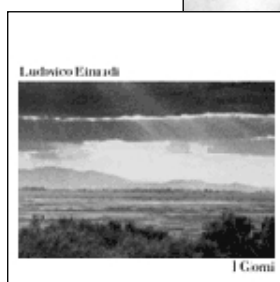
Rare photo of Tim (left), seen here chatting to JDC's Ashok Sinha at the recent TIDAL/WDM campaigns day. Thanks, Tim!

Ludovico Einaudi

BENEFIT CONCERT IN AID OF JUBILEE DEBT CAMPAIGN

Einaudi's latest CD, *I Giorni*, contains eleven solo ballads for piano that were largely inspired on hearing the kora playing of Toumani Diabate while travelling in Mali, Africa. His commissions have taken him from the heart of the classical world such as La Scala in Milan and New York's Lincoln Center to work on film, TV scores and dance pieces, as well as popular recordings that have made the charts in Europe.

The CD sleeve says, 'Italian composer Ludovico Einaudi's beautiful piano music takes you on a journey through delicate, precise, emotional and gently melancholic creativity. His current work is characterised by a fluent,



minimalist style steeped with melodic beauty and rhythmic stillness. The compositions draw on elements of jazz, classical and world music. This open-eared approach is one that defies musical categorisation and from it flows liquid gold that ripples through the air.'

8pm Wednesday 20th November
South Parade Baptist Church, Headingley

Tickets: £10 (£5 concessions – donations towards concessions appreciated)

Tickets available (mornings) from Leeds Christian Aid Office: Tel 0113 2444764 or email: jlivesey@christian-aid.org



Charlotte Mwesigye of the Uganda Debt Network, with Michael McGowan MEP and Mary Keynes at our recent Debt in Africa day at the Cardigan Community Centre.

A regular part of TIDAL's work is introducing people who know to people who care.

TIDAL flows

FIRMING UP OUR SUPPORT BASE (...THAT'S YOU)

As most of you will know, in setting up TIDAL, we believe we've been following the wishes of the vast majority of trade and debt campaigners in Leeds. So now that we're up and running, with a new administrator, various events lined up for the rest of the year and plans to furnish TIDAL with a website – it's time to call in those promises and indications of continuing support. And we've no doubt you'll respond as generously as ever!

Money

TIDAL's opening bank balance is £4,703. Almost all the regular donations to Leeds Jubilee 2000 Network ended in December 2001. (The closing accounts are available on request.) The Network was widely recognised as one of the best campaigning groups in the country and we would like TIDAL to be even better.

By far the best way to support TIDAL, allowing us to budget and minimising work, is a standing order – please fill in the form opposite and we will get in contact as soon as our bank account is set up.

Mailing lists and emails

Our contact database is now 600 strong. Whilst this is great, we need to make sure

we are not wasting money sending newsletters to people who have moved house or who are no longer interested. For this reason we need to ask all of you to fill in and return the form opposite. **If you don't, we'll assume that you no longer wish to be on our contacts list and this might be the last newsletter you receive.** Please do respond because we don't want to lose anybody by accident!

Every time we send out a mailing to our entire list it takes about 16 hours and costs around £150. We want to save money and time so we can do more campaigning! We can do this by sending out the newsletter and other information by email. Please fill in your email address on the form and tick the box if you can

accept email (PDF) newsletters. If you're not on email, we are more than happy to keep sending you paper newsletters.

So, please everybody... fill in this form!

Response form

Please return to TIDAL, c/o Leeds Church Institute, 20 New Market Street, Leeds, LS1 6DG or email your replies to tidal@leedschurchinstitute.org Thank you!

Yes, I'd like to continue receiving correspondence from TIDAL

No, I prefer to be deleted from your contacts list

I'm happy to receive the Newsletter by email (PDF file) in future

I'd like to receive regular email updates

I would like to support TIDAL financially...

I'd like to set up a regular standing order to TIDAL. Please contact me when you have the new bank details

I enclose a one-off donation of £



PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES

Sign the Queen's Petition

www.christian-aid.org/campaign/action/0207pet.htm

In the year of the Queen's Golden Jubilee, Jubilee Debt Campaign is running a petition to the Queen, calling on her to encourage Her Majesty's Government to secure an end to debt slavery.

Whilst many across the Commonwealth (and beyond) will wish to celebrate the occasion of the Queen's 50 years as monarch, millions within many of those same countries still live lives of grinding poverty, hardship and lost opportunities. At the same time, their governments haemorrhage desperately needed funds in debt repayments that could otherwise be spent on the welfare of their people. So what better way to mark this historic anniversary than a commitment from the UK Government to secure full debt cancellation for all the world's most impoverished nations?

Let's get as many signatures from Leeds as possible. To sign electronically via Jubilee Debt Campaign member organisation, Christian Aid, visit the web page above.

By mid-September 60,000 plus signatures had been collected (over two thirds of



Royal campaigner spotted at Glastonbury

those by the Mothers' Union), and the target is 100,000 by December, which is when the presentation of the petition will be made, hopefully to the Queen herself. For those petition gatherers that fancy a bit of dressing-up, there is a rubber Queen mask available, but you will have to sort out the corgis yourselves! Ask Annie at the TIDAL office if you want to book the mask, or to obtain a copy of the petition. If you have access to the internet, you can print off a copy from the JDC website at www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk

Some useful contacts...

In the UK the Jubilee torch is carried on by the **Jubilee Debt Campaign**. TIDAL is a member, along with most of the same national and regional groups who were part of Jubilee 2000. www.jubileedebtcampaign.org

Trade Justice Movement

... calling for fundamental change to the unjust rules and institutions governing international trade, so that trade is made to work for all. www.tradejusticemovement.org.uk

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We the undersigned...

Congratulate your Majesty on reaching your Golden Jubilee,

Celebrate the measure of debt relief now being delivered to poor countries as a result of the lead taken by your Government internationally,

Ask you to encourage your ministers to secure deeper and wider debt relief for the millions of poor people in the Commonwealth and beyond who are still enslaved by unpayable debt, and so make this a 'Year of Jubilee for All'.

People and Planet

People and Planet are the biggest student campaigning group in the UK and they also work with 6th formers. They have contacted us looking for mentors to support 6th form students in their campaigning all over Yorkshire. They are happy to provide full training and ongoing support. This is a fantastic opportunity for TIDAL to increase the impact of the trade and debt campaigns and inspire some young people.

For more information, contact Ruth on 01895 245678 or email ruth@peopleandplanet.org

Coffee, anyone?

TIDAL public meeting, Oxford Place Centre, 7.30pm Wed 30 October

Fatima Ismael, a Nicaraguan agronomist, speaks on the Nicaraguan coffee crisis and fair trade. Fatima says...

'I have worked for 19 years with producers' organisations and my work has always been linked with production, environmental protection, gender and training. In the last four years this has extended to marketing the coffee of small producers, in particular fair trade coffee.'

Coffee from the Jinotega area, where she works, is imported to Britain and marketed through Cafedirect.

European aid: the lowdown

Come and meet David Bowe MEP and learn more about the EU's aid budget for developing countries at an event organised by Leeds Oxfam. 7.30pm 6 December, Leeds Methodist Mission, Oxford Place.

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