

They think it's all over?

Edinburgh was great – 250,000 people all coming together to say a big **NO** to poverty by saying **YES** to **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY**. Around the world others have been saying the same thing as part of the Global Campaign Against Poverty.

Did the G8 leaders hear us? They must have – otherwise poverty wouldn't have been so central to the agenda.

Did they do what we asked for: drop the debt, more and better aid, trade justice? Hardly.

Yes, they did agree to increase aid by \$48 billion over the next five years – but MPH estimates that this constitutes only \$20 billion of new pledges. Yes, they did agree to the principle of cancelling 100% of the debt owed to multilateral institutions – but this will provide relief of just \$1 billion a year or \$1 per person in the countries who are due to benefit.

So we are going to continue campaigning for as long as 'stupid and extreme' poverty exists. Before the G8 it was 20 children dying every minute. If the G8 do what they promised, that figure goes down to 17 a minute. That's 3 children saved every minute, 180 every hour, 4,320 every day, 30,240 every week – all because people like you have campaigned for change. For each of those children and their families that is a huge achievement, and let's not lose sight of that. But there are still another 17 a minute who will die.

It took Wilberforce 40 years to get anti-slavery legislation through Parliament – will you commit yourself to be part of



Emmerdale stars, Sheree Hewson and Patrick Mower sign the MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY red bus.

Photo: Dana Wilson

the battle against poverty, not just for this **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** year, but for as long as it takes? If so, here's how you can continue fighting for the rest of this year and beyond...



TIDAL got over 1,500 people to Edinburgh!

Photo: Joanna Brown

Mon 24 Oct MPH vigil in Leeds

EU Development Ministers are gathering in Leeds to discuss the future of Europe's development cooperation for the years to come. With the UK at the helm of the EU, the time is ripe for genuine debate about Europe's role in making poverty history. Join TIDAL's vigil (5pm to midnight in City Square, outside the ministers' meeting) to show that people in Yorkshire expect them to take real action against poverty. See the flyer for more details, bring your friends and colleagues along too and make sure you sign our banner that we'll be presenting to Hilary Benn.

Wed 2 Nov Lobby for Trade Justice

Join the expected thousands of people lobbying their MP in Westminster – midday to 6pm. Write to your MP now to arrange to meet him/her on the day. Travel down with us by coach – see back page for more details.

Sat 10 Dec White Band Day III

Wear your white band and watch out for news of a TIDAL event on that day. And use **every** day to keep campaigning. Tell your friends, send postcards or emails to your MP or to government ministers, and help us to wage the war to make poverty history.

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

TRADE JUSTICE. DROP THE DEBT. MORE & BETTER AID.

...as part of the Leeds
Together for Peace
festival

www.makepovertyhistory.org



www.togetherforpeace.co.uk



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Look out for the MPH banner among the Christmas lights in Leeds, from 4 November.



TIDAL Tidings

Welcome to this edition of TIDAL News and a particularly big hello to all our new supporters!

I'm new(ish) too so I need to introduce myself. I'm filling in at the TIDAL office for Annie for a few months. She is taking extended compassionate leave to be with her sister who has leukaemia. I'm sure you will all join me in sending our best wishes to Annie and all her family at this difficult time.

I'm not completely new to TIDAL as I have been volunteering for a while – setting up a database and helping out with the trains to Edinburgh. I'm looking forward to seeing you at an event soon!

Helen Dickason, Campaigns Manager



Photo: J Cabon, Christian Aid

Clr Roger Harington of the TIDAL Steering Group takes time out between the Kenya/Tanzania 230 mile bike ride and the London/Edinburgh 575 mile ride to bend the ears of power.

From the Chair

TIDAL is soon to become a 'Private Company Limited by Guarantee' so that we can take on the direct employment of Annie, Helen and Jacinta. Currently we pay their salaries; technically they are employed by Leeds Church Institute and seconded to us – but we are now at a stage when we need to 'grow up' and take responsibility for ourselves. We will be celebrating the change and marking our gratitude to LCI at a not-to-be-missed social event in the New Year!

Here at TIDAL we're funded by our supporters – apart from TIDAL Surge which has a DFID grant. It costs quite a bit to pay for our office space, Campaigns Manager's salary, mailings, events etc – but without these we wouldn't be so successful in the fight against global poverty.

A year's mailings to a supporter cost us £10 – and there are now about 700 of you. So a big thank you to those of you who support us with a monthly standing order – we've had a few new ones recently which is fantastic! If you are able to, please think about setting up one of these – just £5 a month helps to pay towards our regular costs and to budget for the future. And if you can't afford a regular amount, one-off donations are always gratefully received.

Lindsey Pearson, TIDAL Chair

Email vs Paper

It's obviously cheaper for us to send mailings out by email rather than post... however, we do understand that some people prefer a paper copy. If you would be happy to receive this newsletter by email and don't already do so, then please contact us at info@leedstidal.org. Alternatively, if you want to still receive the paper version, please share it with friends and family!

Surge speaker heroes – where are they now?

They fight to raise awareness in the community, wear the TIDAL emblem with pride on their Lycra suits and occasionally save cats from burning buildings – so why have you still not booked them in to speak for you?!

We may have passed the first major milestone in the **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** campaign this summer in Edinburgh but there is still so much to be done! Not just on the MPH campaign but on other issues as well.

TIDAL will be extremely busy this autumn, working closely with other community groups, non-governmental organisations and charities on the up-and-coming events in Leeds. So if you want to know more about what it's all about – TIDAL Surge is the project for you.

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We need your groups to get in touch with us and demand a Speaker! Not only do we provide you with the necessary info on what's hot, what's not and how to get involved here, but we also have Speakers from around the world who can tell you more about the work going on in other countries too. I have recently recruited women and men from Zimbabwe, Kenya and Nigeria who are just waiting for you to pick up the phone and get in touch.

The Speakers will be putting in a guest appearance at the Together for Peace Festival in November and if you think you would like to become one of them, please call me – Jacinta Kent – on 07812 140 720 or email surge@leedstidal.org. Thanks to all the groups who have donated to our project over the past seven months, as we need you to stay active for next year's work. I hope you have found our talks as inspirational as the causes we fight for.

Jacinta Kent
TIDAL Surge Coordinator



Fairtrade news

We hope you enjoy the enclosed Fairtrade newsletter – here's a couple of other bits of news:

Leeds wins Fairtrade award

Leeds Fairtrade City has won an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Fairtrade Foundation for their work during Fairtrade Fortnight 2005. It was felt that the events were imaginative with excellent media coverage. Many TIDAL members helped in the events and a big thank you goes to them for their support. The award will be presented in London in October. Now all we've got to do is plan what to do next year!

Fairtrade Business Forum

Leeds is hosting its 2nd Fairtrade business forum on Friday, 18 November in the banquet hall in the Civic Hall. George Alagiah from BBC News, who is the patron of the Fairtrade Foundation, will speak at the event. This event is for businesses to learn more about Fairtrade and is therefore an invitation only event, but we'll let you know how it goes.

Black History Month

We're hoping to have a Fairtrade stall at the Leeds West Indian Centre during Black History Month. We'd therefore like volunteers to staff the stall on Sunday 23 October and Sunday 30 October from midday to 5pm. If you can help please contact Sarah Wells on 0113 247 4129 or email sarah.wells@leeds.gov.uk



The Beehive

The Beehive is a small not-for-profit Fairtrade shop and café in Chapel Allerton staffed entirely by volunteers. It has been open for five years and is a very successful and well respected community resource. In the busy run-up to Christmas, the Beehive is looking for volunteers to work in the shop. Help is desperately needed as the shop has to be closed if there isn't anyone to staff it. No previous experience is necessary as full training and support will be given.

If you are interested please contact Jane Speight on 0113 2622975 or Karen Green on 2688470 or email thebeehive@fish.co.uk

White Band Day II

The spectacular Almscliffe Crag near Leeds was wrapped in a white band on 10 September to mark the second Global White Band Day. Despite appalling conditions, dozens of people turned out to witness the wrapping, including local MP Greg Mulholland of the Lib Dems.



Valuable volunteers!

At TIDAL we're indebted to the many volunteers who work with us and we're always on the look out for more! There are three months left in 2005 – the Year of the Volunteer – so there's still time to make an impact! Please get in touch if you can spare us any time.

There are many ways in which you can help, including:

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General office help A big thank you to Janet who has been helping us every Tuesday for many years, keeping us organised. A change in circumstances has meant she can no longer help us every week – thanks for all you've done Janet!

Events This can range from helping on a stall to stewarding on a train! Big thank you to all our Edinburgh train stewards who did an excellent job. Also thanks to everyone who staffed stalls this summer.

General activities Your newsletter has been folded and put in an envelope, which has then had a label and a stamp stuck on – all by a sterling band of volunteers. Thanks everyone! We can always do with extra help for such activities.

Specialist help – eg: we'd really like to keep our website up to date and develop it further, but Bill just doesn't have the time – can anyone help?

Local groups

We're looking to set up links with local groups around Yorkshire. If you are part of a group and would like to be a named contact, please get in touch.

Currently we're working on planning the Vigil on 24 October and we want to have twenty-five banners depicting the various **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** messages in each of the EU languages. Could your group take on responsibility of making one of these banners? We'll provide you with the text to write! It should make a big impact in City Square. Please contact Helen so we can organise who does which country.

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Together for Peace

The Together for Peace (TfP) Festival from 5 to 20 Nov will be celebrating and serving a growing movement for peace and justice within Leeds and beyond. Wide-ranging issues will be explored – from inter-faith dialogue to the Iraq war; from business responsibility to environmental concerns; and much more.

Look out for TfP events, including:

- the stunning Earth From The Air exhibition in Millennium Square
- The Big Dress on Leeds Uni campus, drawing attention to sweatshops and trade injustice
- the powerful 8 Ways to Change The World photo exhibition at the Light
- a joint exhibition at the Corn Exchange of paintings by Ethiopian artist Nebiyu Assefa and photos by Leeds photographer Jo Brown, portraying the realities of rural trading in the developing world and the positive impact of Fairtrade on coffee co-operatives
- the **MAKEPOVERTY HISTORY** banner in the Christmas lights which will also be promoted at the switch-on event on 4 November.

Peace Awards

Do you know any Leeds-based individuals and groups/organisations who have demonstrated a commitment to building bridges, striving for justice or resolving conflict in any sphere? Awards will be presented on 17 November in three categories: adult, under 18, and group. Send 250 words describing the impact for peace the nominee has made, before 14 October, to 'Leeds Peace Awards', c/o Nicola Megson (Deputy Editor), Yorkshire Evening Post, Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 1RF. Please also include details of your role and relationship with the nominee, and your contact details.

**together for peace
2005**

Trade Justice lobby **WED 2 NOVEMBER**

Over 225,000 people gathered in Edinburgh on 2 July to demand the G8 take action on trade, debt and aid. As crucial world trade talks approach in December, join thousands of others at parliament to demand that the UK government supports our call to make poverty history by delivering trade justice – not free trade. We call on the UK government and its partners in the European Union to

- stop pushing poor countries to open their economies
- respect the right of poor countries to choose trade policies that will help them to end poverty and protect the environment.

We need as many people as possible to convince their MP to call for trade justice. The government will then face real pressure to change its policies and take action. We're organising some coaches from Leeds down to London. There'll be a city centre pick-up at about 6am, returning to Leeds about 10pm. The cost will be £15 and if you want to come, please return the enclosed booking form asap. Further info: www.tradejusticemovement.org.uk.



TIDAL was there at the previous Trade Justice Lobby of Parliament in June 2002.

Hands up for Peace!

We'd like as many people as possible to cut out the shape of their hand on white paper, write a message for peace and send it to TfP, 145a Cardigan Road, Leeds, LS6 1LJ. The hands will then form feathers of giant

doves to be displayed around Leeds in November. Schools and youth groups have already started sending them in. Further information can be found at www.togetherforpeace.co.uk, 0113 2751047 or info@togetherforpeace.co.uk.



What's on: Autumn 2005

October

Mon 24 **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY** Vigil for EU Development Ministers' meeting City Square, 5pm – midnight (see flyer)

November

Wed 2 **Trade Justice Mass Lobby of Parliament** Westminster

Sat 12 **Uprooting Poverty** Stephen Rand of JDC 11am–4.30pm at WYSOCS, Horsforth www.wysocs.org.uk

5–19 **Together for Peace Festival**

Mon 14 **WDM Campaigners' Convention** 11am–5pm, Park Lane College free and open to all (see flyer)

December

Thurs 10 **White Band Day III**

13–18 **WTO ministerial meeting** in Hong Kong

15–16 **EU Heads of Government meeting** London