

Edinburgh or bust!

The Edinburgh **MAKE POVERTY HISTORY** rally on 2 July has seized the Leeds imagination, with about 1,500 local supporters booked on our trains and hundreds of others travelling by coach. And Leeds cyclists are pedalling there via five different routes.



to Edinburgh, stopping for up to three meetings a day along the way.

Leeds cyclists Tim Harberd, Paul Cunningham and Andy Brown are leading

Philip, Alice and Millie Igoe. They'll be in Edinburgh. How about you? It's probably a bit late for joining one of the bike rides (below), but there's still time to get coach tickets by calling 01423 321 246.

THERE ARE NOW over 200 people cycling into Edinburgh for 2 July, from all over the country. One determined campaigner will even be going past Edinburgh and back down again, in a bonkers, beat-the-clock Land's End to John O'Groats journey.

TIDAL supporters have cycled to nearly every G8 summit since Birmingham, including Cologne, Okinawa, Evian, the Rockies and Genoa. This year, the Rickshaw team will be leaving from Southampton and making its (very heavy) way up north over a fortnight, stopping in Leeds on Saturday 25 June.

The considerably speedier Cllr Roger Harington and his Scottish friends are the 'Africa Team' for this G8 Summit, as they will be biking around Kenya and Tanzania beforehand, visiting various projects and then President Mkapa! Back in Britain, they will be speeding through the country from London



three other teams and there are also some crazy people walking to Edinburgh, including a large group from Birmingham, and a very small one (Jim Newsham, going solo) from Bradford. The Red Bus will be back on the road again, travelling from Glastonbury to Edinburgh via the sets of soap operas!

You can come and give your support for the Rickshaw team, who will be cycling into Leeds city centre, MPH pennants flying, at 3pm on Saturday 25 June. We will be making lots of noise for them in Victoria Gardens (outside the city art gallery) from 2.30pm to 4pm, with drummers, jugglers and speakers. We will also be making white band messages to take to the G8 leaders in Gleneagles.

What are we asking for?

Trade justice

- Establish rules that ensure governments, particularly in poor countries, can choose the best solutions to end poverty and protect the environment. These will not always be free trade policies.
- End export subsidies that damage the livelihoods of poor rural communities around the world.
- Make laws that stop big business profiting at the expense of people and the environment.

Drop the debt

- The unpayable debts of the world's poorest countries should be cancelled in full, by fair and transparent means.

More and better aid

- All donors must provide 0.7% of national income in international aid, and make aid work more effectively for poor people.

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

Hello Debt and Trade Campaigners...

There are just under two weeks until we go to Edinburgh! The first part of this year has been exhilarating and exciting, and I am looking forward to being part of the biggest anti-poverty rally ever held. If you haven't got a ticket on the train, **then get one for the coach**. We need as many people as possible there to make sure our message comes across loudly and clearly. (Ring 01423 321 246 for coach tickets.)

We have recently been awarded three years of funding from DFID, which allowed us to employ the fantastic Jacinta Kent as our new Outreach Co-ordinator. Jacinta has already achieved great things, and we are delighted to have her on board. Read about what she's up to on page 3.

Congratulations go to one of our Steering Group members, Greg Mulholland, who was elected to the Leeds North West seat in the General Election. He mentioned TIDAL in his maiden speech to the House of Commons! Hilary Benn remained in the Cabinet as International Development Secretary, which is good news for us, as we have built up a good relationship over the last couple of years.

Best wishes,

Annie.

ANNIE CONNOLLY TIDAL CAMPAIGNS MANAGER

Coming to Edinburgh?

We have produced an **info sheet** for people coming to Edinburgh with TIDAL. Please ring the office on 0113 232 9549 or email info@leedstidal.org if you want one. Train ticket holders will be receiving one with their tickets. (If you bought a ticket from someone else / as a group, please see the person named on the tickets.)

Please wear as much white as possible so that our human white band has real impact. White top, white trousers, white hat, white socks, white shoes, and of course white bands!

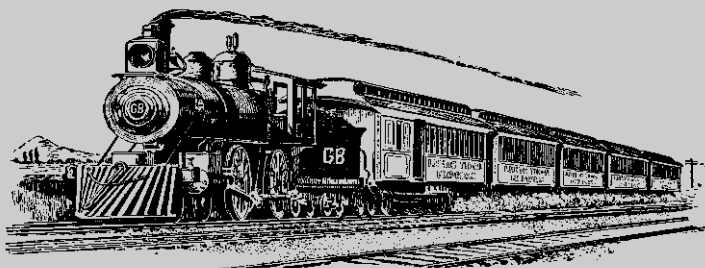
There will be one minute's silence at 3pm, followed by a lot of noise. Bring whistles, drums, pots and pans... so that we can make as much noise as possible.

ACTION

Let's march together! Come and march / dance / shuffle alongside fellow Yorkshire men and women on the human white band. Meet at muster point 'D' at 1.45pm and we will all set off together.

Bring a white band (50cm x 7cm) with a message to the G8 leaders on it. You will be able to attach it to the giant 3-D letters spelling out MAKE POVERTY HISTORY that will be presented to the leaders in Gleneagles. Get friends who can't come to make one too, and bring it up for them.

If you have any questions on the day, you can contact Annie (TIDAL Campaigns Manager) from 6am to 7pm on 07906 942 948.



Motiv8 for the G8: International speakers from several organisations spoke on Make Poverty History and the 2 July rally in Edinburgh to over 200 campaigners at the Yorkshire Motiv8 for the G8 conference held in Leeds on 12 May. Participants took part in a giant workshop on communicating the campaign and were entertained by local dancers, drummers and a choir from the Sheffield People and Planet group with their own unique rendition of the Band Aid song.

WANTED: Stewards for the TIDAL Express

We need 60 Stewards to help out on the TIDAL trains to Edinburgh on 2 July. If you've always wanted to say 'Tickets please!', then you're the man/woman for us!

You'll get to wear a special badge and eat Fairtrade biscuits at one of the briefing meetings being held the week before; on Tuesday 28 June 12pm-1.30pm and on Wednesday 29 June 7.30pm - 9pm. Both meetings will be held at Leeds Church Institute.

We also need people with first-aid skills, so please get in touch if you are willing to be a designated first-aider on the trains.

The work doesn't stop after Edinburgh

So you thought you could sit back and relax after Edinburgh? Put your feet up for a well-deserved rest after months of hard campaigning? Sorry, but the work doesn't stop after the G8. Although the G8's outcomes will be crucial, the real decisions will be made at two events later on in the year – the UN summit on the Millennium Development Goals in September, and then the WTO Ministerial meeting in December. So it's vital that we make sure they go

further, and don't backslide, after Edinburgh.

The MPH Coordination Team has been working on in-depth plans for the second half of the year, and there will be something happening every month. We look forward to working with you to sustain the pressure in the second half of the year. See www.makepovertyhistory.com or www.leadstidal.org to keep abreast of what's happening.

Three years of DFID funding for TIDAL's outreach project

TIDAL Surge! TIDAL Surge? It's on everyone's lips but what exactly is TIDAL Surge?! We could start by saying it's the amazing, brilliant, fantastically innovative community outreach part of TIDAL that is gaining momentum with each passing day and will probably take over the world within weeks – but then I am a tad biased. I lead the project.

My name is Jacinta Kent and I am the new Outreach Coordinator for TIDAL. Whilst my work is definitely fantastic and enjoyable, I have no intention of taking over the world, just changing it.

So what have I been up to? Well, first off I have recruited and trained ten volunteers who make up Surge's Speaker Pool. This is your chance to learn more about our campaigns! They are available for group talks, events, weddings, bar mitzvahs – anything! Just call TIDAL and book us in. We provide the materials and info; you provide the people and rapturous applause. Currently we have an incredibly diverse Speaker Pool with people from Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Mexico and of course, good old Yorkshire. And if you are interested in becoming part of this project, call me Mondays or Wednesdays or email surge@leadstidal.org.

JACINTA KENT, TIDAL OUTREACH COORDINATOR



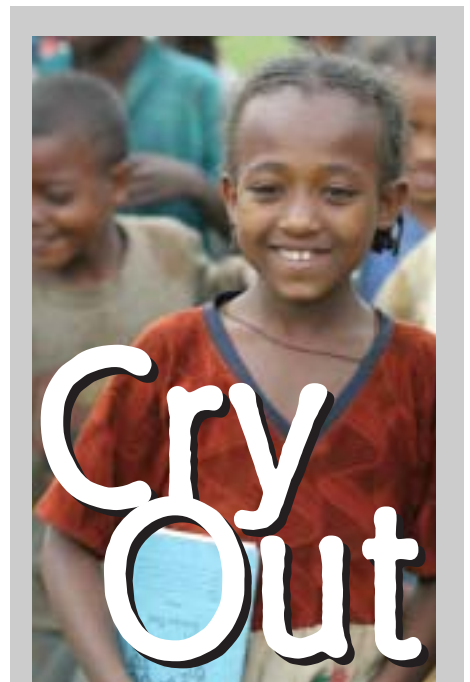
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As a contribution to the cry for a fairer, disease- and poverty-free world, TIDAL Steering Group member Joanna Brown and Ugandan poet Susan Kiguli are compiling a book and CD/DVD of a wide range of artwork (eg: short stories, poetry, drama, music, performance and the visual arts) that reflect in different ways the situation of the poorest people on our globe and the roots of their poverty.

They are hoping to incorporate the voices of artists from across the world. The key themes are those of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty (of which MPH is a member).

Further information from jozart@fish.co.uk



FT Supermarket award After a closely matched battle, Farsley Co-op were named Leeds Fairtrade Supermarket 2005. The picture shows (from left, standing) Phil Scott, store manager; Neil Scott, acting general food manager; Cllr Andrew Millard; Kevan Moore, regional manager; Tony Duxbury assistant store manager. In front of them are Joanna Brown of TIDAL and Sarah Wells, Leeds Fairtrade City Coordinator.



A rather two-dimensional Peter Mandelson gets the Trade Justice message from TIDAL supporters and Leeds MPs.

LCI meeting: 'What makes an international city?'

This event will take place at Leeds Church Institute, 20 New Market Street, Leeds, on Wednesday 22 June from 5pm to 9pm. This is an open event to celebrate the diversity of an international city and explore its potential moral cost.

The event will include an art exhibition, music, stories and poetry, followed by a panel discussion with those involved in trade justice, immigration and asylum, religious beliefs and practice, and education and politics. International food and drink will be available between 6.30 and 7.30pm.

Ring LCI on 0113 245 4700 for further details.

Action for the faith-based

TIDAL, like MPH, brings together supporters from a broad range of backgrounds. For the Christians out there, here's an idea from TIDAL stalwart, Joanna Brown – who's also a member of South Parade Baptist Church...

Please consider having 30 Days of Prayerfulness for the 30,000 people that die each day as a result of poverty that the rich world has the power to extinguish.

There is a great deal to pray for at this time, including some key Bs: Bush (George), Blair (Tony), Brown (Gordon), Benn (Hilary), Bob (Sir).

ACTION

Let's dream, believe and persistently, prayerfully and peacefully ask!

If you'd like to receive prayer updates for the G8 summit and/or be part of a 24/7 Prayer Week in Leeds during the dates of G8 Summit 4–11 July, please let Gemma know at prayerlink@leedscommunity.com.

What's on June–September 2005

June

- Wed 22 **'What makes an international city?'**
LCI, 5–9pm
- Sat 25 **Rickshaw Freedom Riders**
Outside Art Gallery, Leeds, 2.30–4pm
- Sun 26 **Oxfam Sponsored Walk**, Settle
Contact Jon on 01274 595562

July

- Sat 2 **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY Mass Mobilisation** Edinburgh
- Sat 2 **International Co-operative Day**
Bramley Buffaloes Stadium
- 6–9 **G8 Summit at Gleneagles**
- Wed 13 **20th anniversary of Live Aid**

August

- Sat 13 **Strategic planning session**
for TIDAL steering group

Sept

- 1–5 **UN General Assembly Special Summit**
on the Millennium Development Goals

GWA Trade Justice Vigil

Leeds held its very own all-night vigil as part of the Global Week of Action held in April. Despite the horrendous weather, the event was very well-attended, and we spent a wonderful evening, singing, painting, listening to stories from Kenya and playing games. Those hardy souls who spent the night (in Holy Trinity Church on Boar Lane) observed the 3am mass moment with silence and candles, along with hundreds of thousands of other trade justice campaigners around the world.

The Fairtrade Breakfast was a great success, and ended with an impromptu debate in the pews between TIDAL supporters and most of Leeds' MPs, including Secretary of State for International Development, Hilary Benn (third from left in photo above).

Stuck in Leeds on 2 July?

Leeds Co-operative Society are joining the campaign to Make Poverty History by using their International Co-operative Day celebrations on Saturday 2 July as a local MPH rally for people unable to travel to Edinburgh.

Anyone not able to travel to Edinburgh will be welcome to attend the event at Stanningley Football Club, Cole Hill Drive, home to the Bramley Buffaloes. More information can be obtained from Giles Hall at Leeds Co-op on 0113 3956014.



Participants at the 30 hour vigil in City Square on 4/5 Feb.