



London Land Justice Fair

Sunday 21st July 12-6pm

Myatt's Fields Park, SE5 9LP

Programme

Welcome to London's First Land Justice Fair!

Why a Land Justice Fair?

We depend on land for most aspects of our lives. Land is where we live, eat, socialise, play, and create our communities. However, in London as elsewhere, the land is owned and controlled by corporations and the wealthy, or state institutions who ignore the needs of ordinary people. Meanwhile, we struggle to create a better city- for more food growing spaces, for better, quality and truly affordable housing, for refurbishment, not demolition, for more parks and green spaces, for greater biodiversity and less pollution, and for spaces where people can come together, e.g. traditional markets and community centres. A better city would be possible if the land was ours, collectively managed, and used for the public benefit, i.e. a Commons.

Our alternative vision sees land as a 'Commons'. This means that land is a common inheritance, a gift of nature to benefit all in which we act as stewards or caretakers so that it can sustain us both now and in the future. The Commons is a social process, a community of people who work together within democratic and fully participatory structures to ensure ecologically responsible production and equitable distribution of the land's wealth and to create resilient communities of care, embedded in place.

To help in the process of building a movement for Commoning the city, we have organised a **community land fair** to bring us all together with **stalls, talks, discussions, music, food, sharing and socialising**.

We will **celebrate** all the great work that is being done around London, **bring together** a range of London-based community groups and campaigns for whom land- access to and control of- is a major issue for them, **build practical relationships and solidarity** between different issue groups, both within a local area and across London, **work towards creating the basis of a people's land movement** in London, one based on practical grass roots activity and common demands for land reform.

SAVE THE DATE!

Growing the land movement meeting

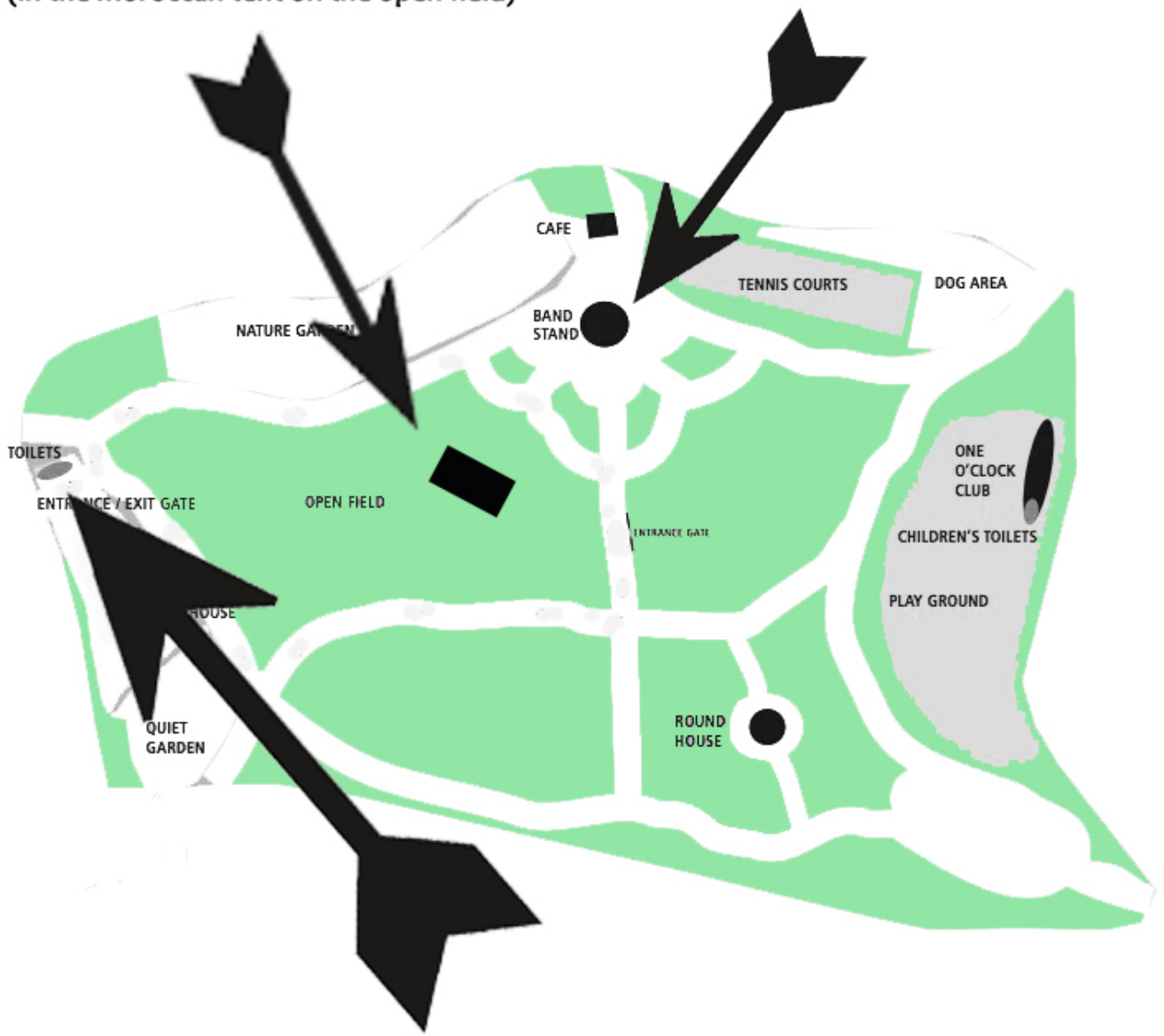
Saturday 31st August

1pm – 5pm

Venue TBA

Talks & Workshops
(in the Moroccan tent on the open field)

Stalls
(around the bandstand)



Toilets
(by the entrance on Cormont Rd)

Land Justice Fair Timetable

- **Stalls, music and café** will be open all afternoon from midday to 6pm around the bandstand.
- **Talks and discussions** to be held in the Moroccan tent on the open field from 12.30 to 5pm.
- If you need **information, first aid, or any other help**, come to the **welcome stall** which will be located near the bandstand.

Talks and discussion:

12:30- 1:15 International solidarity and learning from land struggles around the world.

The London Mining Network and Global Women's Strike will discuss their work with communities struggling to protect their land, drawing inspiration for us here.

1:30- 2:15 Who owns London and the implications for key struggles

The People's Land Policy will be joined by speakers from Incredible Edible Lambeth, Friends of the Earth- London, Housing Rebellion and Refurbishment not Demolition discussing how their campaigns are affected by who owns and controls the land.

2:30-3:15 Land and special community places

All localities have places which are special, enhancing the life of the community. How can land reform help us to protect and extend these places? Speakers include: Granville Community Kitchen, Friends of Windrush Square, Friends of London Green Spaces Network, and Community of Street Markets Campaign- London.

3:30- 5:00 The big picture: bringing it together

How can we bring all our struggles together to fight for land? This session will bring people together to discuss ideas for what we can do next, how we can work together in the future. It be led by the People's Land Policy, who will first present the work of themselves and others, who have sought to look at the big picture, nationally, London-wide and in a borough, followed by discussion.

Stall Holders and Speakers

Community Action for Land Liberation (CALL)

We are a grassroots Land Justice Education and Action group based in Haringey, North London. We are part of the Planet Repairs Action Learning Education Revolution (PRALER), using the lens of Planet Repairs to work on Land Justice issues. We organise Popular Education Circles in our local community on various Land Justice issues, previous circles have included: The Enclosures and Land Justice, Food Sovereignty and Land Justice, Palestine and British Colonialism, Reclaiming Urban Spaces and Queerness and Land Justice. We create these circles as part of a planning group composed of members of our local community and strive to link up local land justice issues with the global, creating a glocal community of learning and action.

**Contact: Instagram: @community_action_for_land_lib,
E-mail: communityaction4landliberation@gmail.com.**

Community Food Growers Network (CFGN)

The CFGN is a network of groups engaged in growing food, taking land back for community use, and supporting others to grow food, in healthy, sustainable ways. We focus on connecting, cooperating and supporting each other, within and beyond our neighbourhoods. Our members are based across London. The Community Food Growers Network is the only body campaigning for food growing in London that is run by food growers for food growers. Since we launched in 2010, we have supported members threatened with eviction, co-produced the Towards a Resilient Food System for London policy paper that was presented at London City Hall, and participated in local, national and global initiatives for food justice. Our members have won countless awards, gained access to land and assets through the Network, and increased their funding through partnership work.

Contact: info.cfgn@gmail.com, <https://www.cfgn.org.uk/>

Community of Street Markets Campaign London

London's traditional street markets in working class areas across the city face the threat of gentrification and shrinkage of the markets. Conferences in 2019 and 2023 brought together traders and campaigners from many different street markets to share experiences and make proposals. A key proposition is for markets to be run in a more democratic way, with decisions about the market budget (usually held by the local authority) devolved to the traders and their customers in the spirit of participatory budgeting.

The Fairville London Lab, part of a European wide project, has filmed 11 street markets in Tower Hamlets, Hackney and Newham, interviewing market traders and customers to make the case for street markets as a public asset. The films are available on the Fairville London You Tube channel and public screenings will take place in the 2nd half of 2024.

Fare Free London

We are campaigning for free public transport in London. Our organisation brings together community groups, trade unions, environmentalists and others who see free public transport as central to our vision of the London in which we want to live – where people, their health and the lives they live, come first. We stand for transport provided as a public service, just like health, education and public parks, and supported by public investment. Free public transport is socially just, supporting the lowest-income families that are least likely to have a car. It is better transport, underpinned by substantial investment, with a secure, properly-rewarded workforce. It is one of the drastic, demonstrative actions needed to tackle climate change globally and air pollution locally. Public transport is already free in many smaller cities, including Luxemburg, Tallinn (Estonia), cities in France and the USA, and more than 100 municipalities in Brazil. London can be the first big global city to follow their example. We call on the Mayor and the Greater London Authority to provide free public transport, and we call on national government to support free public transport in London, and around the country.

Contact: www.farefreelondon.org / info@farefreelondon.org

Friends of London Friends of Green Spaces Network

All of London's green spaces need Friends. London's 4,000 public green spaces are vital to every community. Over the last 25 years an inspirational grassroots users' movement has grown up, with currently around 1,000 independent local Friends Groups determined to appreciate, animate, help maintain, improve, take 'ownership' of and protect their local space. Increasingly such groups are coordinated at the borough and London level to share news, discuss good practice, and call for the policies and funding needed. How can we set up more groups, and strengthen this movement to ensure local communities are involved and empowered?

Contact: Dave Morris, London Friends of Green Spaces Network – www.lfgn.org.uk

Global Women's Strike (GWS)

Global Women's Strike is an international multiracial network campaigning for recognition and payment for all caring work for people and planet – a Care Income. We work with women in Andhra Pradesh and elsewhere regenerating the soil through natural farming and reclaiming the land from corporate greed.

Global Women's Strike will be presenting in session 1
Presenter: Solveig Francis

A grassroots women-led movement for natural farming in Andhra Pradesh India is reclaiming use of the land away from chemical farming to regenerate the soil, grow nutritious food, improve health, increase women's incomes, build community resilience, cool the earth. Women in AP often don't own land, but by being very well-organised in self-help groups and working collectively, have built the power to determine/be in charge of how land is used – that it be primarily for human benefit,

not profit. They bring new priorities to the whole State and beyond. It's right on time for the climate and land justice movement here - how we use land and by whom, growing our food, and improving the quality of our lives - is crucial to saving the planet. Climate science barely considers this grassroots experience and science. A member of the Global Women's Strike team to Andhra Pradesh will present how this movement organizes, spreads the methods and gives us all hope.

Contact: www.globalwomenstrike.net

Women of Colour GWS

We are a network of African, Asian, Caribbean, Indigenous and Latina women in the Global Women's Strike, campaigning against sexism, racism, poverty, deportation, war, occupation, apartheid & genocide. We work for justice in Palestine, and with land-workers in India, Thailand, Africa and the US.

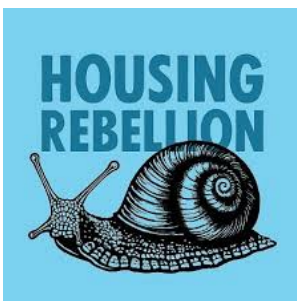
Women of Colour in Global Women's Strike will be presenting in Session 1

Presenter: Sara Callaway

Women are 80% of farmers and land workers worldwide, often without land rights. Access to land and control over its use is vital to women and children's lives, but this is scarcely considered. Immigrant women bring expertise from our home lands, yet planners and developers ignore our needs. Housing, unaffordable and often a health hazard, divides & isolates us. Children need to be able to play outdoors near to their mothers/caregivers, yet playgrounds, green spaces, allotments, gardens, and much more are being sold off, or polluted. Women's unwaged caring/justice work on these issues to protect communities is often invisible. Join us in looking at land use through women's experience, to inform what we must do.

Contact: <https://globalwomenstrike.net/womenofcolour/>

Housing Rebellion



We are a direct action campaign fighting for everyone to have a secure home on a liveable planet! They are at the intersection of the housing and the environmental movement and work closely with Refurbishment not Demolition.

Contact: www.linktr.ee/housingrebellion for our social media links,
housingrebellion@protonmail.com

Housmans Bookshop

Housmans is a not-for-profit shop that specialises in books on environmentalism, feminism, anarchism, anti-racism, anti-fascism, LGBTQIA+ politics, socialism, and nonviolence. It also stocks radical and socially engaged fiction, children's books, graphic novels, magazines, zines, and poetry. It is Britain's oldest continuously running radical bookshop, established in 1945, and is located in King's Cross.

Contact: Housmans Bookshop 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX.
www.housmans.com and Email: shop@housmans.com

Just Space

Just Space is a London wide network of voluntary and community groups working together to influence planning policy at the regional, borough and neighbourhood levels. It grew from sharing information, research and resources on the Further Alterations to the London Plan in 2007. The Just Space ethos is one of grass-roots networking, informing and supporting local communities so that their contributions to planning policy are empowering and effective. It does this by:

- Maintaining an overview of strategic planning issues and their implementation
- Providing mutual support to community organisations engaging in the London Plan EiP process
- Raising awareness of London planning policies at local level
- Cascading learning to the local level in a way that informs involvement in Local Plans
- Working in partnership at the local level to develop new links between voluntary and community sector groups, groups concerned with equalities and active residents
- Developing plain language information that is accessible for all Londoners.
- Coordinating the skills and expertise of members where possible

Contact: <https://justspace.org.uk/>, twitter: @JustSpace7

Land Workers Alliance

LWA is a democratic, member led union, run by land workers for land workers. All our policies, representation and training comes from members who have direct experience of the issues we work on. Join us today and add your voice to our movement. We are members of La Via Campesina, the International Peasant's Movement, which represents over 200 million peasants, farmers and land-based workers through 182 member organisations.

At the Land Justice Fair you can meet members of your local Landworkers Alliance organising team; find out about activities in the South East England region; browse our recent publications; and learn more about LWA's work across the four nations. We look forward to meeting you and making connections within the land justice movement!

Contact: <https://landworkersalliance.org.uk/>

London Mining Network (LMN)



The LMN works with communities around the world who are harmed by or threatened with harm by mining companies registered on the London Stock Exchange, funded and insured by London based companies or embedded in our cultural and educational institutions through the sponsorship they provide.

Around the world, mining companies are driving communities off their lands, destroying fragile ecosystems rich in biodiversity, and generating enormous mountains of potentially dangerous waste. Their impact on traditional, sustainable land-based livelihoods and people's health and well-being is disastrous. Opposition to mining is frequently met with violence and mining areas are often highly militarised.

The ongoing appropriation of land for mining rarely benefits the communities impacted. The main beneficiaries are the shareholders of the companies concerned. As consumers in the Global North, we also benefit from the cheap products such as phones and laptops and cheap energy which are all based on the extraction of metals and minerals.

Several familiar mining companies are well over one hundred years old. Their story is fundamental to the story of British imperialism. Younger, newer companies simply slot into this continuing imperialist pattern of violent appropriation of land and extraction of resources.

For us at London Mining Network land justice cannot simply be a local or even national issue. Here in the UK, our way of life is built on the theft of land and resources in the Global South enabled by London as an important centre for finance. Come and hear about some of the communities who are resisting London listed mining companies and how you as a citizen of London might be able to help us call those companies to account.

[https://londonminingnetwork.org/
contact@londonminingnetwork.org](https://londonminingnetwork.org/contact@londonminingnetwork.org)

National Barge Travellers Association (NBTA)



The NBTA is a member-led organisation of travelling boat dwellers and their supporters. The NBTA provides support and advice to people whose home is a boat without a permanent mooring throughout Britain's inland and coastal waterways. We believe in mutual solidarity through our casework and campaigning. The NBTA acts to defend the legal rights of members and engages in lobbying to advance the interests of itinerant live-aboard boaters at both central and local government levels. We encourage individuals to take collective action to defend themselves and the interests of the community as a whole. At the moment we are fighting a campaign on a licence fee surcharge which increases the cost of licencing a boat disproportionately on boaters without home moorings. We see this as a direct attack on our nomadic way of life, designed to pressure us off the water. Navigation authorities are progressively imposing tougher restrictions on our community. The waterways are increasingly being marketised to increase profits from property developments and the leisure industry. Every year boat dwellers are evicted and their boats seized. No one should be made homeless, including boat dwellers.

Please sign our petition

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/stop-the-boat-licence-fee-surcharges>

Contact: <https://www.bargee-traveller.org.uk/contacts/>

email: secretariat@bargee-traveller.org.uk

phone: 0118 321 4128

Past Tense

Is a project exploring working class, social, subversive and underground history and geography, mainly (but not always) around the areas where we live in London - in print, online, and through walks and occasional talks or actions. We're interested in the past, not as an academic exercise divorced from our own lives and experiences, but because our current struggles to change the world around us for the better resonate with the movements of the past, and have taken place in the same streets and spaces. In the ways we work, get housed, feed ourselves we labour under basically hierarchical social relations - ties and divisions based on class, race, sex, who we choose to sleep with... and the other walls we desire to break down. We work for a future without pointless work, inequality, war... And if we don't see that future, we'll live as much of it in the present as we can create for ourselves and the people around us.

Contact: <https://pasttense.co.uk/>

Rebel City Collective

Rebel City is a newspaper that aims to cover all issues of importance to working class Londoners. We argue for a radical transformation of our city. Rebel City is collectively produced by a range of groups and individuals. We also go into schools and talk about anarchism to A level politics students and have recently produced an new introduction to anarchism book explaining to younger people what anarchist is really about which has sections on the environment and land distribution.

Contact: londonrebelcity@gmail.com, <https://rebelcitylondon.wordpress.com/>,

<https://www.instagram.com/londonrebelcity/>

Refurbish Don't Demolish

Refurbish Don't Demolish campaigns to save council and housing association homes from demolition. In a time of climate and housing crisis, thousands of structurally-sound homes on hundreds of estates across London & the UK are needlessly facing demolition. This is nothing more than a land grab as our social heritage is turned into assets for investors that no-one can afford to live in. Communities are dispersed and countless homes are left empty or in poor condition to further the agenda of social cleansing. Refurbish Don't Demolish demands that social housing is defended and retrofitted for future generations.

Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/WhyDemolish/>, <https://twitter.com/whyledemolish>

Reimagine London/Fossil Free London

Reimagine London are the solution-focused campaign group within Fossil Free London. We highlight and campaign for a London that we all want to live in: where nature and people thrive with clean air, clean energy and green spaces. At the Land Justice Fair we will be asking Londoners:

- How would you change the land you live on?
- We will be asking people to cover our “Retrofit Wendy House” in what they would like their landlord, landowner or council to do to make it more efficient and reduce energy use e.g. solar panels, thermal heat pumps, triple glazing. We plan to take this to the next Housing Minister to campaign for policies to make new and existing houses more energy efficient.
- How would you change the land we all own?
- We will be raising awareness of campaigns that reclaim natural land in London, to keep our parks and open spaces safe for us and nature to enjoy, such as the East London Waterworks Park. We will be asking people to join us in signing petitions or writing to local decision makers to protect our natural spaces.

Contact: @fossilfreelondon

Black Rootz

Black Rootz is the first multigenerational Black-led growing project in the UK, where the older generation share their expertise on growing whilst also supporting youth engagement in their surrounding natural environment. Black Rootz was established in Spring 2019. It's our incubation project with its home at Wolves Lane Horticultural Centre. We recognise the need to ensure that Black and racially minoritised growers reflect and represent the cultural diversity of the Borough of Haringey and the wider UK. Fruit and vegetables fairly new to British shores such as sweet potatoes, exotic squashes and tomatillos can all be found at Wolves Lane, and passing down knowledge is vital to ensuring growing techniques survive. The need to develop a Black-led growers' collective stems from a combination of individual, community and wider systemic needs, surrounding food security, sustaining livelihoods and the importance of Black and racially minoritised communities having control of critical community spaces and issues surrounding who owns the land and who's excluded or exploited by it.

Contact: <https://www.ubele.org/our-work/black-rootz>

Ubele

Ubele [oo-beh-leh] is taken from Swahili meaning ‘the future’. We are The Ubele Initiative, an African diaspora led, infrastructure plus organisation, empowering Black and racially minoritised communities in the UK, to act as catalysts for social and economic change. To achieve this, we work with community leaders, groups, and organisations in the UK and beyond to strengthen their sustainability, resilience, and voice. The Ubele Initiative was founded in 2014, following a series of dialogue sessions with African diaspora leaders, to find effective solutions to persistent social and economic issues in the UK. We began working with African and Caribbean communities in London and Manchester and built strong connections with the global African diaspora, to create opportunities for mutual learning and exchange. Maintaining our bottom-up, community-based practice, we facilitated, incubated, and nurtured community initiatives; enabling people to tackle racial and social injustice and advance their own solutions to challenges within their communities.

In ten years, we had a transformational impact on thousands of individuals, and developed a tailored practice of capacity support which responds to the specific needs of voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations, led by and primarily serving Black and racially minoritised communities. This has been important for community organisations with ageing and under-resourced buildings and spaces, for whom the introduction and modelling of more entrepreneurial and partnership-based approaches to asset management has been highly effective. And, we have learned by doing, developing a model of best practice at the Wolves Lane Horticultural Centre, where we are one of three steward organisations within a consortium overseeing the transformation of a former council owned site to a community owned asset supporting a number of food growing social and community enterprises.

Contact: <https://www.ubele.org/>

Unit 38: Planning and Collective Ownership

Unit 38 are a workers’ cooperative focused on community-led developments operating at the intersection of low-carbon architecture, democratic ownership, economic policy and political action. We are named after our first office above a nail salon – ‘Pretty Nails’ – inside Seven Sisters Indoor Market at Wards Corner, Tottenham. We initially found each-other through a shared frustration with models of ‘regeneration’ now typical across British cities, which often dispossess communities only to accelerate the housing crisis. In 2018, we began collaborating with the traders to prepare the ‘Wards Corner Community Plan’ to prevent the market, a vital cultural hub for working class migrants, being demolished to make way for luxury flats by one of Britain’s largest developers. In 2021 we achieved a significant victory, pressuring the developer to officially withdraw from the site. The landowners (Transport for London) and local authority (Haringey Council) are now committed to a community-led future for the site. We class communities who are typically excluded from processes of urban change – ranging from migrants and refugees to low-income groups threatened with displacement from their neighbourhoods. While we don’t think architecture alone can address wider issues of societal inequality, it can demonstrate viable alternative futures, which in turn can enable new political, economic and ecological possibilities. We are currently working on a range of community planning projects across the country which emphasise retrofitting, cooperative ownership and community wealth building.

Contact: <https://www.unit38.org/>, mail@unit38.org

XR London



XR London represents the Extinction Rebellion movement in London. XR is a non-violent, direct action movement for environmental and climate justice. We strongly voice the position that the current crises of climate, environmental degradation, oppression and human rights abuses are all connected and stem from a toxic economic system that puts profit above people and planet, privileges a few at the expense of the many. We also advocate for a genuine participatory democracy of Citizens Assemblies, where the people are empowered to make decisions about the issues that affect them - such as land use, public services and protection of public space and resources. Visit us at the Land Justice Fair to find out more about Citizens Assemblies, our current campaigns - and an upcoming mass action this summer.

Contact: <https://rebellion.global/groups/gb-london/>

56a Info shop

56a Infoshop is a long-term volunteer-run, 100% unfunded, DIY social centre in Walworth, South London since 1991. We share a collectively-run building with the brilliant Fareshares Food Co-op and the awesome 56a Bikespace.

COME AND CHECK US OUT:

- we sell radical books, zines, magazines, pamphlets and other printed matter on a wide variety of topics from Anarchism to Zapatistas via everything in between.
- we have a massive open-access archive so you can read and research about all sorts of radical politics (both local and international).
- you can hang out and meet people in the space. Tea and coffee is free!
- find out about what's going on with other centres, squats, struggles and campaigns.
- come and help us put on small events in our space. We can offer free meeting space for groups / study groups / book launches etc. We fit about 15 ok inside plus we have the outside large yard space good in Spring through early Autumn.
- Use our SQUATTERS NOTICEBOARD to meet other squatters, post up info on empty buildings, read legal advice etc.

Contact: 56 Crampton St, Walworth, London SE17 3AE

Open: Thurs 2-8 / Fri 3-7 / Sat 2-6

Email us: 56a@riseup.net, **twitter:** @56aInfoshop, **instagram:** @56aInfoshop

Earth Tenders

Earth Tenders is a black-led community garden, hub and archiving project based inside Dulwich Park, South London. We offer low or no-cost workshops and training in food growing, medicine making, nature walks, crafts and wellbeing practices for our communities. Earth Tenders began as

a roaming and seasonal workshop provider in communities across London offering nature and holistic facilitation. We are responding to the collective call for BPOC-led and affirming spaces within earth practices.

Contact: info@earthtenders.co.uk / www.earthtenders.co.uk / [@earth.tenders](https://www.instagram.com/earth.tenders)

Friends of Windrush Square

The Friends of Windrush Square originated as a sub-committee of the NGO Brixton Society but has operated independently since 2021. We represent a diverse collection of local residents, activists and business representatives, including Black Cultural Archives, the Brixton Bugle, St Matthew's Church, Black Culture Market and national organisations, including Repowering London. Our mission is to protect and promote the heritage, function, and architecture of Windrush Square (and its surroundings) by advocating for initiatives that generate social value. In 2022 we launched the Reimagining Windrush Square campaign, intended to ensure that the local community has a direct input into future redevelopment plans for Windrush Square.

Contact: E-mail: friendsofwindrushsquare@gmail.com and <https://www.instagram.com/friendsofwindrushsquare/>

Incredible Edible Lambeth (IEL)



IEL exists to nurture a localised food network providing an abundance of affordable, nutritious fruit and veg, with a food growing space within 100m of each Lambeth home. We are a thriving network of more than 120 group members and beneficiaries and 550 individual members. We support food growers with resources, connections, upskilling and advocacy.

Contact: coordinator@incredibleediblelambeth.org

Loughborough Farm

The Loughborough Farm is a community food growing project in Loughborough Junction, south London. The project was started by Loughborough Junction Action Group in August 2013 and has been growing ever since. The vision was to create a patchwork of community growing spaces on derelict or underused land. Our main site is on Loughborough Road, SW9 7EL, opposite Wyck Gardens. We have also helped to create or support growing spaces in Southwell Road, Marcus Lipton Youth Centre, Moorlands Estate Nature Garden Allotment, Styles Gardens and Wyck Gardens. Over the past 3 years, we have grown and delivered 400 tomato and herb plants to Loughborough Estate residents to grow on their balconies.

Contact: <https://www.loughboroughfarm.org/>, hello@loughboroughfarm.org

South London Urban Growers

We are a community - led group dedicated to creating and nourishing outdoor spaces through gardening. Our aim is to provide and create spaces for growing food forest gardens whilst looking after and preserving the land. Our sessions always consist of sharing and exchanging knowledge. Together we create an enjoyable space where everyone can thrive. Sometimes not everything works, but through trial and error we learn useful lessons which are turned into positive experiences. We hold regular gardening sessions as well as facilitate regular workshops in our sites at St. Frances Food forest, Copleston church, Bellenden road garden and Bromer road. If you wish to get in touch and find out more about how to take part in a workshop or get involved with some gardening.

Contact: Email: contactslug2020@gmail.com, Instagram: [@_s.l.u.g._](https://www.instagram.com/_s.l.u.g._)

Southwark Planning Network (SPN)

The SPN links people in grassroots community groups across the borough working on the effects of planning and regeneration in their local areas. People taking part share their experience and information and give each other mutual support. There are now over 300 individuals on the mailing list. They are active in over 75 local groups across the borough.

Contact: <https://bit.ly/SouthwarkPlanningNetwork-SPN>

Peckham Vision

Peckham Vision is a local community action group working for the development and effective operation of community and civic engagement in matters affecting Peckham town centre. Over the last 20 years we have had to fill the vacuum resulting from the absence of good engagement processes in planning for large sites, and also the absence of basic town centre management. We have been able to mobilise thousands of local people to support better plans and after much hard work sometimes get local views into the Council processes. Peckham has been voted 11th coolest neighbourhood by the annual Time Out global survey as a result of the repurposing of old buildings in and around Rye Lane helping to develop the local economy through entertainment and leisure. Community action is a crucial way for neighbourhoods to regenerate themselves without commercial demolition and corporate takeovers.

Contact: follow [@peckhamvision](https://www.instagram.com/peckhamvision) on social media, and email info@peckhamvision.org

Peckham Heritage

Peckham Heritage is a local community group bringing together local heritage enthusiasts to protect Peckham's heritage and widen and deepen local understanding of its value. It has grown out of the Peckham Heritage Regeneration Partnership (PHRP) which was a community programme as part of the Peckham Townscape Initiative (THI) funded by the Heritage Lottery fund and by Southwark Council. The THI was a proposal in 2011 by Peckham Vision. It was approved and in operation by 2015 and completed its work in 2022. It restored nine 18th and 19th historic buildings in Peckham High Street and the PHRP programme engaged local people through a variety of community projects throughout the whole process. Peckham Heritage launched the book *Peckham's Heritage: Past, Present and Future* in March 2024. This is on sale in Peckham and through the website.

Contact: www.peckhamheritage.org.uk

Aylesham Community Action (ACA)

ACA is a community campaign co-founded by Peckham Vision and Peckham Heritage in 2020 to encourage and enable local people to engage in the planning processes for the development of the Aylesham Centre which is a large site in the heart of Peckham town centre. This campaign is still in full sway and battling against the inappropriate plans for this large town centre site.

Contact: Email ayleshamcommunityaction@gmail.com

Friends of Queen's Market (FoQM)

FoQM is a grassroots community organisation. We have been meeting regularly for 21 years. Queen's Market is an award-winning popular street market in Newham, East London. It sells food especially fruit and veg and household goods at value price to all the diverse communities. It sits next to Upton Park underground which makes it a target for developers seeking to build luxury flats for commuters and high price high rise investment flats. The last threat to the market was from St. Modwen Properties whose plans were thrown out in 200, forcing them to leave the market in 2010. Since then it looks like the corporate, commercial and planning departments in Newham Council have tried to run the market down so that they can justify another demolition and redevelopment plan. Yes there was a GLA grant for market improvements – but where the money ended up is quite another story. In May the Council ran a consultation offering the public two 'development choices both of which include building high rise luxury flats on market land. They said the market will remain but we know that luxury flat-dwellers won't want a lively noisy diverse street market on their doorsteps. WE FIGHT ON.

Contact: E-mail: friendsofqueensmarket@yahoo.co.uk. Text 07903374009
www.friendsofqueenemarket.org.uk

Hunt Saboteurs: Essex and Suffolk



Suffolk and Essex Hunt Sabs has been involved with hunt sabotage for 30 + years and is an affiliated group with the Hunt Saboteurs Association, using direct action to save wildlife. We cover most of the East Anglia region (Essex, Suffolk, South Cambs and East Herts) sabbing Fox and Hare hunts, Mink/Otter Hunts and shoots. We are a mixture of ages and backgrounds, with many members involved in animal rescue, social justice campaigns and environmental campaigns, coming together for one common goal, to intervene with hunts to save lives.

Contact: E-mail address: suffolkandessexhuntsaboteurs@protonmail.com

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SEHuntSabs>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SES-Suffolk-And-Essex-Hunt-Sabs-368440019967341/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/suffolkandessexhuntsabs/>

Organic Lea



OrganicLea is a community food project based in the Lea Valley in north-east London. We produce and distribute food and plants locally, and inspire and support others to do the same. With a workers' cooperative at our core, we bring people together to take action towards a more just and sustainable society.

Contact: <https://www.organiclea.org.uk/>

Granville Community Kitchen

Granville Community Kitchen (GCK) is reimagining our food system, co-creating a community of abundance, healing and resilience with eaters, farmers and food producers, chefs and food businesses, community organisations, academics and researchers. It was born and continues to be based and embedded in the South Kilburn (SK) Community, one of the most deprived areas of the UK. SK is facing a regeneration programme begun in 2003 and which Brent Council say is half way through. During this time GCK has led the fight to retain the 2 community buildings in the heart of SK and has been partially successful. It is now in the forefront of struggle of local residents against the Local Authority's Masterplan consisting of massive regeneration in the area.

Contact: www.granvillecommunitykitchen.org.uk

Twitter @GranComKitchen

Instagram: @grancomkitchen

Haringey Solidarity Group

We are a group of local people who feel things need changing and we don't have much faith in politicians and other "so called" leaders to do it for us. Things will only get better for ordinary people when we all decide what is best for us. It is not for some boss, landlord, or so-called leader to decide what they think we need. We believe in doing things for ourselves wherever possible and we try to encourage others to do likewise. We also feel that when ordinary people fight back against the system (be that your boss, the local council or some multi-national company) they need to be supported. We agreed from the birth of HSG onwards that, where possible, we would work with and support local campaigns and try to get them to support us. By this we don't mean taking over a campaign, we mean sharing skills, giving each other confidence to do things and learning from each other's successes and failures. People need to feel confident before they can even think of starting to fight back themselves. We know this may be a slow process but it is far better than starting something up and TELLING people what they MUST do. We don't intend to just become the new set of leaders! They hold regular meetings, publish a local newsletter and are currently involved in the free fares campaign.

Contact: <https://haringey.org.uk/>

London Renters Union



We are a grassroots tenants union funded and led by our 75000 members across London. Our membership includes; private and social housing tenants, people living in temporary accommodation and ordinary people. We have branches across six different London boroughs. We're building power in our communities so we can stand up and win against landlords who exploit us so that we can fight for bigger transformations. Together we have resisted hundreds of evictions, won improvements to our housing, pushed councils to do better enforcement and developed national campaigns to win bigger changes.

Contact details: hello@londonrentersunion.org, @LDNrentersunion

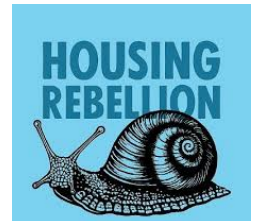
We would like to thank the following for supporting the Fair with donations:

- **Farming the Future:** <https://www.farmingthefuture.uk/>



- **Lambeth Council**

- **Radical Housing Network** (metamorphosed into Housing Rebellion and Refurbish Don't Demolish)



- **Just Space**

- **Planning Aid for London (PAL)**

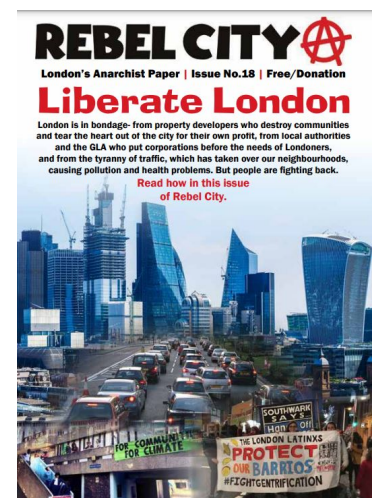
Founded in 1973, Planning Aid for London is a free town planning advice service for tenants and community groups in London. With the support of planners, architects, solicitors, and other built environment professionals, we provide free and independent advice and training so that people from underserved communities can participate meaningfully in the planning process and make positive changes in their neighbourhoods. We also seek to collaborate with other organisations who are supporting communities in London.



For more information and to make contact see <https://planningaidforlondon.org.uk>

- **Rebel City Collective**

Visit their stall and get a copy of the latest edition of their newspaper.



London is booming. London is bursting. London is breaking.

Things are not OK. We're not building the things Londoners need. London's development is driven by financial interests and hot money. London is a carbon factory.

The Just Space Manifesto 2024 has been prepared by many Just Space groups meeting together at a Conference and in working parties. It is a key tool in spreading grassroots knowledge – learnt the hard way – about how to plan for a better, fairer, caring city.

*Just Space is an informal alliance of community groups and campaigns aiming to improve public participation in planning, ensuring policy is fairer towards communities, in a system dominated by the interests of property developers.
@justspace7 justspace.org.uk*



Special thanks...

We would also like to thank **Tori**, from **Incredible Edible Lambeth** for her critical role in the fair organising group. She has the experience, expertise, and local knowledge to turn an idea into a reality.

An extra special thanks go to **Eliza** and **Myatt's Fields Park** which have not only provided such a fantastic venue at no cost, but have given us vital logistical support and advice.

For more info about the park see: <https://www.myattsfieldspark.info/>

Back in the year 2000, a group of park users got together to create **Myatt's Field Park Project** (MFPP). The project became a charity in 2002. And we've never looked back. We've been:

- Managing the park alongside Lambeth Council, helping to keep it beautiful
- Supporting families with term-time activities including Stay and Play and community fun
- Reinvesting every penny of income from our brand new hire facilities back into the park.
- Holding events in the park including summer, autumn and winter fairs

Our core purpose is to develop and protect Myatt's Fields Park as a haven of wellbeing for our urban neighbourhood. Our values are:

Inclusion and diversity - the park is a place for our diverse community and a force for cohesion and unity.

Community led - we are led by the community at all levels of our organisation. We listen to, and are accountable to, local people.

Community action - we empower local people and collaborate with partners to bring about change for our community. We are dedicated, ambitious and strive for excellence.

Heritage and sustainability - we look to the past and to the future. We value the heritage of our park and of local communities. We steward the park sustainably for future generations. We grow the park as a refuge for wildlife and promote biodiversity. We promote local, sustainable food.

Balance - we seek the wellbeing of staff, volunteers, trustees and the local community. We acknowledge the different needs of our community and seek a balance between quiet and activity, income generation and community benefit.

People's Land Policy and the Manifesto for Land Justice

The idea for the fair came from discussion within the People's Land Policy, a collective that seeks to contribute to building a movement for fundamental land reform, challenging both how land is used and owned. Only when we take control of the land, and use it for the benefit of people and nature, will we be able to address the serious crises facing humanity. This can only come about if all those who are active in campaigning around land-related issues- housing, food, community, environmental- join together and make common cause. We hope this fair will help in the process of creating a powerful movement for social and ecological transformation.

History of the PLP

The People's Land Policy grew out of the Land Justice Network (LJN), which itself formed as a result of the 2017 conference *Land for What?*. This conference was historic in many ways. It brought together people active specifically around land rights (eg This Land is Ours, Three Acres and a Cow, Scottish land reform campaigners), but also campaigners from a variety of different areas of struggles, including housing, food, and the environment. Its main message was that many struggles are essentially land struggles and therefore we need to work together to build a land justice movement.

Some of those involved in organising the conference wanted to carry on and build on what the conference started. The Land Justice Network was born. There were three main working groups: action, education and policy, seen as interrelated aspects of the same movement. We in the Policy Working Group worked on a project called 'People's Land Policy'. The name was a reference to the successful work done by Land Workers Alliance and others on 'The People's Food Policy'. The thinking behind it was that we wanted to talk to as many people as possible and find out what they would like from land reform and let the policies emerge from these discussions: land reform from the ground up. This is different from approaches which gather together 'experts' to come up with the ideas which are then presented to people. When the LJN dismantled in 2019, we wanted to continue with our work so we set up a project using that name: the People's Land Policy. We published a pamphlet called '*Working towards a People's Land Policy*' in early 2020. We deliberately used the phrase 'working towards' as it was meant to be a document that was discussed and reviewed by people at the grass roots, with a view to developing, expanding and amending it together with others. Covid hit soon after it was published so we took the initiative to set up a number of seminar series to discuss aspects of the document that were underdeveloped and needed expanding. We held 3 seminar series from 2020 to 2021- a total of 10 seminars in all. The first one focused on the environment, the second on food, and the third on land and democracy. All had a strong international component. We invited a range of speakers and hundreds of people attended at least one of the seminars. The end result was a wealth of ideas, perspectives and views which we collated into a number of reports.

However, we felt that we needed something that was shorter and more accessible, a document that could motivate and stimulate campaigns and action. Hence, *Towards a Manifesto for Land Justice*. Though we would like to see a Land Reform Act in England and Wales, we realise that without a mass movement, effective change is not possible. Those of us in the People's Land Policy

are also active in grass roots campaigns (food, housing, communities). Policy is not just something that politicians and NGOs do- it is demands and ideas for change that come from the aspirations and concerns of ordinary people. This manifesto is a working document; it does not contain fully developed proposals but ideas for change that need to be elaborated upon in the context of a living movement. The aim is something that can inspire and inform practical campaigns and struggles.

Key principles

Underlying the manifesto are some fundamental principles.

Alternative Vision

Our alternative vision sees land as a 'Commons'. This means that land is a common inheritance, a gift of nature to benefit all in which we act as stewards or caretakers so that it can sustain us both now and in the future. The Commons is a social process, a community of people who work together within democratic and fully participatory structures to ensure ecologically responsible production and equitable distribution of the land's wealth and to create resilient communities of care, embedded in place.

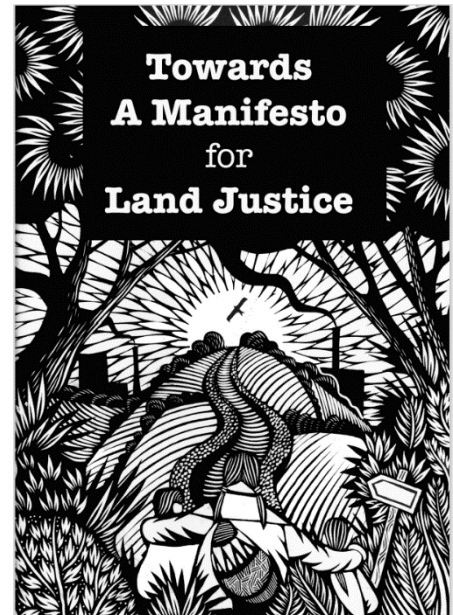
Participation and Equity

Many struggles are struggles for land justice. However, currently we are divided and fragmented into our own separate campaigns, e.g. housing, food or environment. In addition, capitalism and the colonial legacy have pursued divide and rule policies. Ensuring that all voices are heard will require imagination and new structures and ways of doing things.

There are many reasons why it is difficult for people to participate: position in the social structure that means people do not have the resources, capacity or confidence, e.g. low paid workers (often migrants, Black and other People of Colour (BOPC), women), racism and anti-migrant attitudes causing people to not feel welcome, those looking after children and caring for others who don't have time, disabled people who face many obstacles, e.g. struggle to access venues, those who lack cultural capital, e.g. university education, prejudice against the elderly and the young. Also, many people do not have the experience or the confidence due to their family background and other personal circumstances. Moreover, everyone has to have access to the wealth of the land- public benefits cannot be just general public benefits, but ensure that those most marginalised and excluded have fair and just access to the wealth and resources of the land.

Internationalism

Though we focus on land justice in Great Britain, we are fully aware that our struggles do not take place in a vacuum and that we are embedded in a global capitalist system, which itself is based on an imperialist and colonial history- a legacy that is still felt throughout this system and cannot be



separated from it. We need to play our role in supporting other people in struggle around the world.

In addition, we are aware that many parts of the world, especially in the Global South, have a long history of fighting for land rights and have developed ideas and strategies that we can learn from. British culture is based on an obsession with private property rights and individualism and has a view of nature as something to exploit for profit. We need to look to the Global South for a different approach, and some of the ideas in the manifesto reflect contributions from people campaigning on land rights in other parts of the world. Though no culture in the world is free from hierarchy, indigenous peoples in particular have traditions in which they see land as a commons- belonging to no one- in which they have stewardship. These examples provide inspiration for us in Britain.

Website: <https://peopleslandpolicy.home.blog/>

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Lets Make London a Commons!

**For Food Growing -
Housing - Environment
- Green Spaces -
Recreation - Community
- Heritage - For US!**