

# Camp for Climate Action 2010

## PRESS PACK

19th- 25th August, in or near Edinburgh

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# Summary

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## Who are we?

The Camp for Climate Action is a grassroots movement taking direct action against the root causes of climate change. After mobilising and helping stop the proposed third runway at Heathrow and a new coal fired power station at Kingsnorth, we're growing into a mass movement reclaiming our future from government and profit-hungry corporations.

The climate crisis cannot be solved by relying on governments and big businesses with their 'techno-fixes' and market-driven approaches. We must therefore take responsibility for averting climate change, taking individual and collective action against its root causes and to develop our own truly sustainable and socially just solutions.

This year we're targeting the Royal Bank of Scotland.

## Why target RBS?

Coal extraction in the UK, oil exploration, and the devastating tar sands exploitation in Canada are all made possible with the huge loans recieved from banks. RBS is the largest of the UK bank investors in the dirty energy sector.

In a two year period between 2006 and 2008, it is estimated that RBS helped provide loans worth almost \$16 billion to coal related companies, significantly more than any other UK bank.<sup>1</sup>

In a three year time frame examined between 2007-2009, RBS led underwriting for the largest amount in loans to companies operating in controversial tar sands extraction in Canada, to a total of more than \$7.5 billion.<sup>2</sup>

In the six months following the initial bail out, when RBS received £33bn in consecutive government bail outs, it was also involved in financing loans to coal, oil and gas companies worth nearly £10bn (£9,941m) — over a quarter the amount the bank had received from the tax payers at that point.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 'Cashing in Coal – RBS, UK banks and the Global Coal Industry', PLATFORM et al, July 2008. See <http://www.platformlondon.org/carbonweb/showitem.asp?article=338&parent=9>

<sup>2</sup> 'Cashing in on Tar Sands – RBS, UK Banks and Canada's 'blood oil'', PLATFORM et al, February 2010. See <http://blog.platformlondon.org/rbstarsands>

<sup>3</sup> 'New banking rules should reveal emissions from investment, campaigners say', The Guardian, March 2009. See: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2009/mar/02/rbs-environmental-regulations>

We need to stop destructive projects like these, by taking on the institutions that fuel them.

Since 2008, RBS has been bailed out with £45.5 billion of ‘public’ money. Thus, not only do we face decades of unjust public sector cuts, but this diverted cash is being used to trash our future!

The government is making the economic and climate crises worse through austerity cuts and unrestricted banking bailouts. It’s subsidising a financial system that is foolishly dictating the global economy, creates massive inequality, destroys communities, and jeopardises our global future in pursuit of profit. Communities around the world – from Scotland to Nigeria, from Kent to Canada – are saying no to this exploitative and dangerous destruction of our planet and our future, and the Camp for Climate Action is joining them.

### **What will happen?**

Occupy and set up the basecamp: 19th–20th August

Four days of training and direct action: 21st–24th August

Day of action against RBS and fossil fuels: 23rd August

Return basecamp to nature: 25th August

### **The Swoop**

Swoop to take the land

Thursday 19 August, 12 noon, Edinburgh

This year, once again, there will be an exciting public swoop to take the land for the Camp for Climate Action 2010. All are invited to join, whether on foot or bike. The exact location of the camp is kept under wraps until the last minute as in previous years, the police have attempted to prevent the camp from taking place.

To join in, select your meet up point for the day of the Swoop. Each spot will be greeted by a different flag on the day:

- \* The Castle Gates will be greeted by the Black and Green flag
- \* St Andrews Square will have the Pink flag
- \* Bristo Square there will be a Rainbow flag
- \* The Bike B-loch will be meeting in the car park at Duddingston Loch accompanied by the Skull and Cross Bone flag.

Sign your phone number up to our text messaging alert system. Please do this! It will keep everyone in the loop as we collectively swoop to take the land. You can sign up at <http://www.climatecamp.org.uk/actions/edinburgh-2010/swoop>

Arrive at your chosen swoop point by 12 noon on the 19th August, look out for your flag, and

prepare for action!

If journalists would like to take part in the swoop, we have a certain number of campers who are willing to ‘buddy up’ with them during the event. Get in touch with as much advance notice as possible so that we can try to facilitate this.

### **How the camp works**

Every Camp for Climate Action is organised non-hierarchially without leaders using consensus decision-making. Every aspect of the camp from cooking and building compost toilets to action planning is the responsibility of those who turn up. It’s intended to be participatory.

Another aspect of the de-centralised nature of Climate Camp is the network of local groups which carry on Climate Camp’s work in towns and cities up and down the country throughout the year. These groups also form the basis of the neighbourhoods at the Camp itself.

The first couple of days of basecamp will involve people putting the infrastructure of the camp together, and start to plot action possibilities for when larger numbers of people arrive when the Camp officially starts on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **What is direct action?**

There is a long and vibrant history of direct action across the world; from the suffragettes to the civil rights movement, from Gandhi to the miners’ strike. The examples of people getting together to make the world a better place are well known. Direct action means actively deciding to do what you think is the right thing to do, and not waiting for somebody else to do it for you – even if that means breaking the law, because it shouldn’t be lawful for corporations to profit from the massive threat to life that is climate change. This assertive approach has historically proved to be a vital motor for progressive change, which we intend to carry on.

We need to rapidly change our energy systems to avert catastrophic climate change. This will take huge ambition, which the government is unable to achieve due to its close links with fossil fuel companies and the business sector, and its unquestioned commitment to maintaining a growth based economy. So it is down to social movements to develop worker and community control of our energy supply and our society.

### **RBS’ destructive investments – the tar sands**

The tar sands are the most destructive project on earth, fuelling climate chaos and mass deforestation and trampling on indigenous rights. Extracting oil from them produces 3 to 5 times as much greenhouse gas emissions as from conventional oil. The development covers a massive area of the Canadian wilderness, with toxic ponds so huge they are visible from space, leaking poisons into the local water supply. Indigenous communities, on whose land the project has been

imposed, are seeing high rates of rare forms of cancer and respiratory disease.

Enbridge operates the world's longest crude oil and petroleum products pipeline system, transporting approximately two thirds of Canada's crude oil, much of which is derived from tar sands. They are expanding rapidly with four expansion projects, which will result in an additional 851,600 barrels per day of crude oil and increased US access. RBS underwrote a loan to Enbridge worth \$166.67 million in December 2008.

Controversially, Enbridge is applying for permission for its Northern Gateway pipeline. This would be laid through British Columbia, across more than 50 First Nation's territories and pristine ecosystems. Many of the First Nation communities have committed to resist the construction of the pipeline.<sup>4</sup>

Two members of Canadian First Nations that would be impacted by the Northern Gateway pipeline will be coming to the Climate Camp to talk about the direct link between RBS and the threat to his tribe. Contact us if you would like to arrange an interview with Jasmine Thomas or Riannon Ball.

Jasmine Thomas is a member of the frog clan from Saik'uz, which is a part of the Carrier Nation. She has inherited the ancient practice of traditional medicines from her late great-grandmother, Sophie Thomas. She is completing her Environmental Planning degree at the University of Northern British Columbia. She also participated in the Bolivia Climate Convergence that took place in Cochabamba to speak on issues related to the destructive tar sand developments and the Enbridge Pipeline Project that proposes to cross her traditional territories.

Riannon Ball is a member of the crow clan from the Tahltan Nation. She inherited her Tahltan name Cowunshowit from her Grandma which means "the time when the leaves turn yellow". She recently graduated from UNBC with a degree in Environmental Studies. She has been involved with the Defenders of the Land initiatives, as well as committing to her nation's Tahltan Land Stewardship Committee.

### **RBS' destructive investments – fossil fuels**

Finance plays a large role in determining where we get our energy from. Coal is one of the dirtiest fossil fuels there is. Because of readily available financing, Scotland is experiencing a massive expansion of coal projects. This includes opencast coal mines, which trash the landscape, contribute heavily to climate change, and threaten the health of local people. We need to leave fossil fuels in the ground, but financial institutions including RBS are paying for projects that

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<sup>4</sup> see <http://understory.ran.org/2010/08/03/tar-sands-enbridge-and-indigenous-resistance/>

<sup>6</sup> 'RBS is not funding 'climate chaos' – it has excellent green credentials', Andrew Cave, Guardian, 11 March 2010. See: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/mar/11/rbs-tar-sands-renewable-investment>

strengthen our dependency on unsustainable energy.

## **RBS and greenwash**

RBS have repeatedly tried to claim that they are actually a very environmentally friendly bank that is financing a lot of renewables. The bank has issued thousands of glossy leaflets to all its branches entitled 'RBS and the Environment', in which it talks about its renewables financing and the fact that they "achieved the highest possible rating (AAA) for environmental and social management, by the Innovest ratings agency in 2007." RBS chooses not to mention Innovest's October 2007 Carbon Beta Rating which specifically assesses climate risk management. RBS scored only BBB. Out of 15 banks reported on in Innovest's Carbon Disclosure Project report, RBS was the only bank to score less than A.

On 11 March 2010, Andrew Cave, the head of corporate sustainability for the RBS Group wrote a piece for the Guardian trying to counter the allegations against RBS saying that the article "linking RBS to tar sands developments in Canada was highly misleading."<sup>6</sup> On the same day, a Canadian reported newspaper that RBS was opening up a new extension of their oil and gas division in Calgary, the heart of tar sands country.<sup>7</sup>

Richard Gauld of Orkney Sustainable Energy left the following comment in response to Andrew Cave's piece: "Interesting to hear RBS's take on their renewable energy investment. I know first hand that this is not the whole story, as we have repeatedly attempted to persuade the bank to fund our Scottish renewable energy projects. It is not the case that there is a lack of viable projects, as the bank is normally approached only after planning and grid connection has been achieved and all other costs have been fully determined. With viable wind energy projects ready to go, in the windiest parts of Scotland, RBS appears unable to change a mindset which believes that community scale developments are unviable. These projects have now been built, are now fully operational and providing significant financial returns to the community, shareholders and investors - the funders? The Co-operative Bank and Triodos Bank."

While RBS is investing to some extent in renewables, these figures are dwarfed by the amount of money it puts into fossil fuels. RBS can't have it both ways by claiming credit for renewables investment while distancing itself from and denying the massive amounts of finance it is pouring into companies that are trashing the climate and trampling over the rights of marginalised communities. Addressing the threat of climate change requires both clean energy development AND a halt to the massive investment in fossil fuels. We could build an infinite number of windmills but that wouldn't prevent us from catastrophic climate change if we were to still keep burning more and more coal and oil, pumping out the carbon into the atmosphere.

## **Are you against growth completely?**

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<sup>7</sup> See <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/cif-green/2010/apr/01/80-months-and-counting-andrew-simms>

The growth economy is based on extracting and combusting ever-increasing quantities of fossil fuels. There have been no successful attempts to decouple growth rates from emissions levels. This is the ‘elephant in the room’ of our contemporary political system – that we cannot seriously address the threat of climate change while committed to a growth-based economic system.



# **Fighting climate injustice in Scotland**

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There are many Scottish groups and networks which are taking action against climate change in conjunction with local communities.

## **Camp for Climate Action Scotland**

[climatecampsotland.org.uk](http://climatecampsotland.org.uk)

In August 2009 Camp for Climate Action Scotland set up camp for a week of low-impact living and high-impact direct action in support of the Douglas Valley communities and Mainhill Solidarity Camp, resisting the development of a new opencast coal mine.

## **Coal Action Scotland**

<http://coalactionsotland.noflag.org.uk>

The Coal Action Scotland collective exists to challenge the advancement of coal as an energy source, informing people about the dangers posed by new coal, promote alternatives, work with those involved, and directly challenge new coal exploitation from source to point of use.

## **Mainhill Solidarity Camp**

The Mainhill Solidarity Camp was set up in June 2009. For over seven months the camp stood in the way of the open cast mine with fortified bunkers, tunnels, treehouses, a giant scaffold tripod and a fort. The camp had massive support from the local community with constant visits and donations of food. The camp was forcibly evicted in late January 2010 in an eviction lasting five days and resulting in forty three arrests. The campaign against the mine continues.

## **Communities opposing coal**

Communities Opposed to New Coal at Hunterston (CONCH) are trying to see off plans for a new 1.6GW coal-fired power station on Scotland's west coast, next to the site of the Hunterston B nuclear power station and the UK's largest coal port. The Pont Valley Network and No Opencast Today or Tomorrow (NOTT) Campaign are opposing a UK Coal application to mine 556,000 tonnes of coal from the Bradley site, near Dipton, one of many new opencast applications in the area. Communities Against Airfield Opencast Coal (CAAOC) are fighting yet another Scottish Coal opencast application, this time for a 2 million tonne mine near Cousland in Midlothian.

## **The Climate9**

<http://www.climate9.com/>

On March 3rd 2009 nine protesters occupied the runway at Aberdeen airport in a direct action against its planned expansion. Their trial generated significant public interest, and protesters now await sentencing in late August.

# **Summary of previous press stories**

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## **Camp for Climate Action 2010**

Activists to target RBS in Edinburgh

BBC News, 6 August 2010

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-10880312>

Climate Camp targets RBS in Edinburgh

Guardian, 1 June 2010

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2010/jun/01/climate-camp-rbs-edinburgh>

RBS faces climate change protests

Guardian, 22 April 2010

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2010/apr/22/rbs-climate-camp-protest>

Eco warriors will lay siege to RBS in bid to halt 'climate crime' deals

Scotsman, 22 April 2010

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/Eco-warriors-will-lay-siege.6244722.jp>

## **Press stories about RBS fossil fuel finance**

High street banks face consumer boycott over investment in coal projects

Guardian, 11 August 2008

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2008/aug/11/banking.ethicalbusiness>

New banking rules should reveal emissions from investment, campaigners say

Guardian, 2 March 2009

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2009/mar/02/rbs-environmental-regulations>

Green groups to sue Treasury on RBS investments

Financial Times, 30 June 2009

<http://www.ft.com/cms/f0783960-650d-11de-a13f-00144feabdc0.html>

Treasury taken to court for RBS loans to Vedanta Resources

Guardian, 18 October 2009

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2009/oct/18/rbs-vedanta-loan-court-case>

Canadian protest over RBS oil sands role

Financial Times, 16 November 2009

<http://www.ft.com/cms/2f469b2c-d242-11de-a0f0-00144feabdc0.html>

RBS in battle with the Cree First Nation over dirty oil development project on tribal lands

The Herald, 18 April 2010

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/transport-environment/rbs-in-battle-with-the-cree-first-nation-over-dirty-oil-development-project-on-tribal-lands-1.1021471>

RBS under fire over more ‘dirty’ investments

The Herald, 25 April 2010

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/transport-environment/rbs-under-fire-over-more-dirty-investments-1.1022898>

### **Press stories about past Climate Camp actions**

The crucial role of activism in scrapping Heathrow’s third runway

Guardian, 17 May 2010

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/cif-green/2010/may/17/heathrow-third-runway-activism>

The eco activists who are camping against climate change

CNN, 21 October

<http://edition.cnn.com/2009/WORLD/europe/10/20/climate.eco.activism/index.html>

Climate protestors set up in the footsteps of the Peasants’ Revolt

Independent, 27 August 2009

<http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change/climate-camp-set-up-in-the-footsteps-of-the-peasants-revolt-1777735.html>

Climate Camp protestors blockade Royal Bank of Scotland building

Guardian, 1 September 2009

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/sep/01/climate-camp-rbs-blockade>

# **Press release announcing mass action**

August 4th 2010

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## **PROTESTERS TO TARGET RBS GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS**

- Climate activists vow to take action against RBS 'starting with the HQ'
- Protests to coincide with Edinburgh festivals, sponsored by RBS

Hundreds of climate activists have vowed to take action against the RBS headquarters outside Edinburgh later this month. The announcement comes on the day that RBS announces its interim profits, which are expected to show a rise in profits despite the economic downturn.

The Camp for Climate Action are targeting RBS because of its commitment to financing the fossil fuel industry in the UK and around the world (1), including the Canadian Tar Sands (2). Previous camps were held targeting the third runway at Heathrow in 2007 and Kingsnorth coal power station in 2008, and those projects have now been shelved.

The protesters will be setting up a 'climate camp' by 'swooping' on a site in or near Edinburgh from August 19th, and taking mass action against RBS on Monday 23rd, potentially targetting the HQ, offices, branches and fossil fuel projects funded by the bank.

Ruth Brown, a community worker from London said:

"Destructive projects like open cast coal mines in the UK are only made possible through finance from banks like RBS. The government bailed them out, and now they use their profits to destroy our communities and are causing catastrophic climate change.

"We face a double disregard to human well-being. With RBS having been bailed out with £45.5 billion of 'public' money, not only do we face decades of unjust public sector cuts, but this diverted cash is also being used to further trash our climate and communities.

"Communities on the front line around the world – from Scotland to Nigeria, from Kent to Canada – are saying no to this exploitative and dangerous destruction of our planet and our future, and the Camp for Climate Action is joining them."

For more information and comment call 07040 900905, 07584955708 (Scotland)

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1 Since its bail out, RBS has taken part in an estimated £10 billion in loans to coal, oil and gas companies including:

- In January 2009, RBS helped raise £400 million for the Irish company Tullow Oil, and in March 2009 RBS was part of a consortium of 14 banks that lent £1.4 billion to Tullow Oil.

Tullow Oil is involved in the exploration and extraction of oil on the border between Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This area has seen some of the fiercest fighting in an extractive resource-driven civil war as rival armies and militias have struggled for control of the land, leading to thousands of civilian deaths and refugees.

- RBS has helped to raise £116 million for Cairn Energy, a Scottish oil company that is currently doing offshore drilling off Arctic Greenland.

2 Canadian Tar Sands and fossil fuel investments:

Between 2007 and 2009, RBS led the underwriting of loans for tar sands mining in Canada – more than \$7.5 billion. Tar sands are found in the ground in the form of bitumen mixed with sand, clay and water. They are the most carbon-intensive of all fossil fuels, and when refined, they leave giant poisonous lakes containing sand, water, silt, clay, hydrocarbons and toxic chemicals. In Alberta, Canada, high levels of dangerous toxins have been found in the Athabasca River, downstream from tar sands mining. The First Nation indigenous communities who live on this land are suffering daily from this pollution, despite regulations designed to protect human rights and the environment. Local rates of cancers and immune system disease are alarmingly high. For more information on RBS' financing of the fossil fuel industry, see:

<http://platformlondon.org/files/cashinginontarsandsweb.pdf>

## Publicity materials and images

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## CAMP FOR CLIMATE ACTION

This summer people from across the UK will create the Camp for Climate Action in or near **Edinburgh** from 21st-24th August. The sustainably-run camp will be a space for **education, sustainable living** and **direct action** against the root causes of climate change. Come camp with us to create a positive vision for social change & **build the movement** for climate justice.

In recent years the Climate Camp has taken action to stop the new runway at **Heathrow** and a new coal power station at **Kingsnorth**. It has challenged **Carbon Trading**, taken direct action against the **Banks** and the **Fossil Fuel Industries** in the City of London and joined activists from around the world at the UN climate talks in **Copenhagen**.

This year we are turning up the pressure on the **Royal Bank of Scotland** for its role in funding climate catastrophe. This "publicly" owned bank is a major investor in coal, oil, gas and the tar sands **extraction** on a global level. The camp will be a chance to challenge the way "public" money is being invested into ecologically destructive fossil fuels, and where we will ask wider questions about how **banking** and **capitalism** has control over our lives and the future of life on earth.

We welcome **everyone** who wants to take action for **climate justice**. From those targeting fossil fuel finance to communities resisting open-cast coal mines, from those resisting coal-fired power stations to those who fight for a worker-led just transition of the oil industry, the camp will **create a space** where our movements can share skills, experiences, ideas and find new ways to work together.



**Saturday 21st to  
Tuesday 24th August  
Edinburgh**

Take and set up the basecamp: 19th - 20th  
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Never Mind the Bankers postcards and posters

<http://www.climatecamp.org.uk/actions/edinburgh-2010/CC2010postcard.pdf>

<http://www.climatecamp.org.uk/actions/edinburgh-2010/CC2010posterA3.jpg>

**What a load  
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**1**

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This year we're targeting the Royal Bank of Scotland.

**2**

Last year the Royal Bank of Scotland were bailed out with £50 billion of public money. This bank is one of the world's largest investors in oil, gas and coal. From tar sands extraction in Canada to coal infrastructure here in the UK, we're paying to trash our future. These projects are not just causing catastrophic climate change, but destroying the lives and livelihoods of people across the globe. Meanwhile, we're told there is no money left and we should be grateful for decades of public sector cuts.

**3**

Ecological destruction is built into the mechanics of the financial system, with communities disenfranchised from their own futures. This is why, in August, people from across the UK will be converging to take back the power at the Royal Bank of Scotland Headquarters in Edinburgh.

Our sustainable and collectively organised basecamp will give you the chance to learn, train up in direct action skills, and meet like minded individuals. Check out [www.climatecamp.org.uk](http://www.climatecamp.org.uk) to get involved.

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RBS credit card fold-out pamphlet and mini-banner

[http://www.climatecamp.org.uk/actions/edinburgh-2010/cc-creditcard\\_foldout\\_1.jpg](http://www.climatecamp.org.uk/actions/edinburgh-2010/cc-creditcard_foldout_1.jpg)



Our first batch of 2010 stickers, designed by Lesley Barnes.

<http://www.climatecamp.org.uk/actions/edinburgh-2010/CCstickers2010.jpg>

Never Mind the Bankers newspaper

A 16-page newspaper looking at the issues behind this year's Camp is also available. It can be downloaded at: <http://www.climatecamp.org.uk/actions/edinburgh-2010/nevermindthebankers-web.pdf>

## Images and Footage

Photos and footage of the camp will be available for commercial media to use during the camp on a website. Images from past camps are available at <http://climatecamp.org.uk/>

# **Covering the Camp for Climate Action 2010**

## **The swoop to take the site**

There will be a swoop to take the site on Thursday 19 August, 12 noon. Journalists, camera crews and photographers are welcome to swoop onto the site of the camp.

### **Starting locations**

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### **Text Message Service**

To receive updates on where to go on the day of the swoop, sign your phone number up to our text messaging alert system.

You can sign up at <http://www.climatecamp.org.uk/actions/edinburgh-2010/swoop>

## **Media access at the camp**

The Camp for Climate Action is a place for people to plan and take action on climate change. Because many people will be living in this space for almost a week and because some people will be planning actions that require some sensitivity, most people feel it is their private space for the week of the camp, and we ask the media to respect that. However, we also really value the importance of journalism, and the need for us to broadcast our message. To accomodate all opinions in the camp, we agreed a media access policy at our open meeting in July. This is a policy that has been agreed by the wider camp process rather than just being a decision that has been taken by the media team.

On the Swoop itself, August 19th, we want everyone to see what we're doing, so please come along for all of it. However, from the 20th, we'll be asking journalists to respect the camp's agreement.



The media hours are 1pm-6pm: that's after our morning meetings, through lunch and the workshops, and then gives us some time away from the camera lense to have our evening meal. During this time journalists are welcome to be shown around by a camp participant. Please come to the welcome desk, and you will be paired up with a camper who can show you around/

The most important point we have agreed is that anyone taking a photograph of anyone else should ask before doing so. This applies to everyone, not just professional media. The reason for this is that many people at the camp may be doing things which are legally sensitive, such as direct action training, and desire their privacy in this context.

## **Twitter**

We will be twittering throughout the camp. Follow @climatecamp for the latest updates.

## **Contacting us**

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The Climate Camp press team can provide print, radio and TV interviews, and commentary on all aspects of the camp and climate change. We can provide voices from across the country for local and regional news and feature pieces.

Photos and footage of the camp will be available for commercial media to use during the camp on a website.

Feel free to get in touch with any questions or requests.

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