



# eNewsletter

May diary:  
Fintry Renewable Energy Show 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> May  
CHANGE application deadline: 24<sup>th</sup> May  
EWJF: 18-31 May

**CAMPAIGN UPDATE!**

## Look Who's Talking



**Elvis Sukali** from Oxfam Malawi visited Scotland at the end of April.

### What is your job?

- Raising the profile of Oxfam programmes in Malawi with the public, other NGOs and government in order to promote good development practice;
- Working with smaller indigenous NGOs to build their ability to hold government to account through capacity building and budget training to ensure revenues that are required for essential services are delivered to the people;
- Empowering communities to demand their rights from the duty bearers (government service providers) through radio broadcasts and community meetings.

### How is Climate Change affecting people in Malawi?

Many people depend on agriculture to their livelihood. The rainfall season is getting shorter, which is disastrous for crops, specifically maize which is the

staple diet for over 9 million people in Malawi.



The soils are also depleted because the rainfall period is shorter, but heavier, creating soil erosion. People are coping by cutting down trees to make charcoal for fuel, which exacerbates the problem with increased run off.

### What can the people of Scotland do to help?

The long term solution is for people in Scotland to have a strong **Climate Change Legislation** that will guarantee a meaningful cut in greenhouse gas emissions. Short- to medium-term solutions include developed country governments providing funds for poorer countries - that are hardest hit by the effects of Climate Change - to help them adapt to ensure sustainable development.

### Impressions of Scotland?

I have been delighted with the great deal of interest and awareness of Malawi here in Scotland. When I visited the **David Livingston Centre** at Blantyre in

Lanarkshire, I was been touched with the amount of information about Africa and impressed with how David Livingston campaigned to eradicate slavery. ■



On 26<sup>th</sup> April, Oxfam's new climate change campaign was launched by "Gordon Brown"

& friends on the beach in the real PM's constituency of Kirkcaldy, targeting him to deliver a fair and safe deal when the UN leaders meet to discuss climate change in Copenhagen in December this year.  
[www.oxfam.org.uk/aet\\_involved/campaign/](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/aet_involved/campaign/) ■

As the adoption appeal by Madonna gets underway in Malawi, Oxfam is calling on the world to focus on why so many children in Malawi and across the developing world are orphaned. Every year over half a million women lose their lives in childbirth or pregnancy. Access to life-saving medicines, trained midwives and hospital treatments could save the lives of tens of thousands of women. Read more [here](#).



Other ways to help:  
**Oxfam Unwrapped for Parents and Carers**

**Dorothy Ngoma**, Executive Director of the National Organisation of Nurses and Midwives in Malawi, visited Scotland in February to highlight the urgent need for greater investment in public health in her country. Responding to **Douglas Alexander's announcement** of an additional £9m for maternity services in Malawi, Dorothy said: "I am delighted...this is a great achievement for the campaigners of Paisley and Scotland, and the leadership shown by the UK Government.



I hope that Mr Alexander and his colleagues will encourage other nations to follow suit and help prevent the deaths around the world of over **half a million women** every year who die in childbirth and pregnancy, largely because of a lack of access to decent healthcare."

[www.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam\\_in\\_action/where\\_we\\_work/malawi.html](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam_in_action/where_we_work/malawi.html) ■

## Gigs and Festivals

Help fight poverty whilst having fun at the same time:

be a volunteer with Oxfam at one of the following festivals. Please contact Lexi at Outreach for details (sorry, over 18s only):

### June

12 - 14<sup>th</sup>

**Rockness**

21<sup>st</sup>

**West End Festival**

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>

**Outsider Festival**

### July

9-12<sup>th</sup>

**T in the Park**

There will be more to come, so give Lexi a shout if you don't see your favourite festival listed!

[outreachscotland@oxfam.or.uk](mailto:outreachscotland@oxfam.or.uk) ■

## In the Dark about Climate Change?

If you are aged 16 to 25 and living in Scotland, sign up for the **Roars not Whispers** Climate Change event on **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June** at **Our Dynamic Earth** in **Edinburgh**. Send your name, date of birth, phone no. email and (if applicable) organisation name to [events@rnw.org.uk](mailto:events@rnw.org.uk), or call/text 07919 046 878 by **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. We will send your confirmation by late May. Read more: [www.rnw.org.uk/](http://www.rnw.org.uk/) ■



# This Weekend!

## Fintry Renewable Energy Show

Fintry Development Trust aims to turn the Stirlingshire village into a zero-carbon, zero-waste community.

Winner of a 'Not Stupid' award from Friends of the Earth Scotland and the World Development Movement, FDT will present the Fintry Renewable Energy Show (FRESH '09) on **8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May**.

Don't miss this chance to see how your community can aim for zero-carbon status, and participate in this ground-breaking event!

Details: [www.fintrydt.org.uk](http://www.fintrydt.org.uk) / [enquiries@fintrydt.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@fintrydt.org.uk) ■

Renewables and Energy Efficiency for communities and households

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April saw hundreds of climate campaigners gather in the glorious sunshine outside the Scottish Parliament to call on MSPs to lead the way with a world-class Climate Bill. The rally, organised by the **Stop Climate Chaos Scotland** coalition of around 40 organisations, was hailed as one of the most successful to be seen at the Scottish Parliament with 30 MSPs joining in. Supported

by an army of paper people representing many of those unable to attend on the day, campaigners were calling on MSPs to secure a strong **Scottish Climate Change Bill**, specifically asking for annual emission reduction targets of 3%

The coalition hopes that the Bill can lead the way for the rest of the world at the **UN Climate Summit in Copenhagen this December** where a new treaty on climate change will be created.

**Climate Change is about Human Rights** ■



Do you want to CHANGE the World? If so, Oxfam wants to hear from you!

Oxfam knows that the real way to make lasting change is through people taking action, through people making their voices heard & through people demanding to change minds.

**Oxfam is giving 40 young people aged 18-25 an amazing opportunity to receive specialist training and knowledge for campaigning on development issues.**

We are running an all-expenses-paid four-day residential training course in **Birmingham from 18-21 September 2009**, which will equip you with everything you need to know to make an impact in the **fight against poverty and suffering**.

To find out more and to download an application pack please visit:

[www.oxfam.org.uk/get\\_involved/campaign/actions/change\\_youth.html](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/get_involved/campaign/actions/change_youth.html)



The deadline for applications is **Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>**. ■



The fourth **Edinburgh World Justice Festival (EWJF)**, will take place from **18th to 31st May 2009**, continuing the legacy of the Make Poverty History and

G8 alternative campaigns, and picking up on the theme of building justice out of crisis. [www.ewjf.org.uk/](http://www.ewjf.org.uk/) ■

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