



Look Who's Talking



David Grimason has campaigned for arms control since losing his 2-year-old son Alistair in a shooting in a Turkish café in July 2003.

What do you make of the UN vote on the international Arms Trade Treaty (ATT)?

The **Yes** vote on 31st October means that many countries want to make the world safer. There has been so much momentum behind the [World is Watching](#), campaign, with support from people like Desmond Tutu and I think the politicians know we've had over 1 million people support the Million Faces petition. I hope that we get some action before 2012. There is the potential to save the lives of millions.

Tell us about your visit to Kenya

My wife Ozlem and I were invited by Oxfam in 2006 - the year of the first vote in favour of an ATT- to see the effects of arms on people in the Turkana region, on the border with Uganda and Ethiopia. It's a place with only sporadic villages. But there is lots of tribal conflict and livestock theft. The tribes raid each other's villages with illegal arms from Uganda, and shoot anyone that gets in the way.

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We attended a Peace Festival bringing together the Turkana and an Ethiopian tribe to talk about the dangers of arms - about 100 people from each tribe. All were armed, bought with money from selling livestock. *Everyone* had been affected in some way, having lost several family members and/or friends. People had been displaced from their villages: lost, wandering for days and days until someone from another village would take them in. I was asked to talk about my own experiences.

It really brought home that the weapons they have are from far away, smuggled into the country. An ATT would have the power to stop all that suffering.

Why is there still a need to campaign?

Resolutions go through at such different times governments can forget about them. And significantly, the **US and Zimbabwe** have still to sign up.

What can we do to help?

The [Million Faces Petition](#) is still active. Let MPs know we want/need a *strong* ATT, with human rights at its heart. We need to keep up the pressure to make sure that we get that. ■

Find them here: www.writetothem.com

mysociety.org

The Economic Crisis in rich countries has had a knock-on effect for the world's poor, leading to a **Global Food Crisis**. See Duncan Green's blog at www.oxfamblogs.org/fp2p/

Around 24,000 people die daily of hunger-related causes. Millions more are highly sensitive to price rises; parents must choose between food for their families and medicine for their children. Even in the UK many will face the choice this winter: Heat or Eat.



Just back from a [visit to Malawi](#), Singer Sandi Thom helped launch the [Oxfam World Food Crisis Appeal](#)

The Appeal focuses on

- **immediate** need, i.e. food, and cash for food
- **medium term**, fair access to markets for surplus produce ;
- **long term**, campaigning against the [underlying causes](#) of the Global Food Crisis:
 1. **Biofuels**
 2. **Supply and Demand**
 3. **Climate Change**

Edinburgh HIV/AIDS conference Thurs 6th
Glasgow: Antiracism March and Dundee: Fairtrade Training, both Saturday 29

The demand for **biofuels** to replace petroleum causes a devastating reduction in land available for food crops, leading to major price increases and food shortages. Increases in the cost of fertilisers and other farm expenses impact heavily on food prices. A history of **under-investment** in agriculture in poorer countries, **unfair trade** rules and farming policies that benefit **rich countries**, are all major factors. And finally, increasingly unpredictable weather patterns leading to **climate change** mean that poor farmers are unable to grow as much, and even major producers like Australia have been badly affected.

Yet £10 will provide food for a family for one month!

Give: ♦ www.oxfam.org.uk

♦ tel: 0300 200 1300

♦ or at over **60 Oxfam shops** across the whole of Scotland

Act: ♦ Throw a film party (see over)

♦ Host a dinner party:

www.oxfam.org.uk/get_involved/fundraise/gfc.html

♦ Write to the politicians:

[get_involved/campaign/actions/global_food_crisis.html](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/get_involved/campaign/actions/global_food_crisis.html) ■

Mexico Without the Sun

HIV/AIDS Conference

Edinburgh Uni [Stop AIDS Society](#) conference mirrors the one which took place this summer in Mexico. **November 6, 9am, auditorium B** Chancellor's Buildings, Little France Crescent, Edinburgh. Reg: iacsedinburgh@googlemail.com ■

"World-wise"

Learn how to change the world! 2-hour tasters in Glasgow:



Mitchell Library **Mon 10th**
Langside Halls **Wed 26th**

both 6.30 – 8.30pm. Book free:
clairewomble@googlemail.com ■



Scottish
Fair Trade
Forum

FREE Campaign
Day, Workshops
Small Grants
info, etc

Saturday 29th Nov 10am - 3:30pm
Dundee University, Dalhousie
Building, Old Hawkhill, **Dundee**
info@sftf.org.uk 0131-474 8014 ■

STUC St Andrew's Day
Anti Racism March and Rally
Saturday 29 November 2008

■ **March assembles** 10.30am
St Andrew's in the Square
(off Saltmarket), Glasgow

■ **March off** 11.00am

■ **Rally** 12 noon GFT, Rose St
0141 337 8100

info@stuc.org.uk
www.stuc.org.uk ■



On 23rd October, over 2000 MPs from 124 countries presented a [declaration](#) to the UN in favour of a global [Arms Trade Treaty \(ATT\)](#). MP Ibrahim Toure from Mali, one of the first signatory states, asked: "How can we sleep, with 16 billion pieces of ammunition - equal to 2 (for) each of us - in the world?". On 24th October, [senior military officers](#) from Pakistan, Nigeria and Belgium, urged support for crucial ATT vote.

And on 31st October, 147 states at the UN [voted overwhelmingly](#) to move forward with work on an Arms Trade Treaty.

In a letter to the Control Arms partners, [David Miliband](#), Secretary of State for the FCO, pledged his own commitment, encouraging "everyone who wrote to me to become ambassadors for the ATT..."

From NY Oxfam said: "*we need leaps forward not steps, as every day lost means hundreds more lives lost.*" Malcolm Fleming added: "Campaign to get the US on board now..." ■



Another Fantastic Win!

Described by green campaigners as "[the best climate change legislation in the world](#)", Scotland's decision to



Include **aviation and shipping emissions** in a bid to curb its carbon footprint by 80%

by 2050 closes what was seen as a gaping hole in proposed climate legislation. Recent announcements from both Holyrood and Westminster are great news for the thousands of Oxfam supporters who have been [lobbying](#) for this much stronger stand. Every letter or email **your** MSP or MP has received has contributed to the pressure on the two governments to reach this point. The Scottish government was first to include all [six greenhouse gases](#) by putting renewable energy at the heart of the drive to make Scotland the green energy capital of Europe. Meanwhile in Westminster, David Puttnam, Chair of the [Draft Bill Committee](#) praised the [power of communities](#) to effect change, describing the appointment of the first Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change (Ed Miliband) as "a monumental shift in political priorities" Help make the annual 3% emissions cut mandatory and [plug the loopholes](#) Call or write to your MSP/MP. You can find them here:

www.writetothem.com/ ■



Is this the 'new' way to transport cargo?

www.ctmv.eu/en/home ■

Climate Change Film Fest 24th - 30th November

How are your party plans coming along??



If you've not yet signed up, you can get your party pack here:

www.oxfam/filmparty

In the run-up to the UN Conference on Climate Change in Poland this

December, help create a big buzz to let world leaders know we want climate action! Invite your local politicians and get a discussion going: Choose from the following:

- **An Inconvenient Truth (2006)** (Al Gore)
- **Six Degrees (2007)**
- **11th Hour (2007)**
- **Wall-E (2008)**
- **Who Killed the Electric car? (2006)**
- **Too Hot Not To handle (2006)**

And get a FREE copy of:

Sisters on the Planet (2008): How climate change hits women hardest, worldwide.

Or find a film party near you:

Glasgow West End 24th

Paisley: 27th Details on

www.oxfam/scotland/events/ ■

Start early:

Tuesday 11th November, 7pm, Gilmorehill G12, 9 University Avenue Glasgow

'The Power of Community - How Cuba Survived Peak Oil'

Free entry, debate and free wine!

For more info, contact Steve or Cindy at

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www.wdmscotland.org.uk/

What is 'Peak Oil'? Read one perspective:

www.lifeaftertheoilcrash.net ■

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