



Look Who's Talking

# eNewsletter



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## Tell us about OXJAM

Oxfam is the best **music festival** ever! *How?* It is organised by YOU; and it helps fight against poverty and injustice!

Only Oxfam genuinely represents **every** music genre, with passionate performers and organisers from all the UK. This year is shaping up to be the most exciting yet. We have events kicking off at the start of October going on right up until **The Takeover** weekend of **Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>**, marked by Flagship Events in **Aberdeen, Edinburgh, and Glasgow**.

## How does it make a difference?

In the lead up to **Copenhagen**, Oxfam's gigs are taking place literally to make a noise about how climate change exacerbates poverty. In Vietnam, what the local farmers call

"the cutting cold" killed off entire herds of buffaloes; in Bangladesh, people are being killed by extreme flash flooding; in Kenya we have the polar opposite with severe droughts in three-year spells. However, if the politicians assembling in Copenhagen for the Climate Change Conference do not agree to cap emissions to avoid the devastating effects that will take place from a two-degree rise in our atmosphere, then we will ALL be exposed to damaging consequences.

Oxfam did a **fundraising busk** at the top of **Ben Nevis** in August with Oxfam volunteers from across the UK. We also wanted to highlight how we stand to lose

the beauty of Scotland if we do not act NOW. Everyone in Oxfam will make such a racket in October, it will still be ringing in the ears of politicians in Copenhagen come December!



## What can supporters in Scotland do to help?

Put on your own event: Oxfam is all about people taking pubs, clubs, and front rooms by storm all over Scotland in the name of fighting poverty. Contact Scott, Ali or Mhairi in the Scottish regional teams who will give loads of support, and guide you each step of the way:

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On the website, in addition to registering to becoming a Music Event Organiser (MEO), you can enlist as a Performer or Volunteer. Check regularly to keep up to date on the events going on - Oxfam is an amazing way to meet great people, fundraise, campaign, and have a lot of fun in the process with the best music Scotland has to offer. If that sounds like your kind of thing, what are you waiting for you? **GET INVOLVED!** ■



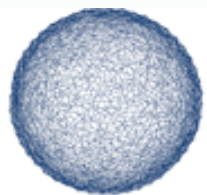
22<sup>nd</sup> Paisley Big Write  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Paisley Public meeting with Douglas Alexander  
 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow:  
 Oxjam TAKEOVER!

## OCTOBER Campaignathon!!

Just another way of saying there is a LOT going on in October, with plenty of opportunities for campaigning. Follow these links for more:

- The '**Big Write**' comes to Paisley. On Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, **Rainbow Turtle** will serve you coffee while we help you compose a campaign letter to your MP. Then, next day...
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>: **Public meeting** with **Douglas Alexander** the Development Secretary at University of the West of Scotland, 6.30-7.30pm, Paisley:
- The Road to the G20: [www.g20standrews.org](http://www.g20standrews.org)  
 Ask your MP to ensure the G20 finance ministers **Put People First**.
- **SCCS Autumn Talks** starting with **Aqqaluk Lyng** of the Inuit Circumpolar Council on 19<sup>th</sup> ■

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## COPENHAGEN COUNTDOWN

On 17<sup>th</sup> October there will be just **50 days to go!**

COP15 COPENHAGEN

Count the days, hours and minutes here [www.wri.org/project/cop-15](http://www.wri.org/project/cop-15) or here <http://tcktcktck.org/> and follow the [timeline of events](#) from [Kyoto](#) to Copenhagen. ■



## Oxjam Takeover Weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October...

...does what it says: the coolest bands take over the hottest venues in Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow for a weekend of brilliant gigs.

Bands like The Catch, Incrediboy and the Forgetmenots and the Sonic Templars in [Aberdeen](#), Come On Gang, Chutes and Meursault in [Edinburgh](#) and Tempercalm, Endor and French Wives in [Glasgow](#) are just a few among **MANY MORE**

Check the [Oxjam](#) website for details. ■



## Climate Change Action

**1.** Write to Alistair Darling as asking him to demonstrate global leadership at the St Andrews G20 by:

*pushing* for a fair global deal at Copenhagen, which commits to **substantial, verifiable cuts** in greenhouse gases, with **rich countries leading** the effort, to **limit temperature increases** to below the dangerous 2°C, and **committing** to sufficient and substantial funding, additional to existing aid commitments, to support climate change adaptation and sustainable development in poor countries.

**2.** Get involved in our activities in the run up the St Andrews G20 (as listed above) and attend the 'People's G20' on 7<sup>th</sup> November in St Andrews.

[www.g20standrews.org](http://www.g20standrews.org)

More details in the **Campaigners Guide**: download from the [Oxfam Scotland](#) Homepage. ■

## East Asia Disaster

**David MacDonald** from **Renfrew**, East Asia Regional Programme Manager, is coordinating Oxfam's emergency response in Indonesia.

Read what David says in the [Oxfam Scotland](#) report. ■

## The [GenderWorks](#) DVD and toolkit

is an invaluable FREE reference work for women's organisations – lobbying for equal rights – and public sector bodies who need to understand and implement existing legislation.

Order your advance copy: [genderworks@oxfam.org.uk](mailto:genderworks@oxfam.org.uk)

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## 'For All' Action

- Get involved in the G20 actions asking for progressive economic development with the focus on Putting People First.
- Write to Alistair Darling asking him to ensure the UK commits to 0.7% of GNI in his pre-budget report. Details in the **Campaigners Guide**: on the [Oxfam Scotland](#) Webpage. ■

## The Great Persuasion 16-18 October



Oxfam is taking part in the mass lobbying action organised by BOND (British Overseas NGOs for Development), the UK membership body for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working in international development.

**Stand up and take action on World Poverty Day.** Be part of the Great Persuasion. Find out more at:

[www.bond.org.uk/pages/masslobby.html](http://www.bond.org.uk/pages/masslobby.html) ■