



**Friends of  
the Earth**

## Northern Gathering 2011

# A festival of ideas

**Saturday 2 – Sunday 3 July**



## Information Pack for Attendees

### In this pack you'll find:

1. Contact information and details of the venue
2. How to get to Haworth Youth Hostel
3. The programme for the weekend
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### *1. Contact info and details of the venue*

Haworth Youth Hostel is a converted Victorian mansion overlooking the famous Bronte village, with the South Pennines nearby. You can find out more about the hostel at [www.yha.org.uk](http://www.yha.org.uk).

Should you need to get in touch with the hostel, or us, here are the details:

<p><b>YHA address:</b> Longlands Drive Lees Lane Haworth Keighley West Yorkshire <b>BD22 8RT</b></p>	<p><b>YHA contact details:</b> <b>Tel:</b> 0845 371 9520 <b>Fax no:</b> (+44) 1535 643023 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:haworth@yha.org.uk">haworth@yha.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Friends of the Earth Staff Contacts on the Day</b> Rachel Hubbard: 07917 358796 Carla Doran: 07960 018257 Simon Bowens: 07921 039251 Helen Rimmer: 07940 006783</p>
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### *2. How to get there*

#### **By Train - The Northern Gathering Express!**

Keighley is the nearest mainline station to the Hostel, and from Keighley there is a classic railway that runs to Haworth. We recommend getting the steam train at **11.45am from Keighley to Haworth**, which arrives into Haworth at 12.05, where there will be staff members waiting at the station to direct you. The train station is a ten minute uphill walk from the Hostel. We'll have a mini bus waiting at the Haworth Station if you don't fancy the walk. Alternatively, you could try Bronte Taxi's 05135 644442 or 01535 645555.

**Fares:** The standard single on the Classic railway is £4.70, but we have negotiated a discounted price of £3.75 each way. Just let the train guard/ticket office staff know you are with Friends of the Earth.

**Disabled access:** Keighley and Haworth stations both have level access. Wheelchairs can be accommodated in the guard's compartment of the Haworth train..

For more info on the Keighley-Haworth train, contact the Worth Valley Railway, <http://www.kwvr.co.uk>  
Administration office: 01535 645214 - 09:00-17:30 every day

### **By train and taxis from Keighley train station**

If your train times into Keighley don't work well with the connection to Haworth, another option is a short taxi ride from Keighley direct to the youth hostel. There is a Taxi rank next to the station or you could try: Silsden and Streeton Private Hire – 01535 656566; Metro Taxis – 01535611110; A taxi from the station to the hostel costs around £5-£7, and you may well be able to share with others who are also heading to the event.

### **By Bike**

Go to [www.sustrans.co.uk](http://www.sustrans.co.uk) and enter the youth hostel's postcode (BD22 8RT) to find a detailed map with clearly marked cycle routes.

### **By Bus**

If you're arriving into Keighley by train, it's a 10 minute walk to the bus station. At the bus station, you can get any of the following buses: **500 – Hebden Bridge, 663 – Oxenhope, 664 – Stanbury, 665 – Oakworth**. There should be a bus at least every 20 minutes. Ask the driver to let you know when you reach the hostel on Lees lane (by the Bronte Hotel), as this is not obvious. The hostel will be signposted from the bus stop.

### **By Car**

From Haworth centre, take B6142 towards Keighley for 0.75 miles. From Keighley, travel 3 miles south on A629 then take A6033 and B6142. Longlands Drive is almost opposite the Bronte Hotel. There's lots of parking space at the hostel.

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### **Getting Home**

On the Sunday, the day will finish in time to make sure that you are on the 16:21 from Haworth and back at Keighley for 16:40 – this will be a "Vintage train" as part of the Keighley Festival of Transport. There is also a later train at 17:06 arriving into Keighley 17:25 – this one has a buffet car which will be serving cream teas!

If you are in a hurry you can also get a taxi to Keighley station directly:

Bronte taxis	01535 644442
Metro Keighley taxis	01535 680034
Central taxis	01535 602121

### 3. The Programme for the weekend

## Saturday

- 12:00 Arrivals and registration  
12:30 Lunch  
1:30 Welcome & a glimpse of what's in store in Friends of the Earth's new strategy  
2:15 Local networking

### 3:00 Panel discussion: A Big Energy Conversation – what is our Energy Vision?

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*Our experts answer your questions on climate change and the possibilities for a green energy future*

**Ann Harding** – Chair of the Settle Community Hydro Scheme

**Mike Childs** – Head of Climate – Friends of the Earth

**Paul Steedman** – Economy Campaigner – Friends of the Earth

**Simon Bowens** – NE and Yorkshire & the Humber Campaigner – Friends of the Earth

### 4:15 The Activists' Bazaar

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*Informal discussions with special guests, including...*

Marinet and Youth and Education networks, The UK Youth Climate Coalition, Settle Community Hydro Scheme and Charlotte Coleman, recent visitor to the Alberta Tar Sands.

### 5:30 Campaigning workshops and seminars

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*Choose the session that most interests you...*

**State of play for the North:** Delve into the policy and politics of the North and find out about the big changes affecting our work in the region. With Simon Bowens – Regional Campaigner.

**Food Campaigning:** What's going on Friends of the Earth Food network and how are we engaging with the local and international food movement. With Helen Rimmer – Food Campaigner.

**Alliance Building as part of the "Plug us in" (Big Energy Conversation) campaign:** Find out more about how you can build relationships with renewables projects and businesses and help feed into our energy vision. With Mike Childs – Head of Climate.

**Talking to people about energy – your questions and answers:** This session will be a chance to have your questions about energy answered, and build your confidence in talking to the public and answering their tricky questions too (Relates to "Plug us in" Activity 1). With Paul Steadman – Economy Campaigner.

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Strictly come Campaigning

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*Hear from groups across the North about their inspiring activities, with pun-tastic comments from our panel.*

*Strictly Come  
Campaigning*

8:30 Evening entertainment

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This year we are joined by the fabulous folk duo – "**Goat Problems**" aka Lauren Ricketts and Behla Hutchinson. The Scarborough born, now Leeds-based pair are regulars on the folk scene in the area. Followed by....

**Activist Open Mic!** Yes, we know you are a talented bunch and we want to hear from you. Don't forget your instrument, poetry book, jokes. If you can bring song lyrics for others to sing along to that would be great.



# Sunday

8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Introduction to the day  
& time to check out of your rooms – place bags in downstairs baggage room

## 9:30 Communicating Creatively workshops

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*Choose a session to challenge and inspire you...*

**Stunt planning and the power of images:** Have fun with media and learn how to create images and stunts that capture your message get your picture in the paper. With Carla Doran - Network Developer, and Guy Wallbanks – York Friends of the Earth

**Getting your message across:** This session will be a chance to practice communicating your message in a nutshell - ideal for anyone wishing to build confidence with media interviews and public speaking. With Helen Rimmer - Regional Campaigner and Ali Abbas – Manchester Friends of the Earth

**Get people's attention and keep it!** Representatives from our street fundraising team pass on their top tips for engaging the public. Learn more about, body language open ended questioning and how to perfect your patter. With Friends of the Earth Street Fundraisers.

## 11:15 Panel discussion: How can we reach out to many more people?

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*Our speakers share their experiences and reflect upon this big question for our movement:*

**Gemma Bone** - Youth Climate Coalition

**Kate Lock** - Author and journalist

**Ed Carlisle** - Leeds Summat and Together 4 Peace

**Pam Warhurst** – Incredible Edible Todmorden

12:30 Lunch  
1:00 Fun and Games – free time to look at stalls, relax and enjoy your surroundings

## 2:00 World Café

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*A relaxed café-style discussion for you to develop your ideas around reaching out, recruitment, publicity and building a movement, over a cream tea.*

3:00 Share everyone's thoughts from the World café and roundup  
3:30 Close  
4:00 Walking party leaves for Haworth station, to catch the 16.21, arrives at Keighley at 16.40

## 4. *What to bring with you*

### Things to bring

As well as the obvious (clothes, toiletries, medical items, etc.), don't forget to pack...

- Towel - although they do have a few that can be hired for a small charge
- Money for drinks, taxis, etc – there will be a bar. There's a cashpoint at Keighley train station, but we don't know of any in Haworth itself.
- Musical instruments for an informal "open mike" on Saturday evening
- This pre event pack
- Pen & paper
- Any news or materials you'd like to share with other groups – eg. copies of your local group newsletter, campaign materials, photos, newspaper cuttings, displays of any sort. It's a great way to share campaign ideas and link with projects that you are interested in. If it's something small, just bring it on the day, or give us a phone if you need some serious space 😊

### What you don't need

Each bed has a duvet and pillow, and a clean sheet for you to use, so you do not need to bring a sleeping bag.

## 5. *A few practical things...*

**Security:** We have booked the whole hostel so all guests will belong to our group. However, the hostel is open to visitors/members of the public, so there will be a lockable room where you can keep your luggage during the Sunday.

**Sleeping Arrangements:** Accommodation will be in dormitory bedrooms, and the majority of rooms are bunk beds. All the dormitories are single sex, and we'll let you know what room you're in when you arrive. If you have any particular requests about sleeping arrangements, please let us know in advance. We cannot guarantee that these will be accommodated but will do our best.

### Food & Drink

#### The following meals will be included in your tickets:

Full weekend ticket - lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday + all refreshments.

Saturday ticket – Lunch and refreshments (please let us know if you would like to stay for the eve meal)

Sunday ticket – Lunch and refreshments

**Dietary requirements:** All Food will be vegetarian food and there will be a vegan option available - if you have booked that in advance. If you haven't already told us about your food preferences or about any other special dietary requirements (wheat-free, gluten-free etc), please do so ASAP.

**Bringing your own:** The hostel does have a self-catering kitchen, so if you wish to bring your own snacks, food and drinks, please do so. We would suggest you bring labels for any food you are going to store in the self-catering kitchen so people know it's yours.

**Tea and Coffee:** There will be tea and coffee breaks throughout the day and the option to make your own beverages in the self catering. Let us know if you have any questions:

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