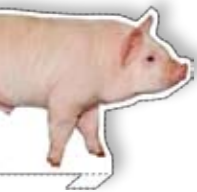


# Your 2010 campaign guide

With elections coming up soon, local groups will have more opportunities than ever to bring Friends of the Earth campaigns into the public arena and on to MPs' and councillors' to do lists. Plan your group activities, including your local campaigns, using the timeline below – and don't forget to check out the new resources too. Good luck.

## FIX THE FOOD CHAIN



Thanks to 117 local groups campaigning to Fix the Food Chain last year, a previously little understood issue became something on the Government's to do list. Early Day Motion 845 received 259 signatures, making it one of the most popular of the parliamentary session, and put us in a great position to push on in 2010.

### What next?

1) Now we're aiming for a law to reduce the environmental impacts of meat and dairy production. Your help is vital. There will be opportunities to engage throughout 2010, and you can check your new Action Guide for more information. Stage one is to persuade your MP to sign our new EDM, and the updated resources will guide you doing this at [www.foe.co.uk/community/foodchain](http://www.foe.co.uk/community/foodchain). After the election, we'll shift our focus towards securing a bill through the Private Members' Ballot.

2) Building alliances with farmers will also be a key part of the campaign, and we're launching a project to help groups do this. In addition to guides and resources, we want to help groups develop tailored plans. Please come to our Farmer Training Day on Saturday 6 March – contact [oliver.hayes@foe.co.uk](mailto:oliver.hayes@foe.co.uk), talk to your Network Developer or read your Action Guide for further information.



Meg and Will Edmonds are pioneer organic farmers in Worcestershire

Glyn Thomas

## GET SERIOUS ABOUT CO<sub>2</sub>



Left: Ali Abbas of the Manchester group hands over 800 postcards to Sir Richard Leese, leader of Manchester City Council. The Council announced its Climate Change Action plan with 41 per cent emission cuts by 2020 shortly afterwards

We're starting 2010 with real momentum because by the end of 2009, councils of every colour had signed up to cut emissions by at least 40 per cent and to implement an action plan to achieve it. Read more about these successes at: [www.foe.co.uk/community/campaigns/climate/round\\_up\\_21974.html](http://www.foe.co.uk/community/campaigns/climate/round_up_21974.html)

### What next?

1) Your local campaigns are still vitally important to demonstrate the political will and the potential for councils to achieve real emissions cuts where it matters. This importance hasn't decreased.

2) There is also a new and exciting opportunity at the national level this year. John Denham, the Secretary of State for Local Government, announced in December that the Government was considering introducing Local Carbon Budgets for councils in England. We're lobbying hard for that to happen, and for every council to cut emissions in line with the science. We're also calling for more money and support to help councils take action. You can help by asking your councillors to support Local Carbon Budgets, and telling your MP when they do. We'll also be keeping up the pressure in the run-up to the general and local elections to secure lasting commitments to the carbon cuts needed locally and nationally.

## DEMAND CLIMATE CHANGE

More than 45,000 people from 164 countries signed our petition to world leaders; over 750 Friends of the Earth supporters joined The Wave; demonstrations were held in over 100 different countries and around 10,000 daily actions were taken during December's Copenhagen climate talks. The message was clear – climate justice now. But rich countries refused to cut their emissions first and fastest, or to put up the money. President Obama – desperate to save face rather than the planet – stitched up a weak, voluntary accord with a few other countries. Our job now is to build a stronger, braver, louder climate justice movement that makes it impossible for politicians to ignore the urgent need for real global action. It is vital that this so-called Copenhagen accord does not become the global agreement. Instead, we need binding emission cuts and money committed.

### What next?

We need to get back on the phone, email and the streets. We need to heap pressure on our MPs and to remain defiantly hopeful that together we can do this. We won't let the politicians let us down again, because as Nnimmo Bassey, Friends of the Earth International Chair, said: "By delaying action rich countries have condemned millions of the world's poorest people to hunger, suffering and loss of life as climate change accelerates."

DEMAND CLIMATE CHANGE



Gavin McNaughton

Friends of the Earth Cymru's dragon gets fired up for change during one of the many actions in Copenhagen

## What's happening when in 2010?

### FIX THE FOOD CHAIN

For more information go to [www.foe.co.uk/community/foodchain](http://www.foe.co.uk/community/foodchain)

<b>JANUARY</b>	New action guide/resources.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Launch of EDM and start to get MPs on board.
<b>MARCH</b>	6 March – join our Farmer Training Day (see diary).
<b>APRIL</b>	Build alliances with local farmers. Hustings with MPs.
<b>MAY</b>	General election. Campaign update at regional gatherings.
<b>JUNE</b>	Private Members' ballot. Immediate lobbying and public support to get an MP to propose our Private Member's Bill.
<b>JULY onwards</b>	

### GET SERIOUS ABOUT CO<sub>2</sub>

For more information go to [www.foe.co.uk/community/campaigns/climate/guides\\_20441.html](http://www.foe.co.uk/community/campaigns/climate/guides_20441.html)  
Throughout 2010, please continue to lobby your council to implement a climate change action plan.

<b>JANUARY</b>	Write to local political party groups with manifesto asks document. <i>If you have time:</i> ask local councillors and your MP to back
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Local Carbon Budgets.
<b>MARCH</b>	<i>If you have time:</i> Press for Change online email to your local Parliamentary candidates.
<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>MAY</b>	General election. Campaign update at regional gatherings.
<b>JUNE</b>	Lobby your MP for Local Carbon Budgets.
<b>JULY onwards</b>	

### DEMAND CLIMATE CHANGE

Copenhagen summary: [www.foe.co.uk/resource/briefing\\_notes/copenhagen.pdf](http://www.foe.co.uk/resource/briefing_notes/copenhagen.pdf)  
For the latest actions: [www.foe.co.uk/safeclimate](http://www.foe.co.uk/safeclimate)

<b>JANUARY</b>	Plans under development. No significant local group action required before May.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>MARCH</b>	Look out for updates in March/April.
<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>MAY</b>	General election. Campaign update at regional gatherings.

Why not map out all your group's activities on both national and local campaigns so you can plan for busy periods in 2010?