

MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY

NorthEast

October 2009

***“For the children of the poor today...
and for our own children and grandchildren tomorrow!”***

Dear Friend of Make Poverty History NE,

Despite the booklet style of this communication, please consider this as a *personal invitation* and *strong encouragement* to participate in “*The Wave*”, the national gathering on Saturday 5th December in London. There will be a church service to be addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury at 11am, followed by a family-friendly procession. This event is intended to provide a massive show of public support for vigorous and urgent action on climate change, just before the crucial international negotiations in Copenhagen.

This event provides us all with the chance to stand up for the poor and vulnerable in a special way and surely anyone with a concern for human welfare should give it serious consideration. We hope that every church/faith group, union branch and community organisation will send a strong delegation, and that individual families will consider sending at least one representative.

I’m entirely confident that this event will be safe, orderly and enjoyable! Haven’t *our* events always been like that?! I expect to have my wife, my daughter and two grandchildren with me. *The Wave* is being organised with the permission and support of the police and will *not* involve sit-downs or confrontations, etc. Quite seriously, I’m more concerned about the possibility of accidents during travel than about anything connected with the march!

“We’re all in this together” – so let us all make sure we’re part of the solution and not part of the problem!

With every good wish, David

Grand Regional Rally for ‘Climate Justice’

Guest of Honour, the Bolivian Ambassador

Monday 16th November, 6.00pm, at Newcastle University,

Countdown to Copenhagen

Wednesday 18th November, 7.30pm, St John’s College, Durham

See following for details

‘COACHES FROM EVERY CITY, TOWN AND VILLAGE!’

‘The Wave’

London, Saturday 5th December 2009

We have booked coaches for BOTH Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, and hotel accommodation for Friday night. *No region of the country will be better served* - we estimate that over 90% of people living from Tees to Tweed will be within five miles of a pick-up point on both Friday afternoon and Saturday morning! Please see the following pages for details of coach stops and timetables.

Please book as a matter of urgency, and by the end of October at the very latest. Ring Classic Coaches, tel. 01 207 282 225, and have your credit/debit card ready. (Postal address: Classic Coaches, Morrison Road, Annfield Plain, Co. Durham, DH9 7RX). The prices quoted - £50.74 for the Overnight Package and £30.80 for the Day Package - include a surcharge for the use of credit/debit cards. Meals are not included.

Overnight Package: This is designed to make the trip more supporter-friendly and to enable people to have the morning in London for shopping or to attend the church service. The travel inn accommodation booked consists of twin-bedded rooms and family rooms. No single occupancy will be possible, so please find a friend to accompany you! [If this is not possible, contact David Golding who will try to pair you with someone of the same sex, providing full contact details. Email, d.w.golding@ncl.ac.uk; Post, 38 Brierdene Crescent, Whitley Bay, NE26 4AB]

Family rooms are for one or two parents, and up to two children aged 15 or under. The full cost must be paid to the coach company for each child initially, but a rebate of £17.50 will be available from MPH-NE when three people occupy a family room and £35.00 for a family of four.

Day Package: Coaches will leave very early on Saturday morning.

Return Journey: All coaches are expected to leave London on Saturday by 5.00pm and to arrive back on Teesside around 11.00pm; Tyneside around 12 midnight; Alnwick around 1.00am, etc.

Paul Brannen, Head of Campaigns for Christian Aid nationally, emailed us to say that “Everyone is talking about your coaches”. The question is, will they still be doing so in December?! There’s only so much we can do - beyond that, it depends on the response of our supporters.

We have provided details of scheduled Public Transport, using Newcastle for illustrative purposes, on our website – go to www.mph-northeast.org.uk

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**Historic National Gathering to
Stop Climate Chaos**

‘The Wave’

London, Saturday 5th December 2009

Coaches from (near) every city, town and village in the NE!
(See following for details)

Overnight Package, £50.74, including overnight hotel

Leave Friday afternoon, 4th Dec, with Sat morning in London
(eg, for church service in Westminster Central Hall, at 11.00am)

All rooms twin-bedded (or family) – no single occupancy
Please book with a friend if possible! Or contact d.w.golding@ncl.ac.uk

Day Package, £32.80 return

Leave very early Saturday morning, 5th Dec

Booking is urgent! Please book this month (Oct)!

Phone Classic Coaches
(tel. 01 207 282 225, with credit/debit card)

Information and advice will be provided for all participants

Supported by CAFOD, Christian Aid, Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace, Oxfam,
Tearfund, Trade Unions, WDM, Womens Institutes and others

Participants must be 18 or over, unless with by a responsible adult

Coach Stops & Timetables

OVERNIGHT PACKAGE:

COACHES LEAVING ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 4th DEC

COACH 1: Picking up at

Hexham 1415hrs, Waitrose Car Park

Consett 1500hrs, Bus Station

West Auckland 1545hrs, Millbank

Darlington 1615hrs, Lay-by outside The Dolphin Centre

Northallerton 1645hrs, Leeming Bar Services A1(M)

COACH 2: Picking up at

Berwick-upon-Tweed 1300hrs, Railway Station

Alnwick 1350hrs, Bus Stop Opposite Barter Books, B6346

Morpeth 1430hrs, Bus Station

Newcastle 1510hrs, Central Station

Chester-le-Street 1535hrs, Washington Services

Durham 1550hrs, Bus Station

COACH 3: Picking up at

Blyth 1330hrs, Bus Station

Cramlington 1345hrs, Manor Walks Shopping Centre, Bus Stop on Dudley Lane

NorthTyneside 1415hrs, Silverlink Car Park, near Halfords

South Tyneside 1445hrs, Boldon Colliery, bus stop behind McDonalds B1298/ Abingdon Way

Sunderland 1515hrs, Chester Road, Bus Stop Dewhirst Factory Site

Hartlepool 1545hrs, Wolviston Services Car Park

Stockton/Middlesbrough 1600hrs, Showcase Cinema Car Park, Teesside Leisure Park

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Coach Stops & Timetable

DAY PACKAGE:

COACHES LEAVING SATURDAY MORNING, 5th DEC

COACH 4: Picking up at

Hexham 0300hrs, Waitrose Car Park

Consett 0345hrs, Bus Station

West Auckland 0430hrs, Millbank

Darlington 0500hrs, Lay-by outside The Dolphin Centre

Northallerton 0530hrs, Leeming Bar Services A1(M)

COACH 5: Picking up at

Berwick-upon-Tweed 0235hrs, Railway Station

Alnwick 0345hrs, Bus Stop Opposite Barter Books, B6346

Morpeth 0420hrs, Bus Station

Newcastle 0500hrs, Central Station

Chester-le-Street 0515hrs, Washington Services

Durham 0530hrs, Bus Station

COACH 6: Picking up at

Blyth 0300hrs, Bus Station

Cramlington 0315hrs, Manor Walks Shopping Centre, Bus Stop on Dudley Lane

North Tyneside 0345hrs, Silverlink Car Park, near Halfords

South Tyneside 0415hrs, Boldon Colliery, bus stop behind McDonalds, B1298/ Abingdon Way

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Regional Rally for

Climate Justice

*Exploring the connections between global justice,
global poverty and global warming*

6.00 pm, Monday 16th November

Curtis Auditorium, Herschel Building

Newcastle University

(Just opposite Haymarket Metro)

Guest of Honour,

H.E. Maria Beatriz Souviron–Crespo

The Ambassador of Bolivia

Speakers,

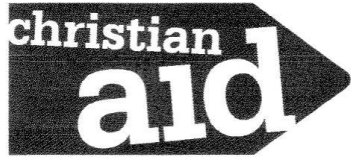
Mohammed Shamsuddoha

(Equity Bangladesh)

Nick Deardon

(National Director, Jubilee Debt Campaign)

Everyone will be warmly welcome at this meeting



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COUNTDOWN TO COPENHAGEN

**Wednesday 18th November, 7.30pm
Cranmer Hall, St John's College
3 South Bailey, Durham DH1 3RJ**

Paul Brannen
Head of Campaigns
Christian Aid

Mark Dowd
Operation Noah

Gemma Bone
UK Youth Delegate to Climate Conference

Revd Dr David Wilkinson
Principal St John's College

*Perspectives on how we should respond
to the crucial talks on climate change*

For further information contact:
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Message from the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition

Make waves for climate change

***Tens of thousands to create human wave
London 5th December 2009***

The Wave, a carnival-style street procession beginning at 12 noon from Grosvenor Square in London, is being organised by the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition, which represents 11 million members across 100 UK organisations, from the Women's Institutes and Christian Aid, to Friends of the Earth and Make Poverty History NE! It will be the biggest climate change demonstration ever, creating a human wave of support for action ahead of talks at the UN climate summit in Copenhagen.

This family friendly event is encouraging people to wear blue clothing and bring blue fabric and banners to create a human wave, tens of thousands strong, that will flow along the Thames Embankment towards Westminster. A stunning finale will take place at 3pm as *The Wave* encircles the Houses of Parliament.

The Challenge

Without urgent and vigorous action, humanity could be facing, during this century, *"massive rises in sea level, whole areas devastated by hurricanes and others turned into uninhabitable desert, forcing billions of [the poorest and most vulnerable] people to leave their homelands"* (Lord Nicholas Stern, the government's former chief advisor on climate change, March 2009).

Director of Stop Climate Chaos Coalition, Ashok Sinha says:

"The Wave will send a clear message to Gordon Brown: the people of the UK want the Government to stop climate chaos and help protect millions of people in developing countries already suffering its effects. As world leaders meet in Copenhagen, the supporters of this 11 million-strong coalition will be watching and waiting for a real commitment to cutting carbon emissions globally."

The Editor has the final word: *"People who have never participated in one of our big public events have no idea how inspiring the experience can be! It's like casting your vote, but instead of just putting your mark on a piece of paper, you 'vote' with yourself, your person; you do so publicly; and you unite with tens of thousands of others! And once in the crowd, the presence of the youngest child is as important as the highest in the land!"* [DWG]

Make Poverty History NorthEast

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