

The day before tomorrow

The *Day after Tomorrow* is more science fiction than science fact, yet the danger of a climate crisis is very real, and we've got to take action right now to prevent it.

Reality: the Earth's atmosphere is heating at a rate faster than any time in human history. Sea levels are rising, storms are intensifying, heat waves, like the ones which swept through Europe last summer, are longer and more deadly. Right now we are in the middle of an unfolding climate crisis, with more frequent extreme weather events causing chaos and havoc both here and worldwide. Whilst tidal waves engulfing Manhattan may remain in the science fiction realm, right now people are being evacuated from their homes in Pacific Islands, suffering water shortages, crop failures and flooding. The people who are bearing the brunt of climate chaos today have done the least to cause it. The UN's panel of climate experts attributes this to emissions of carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels - oil, gas, and coal.

So who's to blame?

We are all part of a fossil fuel economy, but the ones perpetuating our addiction and lack of real choices to break away from it are governments and oil companies. The UK is in a powerful position to change this. We politically and financially support oil companies such as BP and Shell, and we collude with the Bush administration in waging war for oil. Right now people are suffering from the wars fought for oil, the pollution from refineries and

power stations, and the social exclusion from lack of decent public transport.
We can take action, break the denial and reclaim our right to a fossil free future.

Act now. Because we can't wait until the day after tomorrow.

The time to take action is now - see the contacts below for local groups active on climate change. From using energy efficient lightbulbs to tackling corporations, nothing is too small.

- Cut our personal energy consumption
 & switch to Green Electricity for the rest
- · Don't buy Esso www.stopesso.com
- Demand an end to our taxes supporting oil expansion

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Greenpeace - www.thedayaftertomorrow.org - a fantastic spoof website

