

## Enough!

Are you sick of high public transport fares while pollution causes record levels of asthma in children, and the floodwaters rise?

Public transport is neither affordable nor a high quality service – for passengers or for workers. Meanwhile, scientists say that to stop extreme weather events and catastrophic climate change we have to cut greenhouse gases (the gases that contribute to climate change) by as much as 90%.

Road travel is one of the fastest growing sources of carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas. Getting people off roads and on to public transport is more than a nice idea – it's essential for survival.

## 90% for 90%

'90% for 90%' is a call for a 90% cut in fares on public transport, to make public transport affordable, to start making changes, that bring about the 90% cut in greenhouse gases needed to halt climate change.



## It doesn't have to be like this

If public transport were decent and affordable, more people would use it. That would mean less road traffic. That would mean less emissions of greenhouse gases.

Of course this doesn't mean that climate change would immediately stop. But it would be a start. Even if just the first step in different ways of living and working - ways that end our dependence on greenhouse-gas-generating fossil fuels, and that stop the floodwaters from taking people's homes, from Yorkshire to Mozambique. Ways that are relevant to how people live, not just economic growth.

International talks on climate change are getting nowhere. Plans include 'carbon trading' - setting up a trading system for greenhouse gases – but that's about big business continuing to make their profits while the poor stay poor. And the figures on the table for reducing greenhouse gases are nowhere near those being called for by the UN's own scientific body.

Depressing though that is, it shows that it is up to us to define what we want and what we need, to make our lives better.

## Get the card! Show the guard!

'90% for 90%' is a call for a public transport system run in the interests of passengers and workers, not profit, and available to all, regardless of income.

If you support the call, show the 90% card - cut out the copy on the right or download from the Rising Tide website.

You might refuse to pay more than 10%. You might show the card in support of the call. You might leaflet other passengers.

It is possible to tackle climate chaos. Get the card. Show the guard.

For more info on climate change, for downloadable copies of the card and this leaflet, and to hear other people's 90% for 90% experiences see [www.risingtide.org.uk](http://www.risingtide.org.uk) .



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## Well – here's a thought...

If we can waste money on nuclear weapons threatening mass murder against a non-existent enemy; on subsidising arms companies; on tax breaks to corporate fat cats; on subsidising yet another road that will be congested within no time; surely we can have a decent public transport network. It's a matter of priorities, of political will.

Everything today has been turned into a way to make money – even our means of moving around - and it's killing us all, some slowly, some quickly.

But underneath this dog eat dog world where we're encouraged to think only of ourselves, to keep on consuming as much as possible, to kick others down to keep ourselves afloat, to struggle up a pyramid that only has room for a few at the top, to keep doing what we're told and - *for christssake* - to keep on SHOPPING, there are still people holding out hope for living in a fair, safe and supportive world.

A world where we decide ourselves how to spend our time in order to survive. A world where we can pursue our dreams and ideals.

The insurance we want is not a thousand pound premium - it's the chance to be in a place we love with people we love.

The democracy we want is not eight crosses in a lifetime directed by a corporate media that controls what we know – it's direct participation at a local level.

The food we want is not poisoned, genetically modified, irradiated or flown long distance, but fresh local real food, from a farmer whom we may get the chance to meet - with no supermarkets in the middle ripping us both off.

We don't want more cement, more chemicals, more TV, more credit cards, more insecurity, more people telling us what to do, how to look, how to be.

There is a world of plenty out there if it wasn't damaged, divided up, poisoned, controlled, enclosed, packaged and restricted in order to keep a few people rich and powerful.

If we shared resources and opportunities equally we could work less and play more. For all the misery which most of the world's population suffers – surely the work that's involved in sharing out resources has got to be worth it?

The king lets go when the people take. Chase your dreams and don't look back. Don't let your past be your prison, make the move.

Let's go for a ride.

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