

Six Degrees Of Separation - A COP 26 project

"Ecology without class struggle is just gardening." Chic Mendes

THIS PROJECT was set up to look at: What is the cause of this massive disconnect in all sorts of areas of public life? We live in a world that boasts of connectivity. But we need to ask: What exactly are we being connected to and who is doing the connecting?

Six degrees of separation is the idea that all people on average are six, or fewer, social connections away from each other. As a result, a chain of "friend of a friend" statements can be made to connect any two people in a maximum of six steps.

How close should we be to our common problems and solutions, if the relationship of every human being on the planet could be connected by six

degrees of separation. If that is all we are separated by why is it so difficult sometimes to see our similarities? And in turn how to work together to alleviate the many very real dangers in our lives, such as climate change.

What is offered here are parts of the puzzle of how to build connectivity around the many aspects and opportunities open to us around a city map and connecting the many creative projects in our midst.

Each and every day we see new factors that add to the blocking of the more positive aspects of human nature by the constant projection of the worst. The parasite of the legacy press, the overwhelming influence of the entertainment industry. Much of it influencing negatively the

climate debate and the very people we need to engage, if we are to succeed in the movement for sustainable change.

So basically what we are asking is: How do we get the participants of the COP 26 event into our communities to help ordinary people to understand and help to articulate the positive aspects climate change could bring? And in doing so help to reawaken the radical imagination in building agency in working class communities.

We are interested in folk already doing this kind of work and offer our facility in collaboration.

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THE PEOPLE



We're looking for Moles, to dig the Dirt...



WHETHER IT'S A COUNCILLOR'S DODGY DEALS, an Employer scamming work trials or a Landlord threatening eviction, the Glasgow Keelie wants to hear about it!

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'To the little gentleman in velvet': Jacobite toast after William III died, when his horse stumbled on a molehill.

'Our old friend, our old mole, who knows so well how to work underground, suddenly to appear: the revolution.' Karl Marx

ON THE MARCH!

HYP-COP-CRISY

TROPICAL AND TEMPERATE RAINFORESTS provide over one third of all oxygen and capture massive amounts of carbon dioxide every year. They are home to 40-75% of living beings on Earth.

Although most Keelies have never been to any Tropical rainforests the Botanic Gardens lets us feel the hot wet areas of the world. But even more rare is the 1% of the Earth that is covered in **Temperate Rainforest**, some in North American but mostly European in Britain and Ireland with the coolest Rainforest in West Highlands and Inner Hebrides of Scotland.

WHERE WE LIVE is very rare on planet Earth. Those cool wet areas home to mossy trees and familiar spongy ground hoachin with midges, lichens, liverworts and mosses are within a 2-hour bus ride from Glasgow!

But the Temperate Rainforest ecosystem is under threat. Changes in rain patterns are drying out North American areas. They become tinder and not only reduce carbon capture but on fire, they become carbon dioxide contributing to greenhouse gasses.

Glasgow will host the UN Climate Change Conference in November COP26 with the whole world watching

Scotland - the coolest temperate rainforest ecosystem in the world.

Cllr Aitken signed up to Climate Education last year whilst not reopening THE KEY RESOURCE for its delivery- **The Winter Gardens on Glasgow Green**. It should have been the centre point for every school kid and tourist to Scotland. It should be the cutting edge of tracking changes to this local ecosystem.

In addition, it celebrates and links the social history to the rare geography, the single most important educational site for the immediate climate catastrophe agenda. But it's Council hyp-COP-risy! Instead, the plants and trees are torn out and a permanent fence erected to let it fall into total disrepair.

Run it down and sell it on? Council COP-OUT 26! Council plotsters thick as midges, managing more public funds right down the Clyde while Keelies drown in promises.

Time has run out!



Councillor Rank Bajin

COP-OUT 26

COME NOVEMBER 1st-12th. 2021, Glasgow will host COP26, the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties, the 26th pretend conference on saving the planet.

Even though it is glaringly obvious that the destruction of the planet is the direct result of the dominant economic system of capitalism, there will be no voices raised to get rid of capitalism.

As they discuss their various half-baked ideas on how to cut emissions, there will be no mention of the world's largest polluter, no attempt to put the hems on that monumental world polluter, the Pentagon. The world's largest user, transporter and hoarder of weaponry and all its polluting machinations of war, death and destruction. The gigantic scale of this powerhouse of death and destruction, is by scientific evidence the world's largest polluter, however, don't expect COP26 to address this planet killer.

Nor will it discuss the UK granting more licences for oil drilling, extra runways to increase air traffic. Instead, we will be told to insulate our homes, drive electric vehicles, which by the way still requires all the massive polluting of all the mining, transportation and polluting from the car production industry as internal combustion cars, plus the extra pollution of massive production and mining of lithium for batteries, and copper etc.

Another matter that I doubt will get any

answers is a recent survey states that the Amazon forests, the lungs of the planet, is now producing more co2 than it absorbs, due to vast forest clearances and burnings.

We will be told to change our lifestyle but still follow the dream of capitalism, continuous growth, continuous consumption. We can expect the planet to spin headlong into oblivion if we sit back and expect the managers and minders of capitalism to supply the answers to environmental destruction.

The answer lies outside the COP26, it lies in our communities, the saving of the ecological systems of the planet lies in our energies and planning getting behind the destruction of the polluters, capitalism and the attendant Pentagon.

Any other direction is an illusion, we have to attack and destroy the root cause of our problems, capitalism. Just remember, spaceship Earth has no escape capsule.

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LOVE BOMBED: Riot police at feminist demo. Mexico City

The Good Old Days

IN MAY 200 years ago in 1821 the prison ship *Bellerophon* arrived in Port Jackson, New South Wales.

A miserable trip via the Cape of Good Hope for convicts destined for enforced labour in Botany Bay, Australia. When the ship left Sheerness in Kent on the 11th of October, among those transported were 19 arrested during the 1820 attempted insurrection in Scotland (see Glasgow Keelie no. 10), untypical of their fellows by being both literate and skilled workers.

Like Hardie, Wilson & Baird, who were executed by the British Crown & their agents, and the 8 shot dead, and two seriously wounded at Greenock Prison protesting, they rebelled against exploitation, tyranny & privilege. They deserve to be remembered:

John Anderson, Weaver, Camelon: Life
Andrew Dawson, Nailor, Camelon: Life
John McMillan, Nailor, Camelon: Life
Thomas McFarlane, Weaver, Condorrat: Life

Allan Murchie, Blacksmith, Glasgow: Life
James Clelland, Blacksmith, Glasgow: Life (commuted from death penalty)
Robert Gray, Weaver, Glasgow: Life
Also for 14 years: William Clarkson or Clarkson, Shoemaker; Alexander Hart, Cabinet-maker; Alexander Johnston, Weaver; Alexander Latimer, Weaver; Thomas McCulloch, Stocking-Weaver;

Benjamin Moir, Labourer;
Thomas Pike or Pink, Muslin Slinger;
William Smith, Weaver; David Thompson, Weaver; Andrew White, Bookbinder (all from Glasgow).

As do the 8 killed from Greenock & Port Glasgow, and the two, who had to have a leg amputated:

Adam Clephane (48 years) dead; James Kerr (17 years) dead; William Lindsay (15 years) dead; James MacGillp (8 years) dead; Archibald Drummond (20 years) dead; John Mac Whinnie (65 years) dead; John Boyce (33 years) dead; Archibald McKinnon (17 years) dead (Died of his wounds on 5th May 1820). Mrs Catherine Turner (65 years) leg amputated; Hugh Paterson (14 Years) leg amputated.

14 years later, six were transported for organising a Trade Union, from **Tolpuddle** in Dorset. One of them, William Loveless wrote:

"To enumerate the various miseries and evils which prisoners are subjected to from the time of landing in the colony until their death, would be utterly impossible; suffice it to say it is dreadful in the extreme, so much so that a person who has never been there can have no idea of it."

The Tolpuddle Six attracted much more publicity for their injustice and were pardoned and returned home between 1837 and 1839.

THE 1820 SOCIETY plans to hold a commemoration ceremony for JAMES 'PURLIE' WILSON on Sunday 29th. August 2021 at 1pm at the main entrance to Glasgow Green, opposite the High Court.

Check: Facebook: [1820 Society](#)



AFTER THE INCREDIBLE RESPONSE of local people to prevent the detention of two Kenmure Street residents recently, local anti-raids groups have been starting up across Glasgow. The **Southside** alone has three groups. **Govan / Ibrox, Govanhill / Crosshill, Pollokshields / Shawlands.**

These groups are holding regular stalls to chat to people, hand out leaflets and enable them to get involved in resisting any future attempted evictions or raids. The Pollokshields / Shawlands group is in a unique position having Kenmure Street in it's area.

'Smash the Spectacle of the Silver Screen'

When the gloss wears off there is only inconvenience.

While some like moths to a light are drawn to the edge of film sets which have taken over much of central Glasgow this summer – **Batman, The Flash, Indiana Jones** – the majority of

The response to their recent stall was overwhelmingly positive with people wanting to recount their own stories about their involvement in events and keen to be further involved.

You can come and find out more at their next stall on 7 August, 1 - 5pm at the **Free Pride Garden Party** at The Bowling Green, McCulloch Street G41 1SU.

• For more information or to get involved contact on **Glasgow No Evictions** on [Facebook](#) or email noevictionsnetwork@gmail.com

punters are pure scunnered. Consider the position of those physically challenged and faced with bus stops out of action and long walks to find the new location.

The City Chambers may be rejoicing. The solution lies in a city centre consumer boycott but is that likely when shopping has become a pastime?

JUST THE TICKET?

THE PEOPLES PALACE is now open 2 days midweek if, like me, you have a ticket!

At the door was a mum and 5 kids who hadn't booked online! The kids wanted to see the jail and she wanted to show them the old single-end like where she used to sleep in a box bed behind the curtains when she was their age. But the janny turned them all away.

Glasgow Life executives cost over £600,000 per year to manage our heritage – with the City Council most recent online accounts listing the Executive Director CBE as getting over £140,000+. It's not COVID! Palace facilities have been cut and dumbed-down in content since Councillors despotically removed the knowledgeable staff base in the 1990's. Since then phases of closures across Glasgow has slashed this mum's access to community centres, pools and more.



• The Big Ship Sailed on the Eely ALEO

Councillors Breach of Contract' comes to mind. But it's happening UK wide, public assets sold to pay for frontline services- the new norm.

So why would Jill Miller OBE 'retiring' Director of Cultural Services these past many years keep full access to the

Botticelli and the Dali but sweep the Jaw Box and the Old Range under the carpet?

West end flagships or something more? Social history is the capture of struggles and celebrations in daily life. Denying us access to our own social history is the

denial of our very existence and denies the life experience of mums and kids like this. Ms Miller's prioritising of her orthodox christian imagery is a clear choice.

Orwell said that the most effective way to destroy a people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history.

Glasgow Life and the Council have systematically dumbed-down, sanitised the past and reimagining the present for decades- total wipe-out of the evidence of our place inside capitalism.

But when injustice like this becomes law, rebellion becomes duty.

We will not be written out.

Get your tickets for the People's Palace via:

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