Apart from these awesome climate camps, how else can I join the fight against gas?

There are local groups fighting gas projects all around the world!

& More than enough targets if you want to start your own. If you don’t live near a fracking site or pipeline, you likely live near a bank that funds them or a company that builds them.

Get in touch to find a group or target near you: hello@gastivists.org

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FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO INDONESIA

PEOPLE ARE RISING AGAINST GAS AND FRACKING

9. b) Russia, Norway and Algeria are Europe’s top gas suppliers.

10. All of them! Hydrogen gas, biogas, and “decarbonized” gas are all being promoted, despite their limited potential, to greenwash the many many new fossil gas projects planned.

11. c) This is a liquified gas terminal. Industry calls this LNG. Fossil gas (in a very energy intensive process) can be cooled until it becomes liquid, then loaded into tankers and shipped across the ocean. The US sends its fracked gas around the world thanks to LNG, while Russia ships gas from the Arctic to Europe. Right now, most exported gas travels via pipeline. However, rather than moving away from fossil gas, industry is trying to build a new generation of liquified gas terminals on coasts around the world, to be able to freely ship gas to wherever prices are best. Fossil gas terminals (LNG) is their way of making the gas market even more neoliberal. LNG terminals are also very very expensive, so they would need to operate for decades just to pay off the investments. This risks either a lock in to fossil fuel infrastructure or stranded assets that taxpayers will likely end up bailing out. As if these projects aren’t silly enough, over the last 7 years fossil gas terminals in Europe have been running at about 23% of their capacity - less than a fourth! - because (expensive) LNG demand hasn’t picked up enough. And yet, a new generation of terminals are proposed for coastlines around the world.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS:
3. ENI
5. Credit Suisse
6. British Petroleum
7. Yara
8. Fluxys
9. Exxon Mobil
10. Nordstream2

DOWN:
1. Free the Soil
2. Fossilgasfällan
4. Ineos
QUIZ ANSWERS

1. (a) The word gas was coined in 1650–60 by J. B. van Helmont (1577–1644), a Flemish chemist. It comes from the Greek word for chaos.

2. (a) CH₄ is methane, a highly potent and dangerous greenhouse gas - and the main component of fossil gas.

3. All of the above! Fracking, conventional drilling, and coal bed methane are all used to extract gas.

4. c) A significant amount of methane escapes at all points of the gas supply chain: extraction, transportation, storage and use. The estimates of how much leaks varies a lot, and it is hard to measure. However, it is clear that a LOT is leaking, an amount that our communities and climate cannot handle. There is no such thing as zero methane leaks, and there are spikes in atmospheric methane levels in regions with gas extraction and infrastructure.

5. a) Methane lasts in the atmosphere for about 12 years. It then degrades into CO₂.

6. c) Over the next 10-20 years, methane cooks the planet 86 to 105 times times more than the CO₂.

7. c) When you burn gas, about half as much CO₂ is emitted in comparison to oil and coal.

8. c) Europe imports about 43% of all gas imported in the world.

INTRODUCTION

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As the pressure builds to move away from oil and coal, the fossil fuel industry is grabbing gas as its lifeline. They see moving to gas as a way to hold onto their power, and profit from the climate crisis.

But it is no solution. Gas destroys our communities and climate in a different, not better, way to oil and coal.

The gas lobby power is strong. Billions of euros of public money, and political support, is being pumped into new gas projects.

A network of gas-tivists (people fighting gas) is fighting to stop this, and help create the just energy future we need. Join us.

Read some stories from the fight against gas & play some gassy games in our zine....
Free the Soil
SMASH industrial agriculture for climate justice!
[CAMP + MASS ACTION SEPT. 19.-25. 2019] freethesoil.org

Fossil gas is used to produce industrial fertilisers - shut down Europe’s biggest industrial consumer of gas this summer!

SMASH industrial agriculture for climate justice!

It’s time to recognize the major role that industrial agriculture plays in the climate crisis. It causes massive greenhouse gas emissions and land use change, consumes enormous amounts of energy and promotes monocultures. Building on colonial patterns more and more land is stolen from small scale farmers for the benefit of multinational corporations. For too long industrial agriculture has flown under the radar as one of the primary systems destroying the climate and creating injustice.

LETS FREE THE SOIL TOGETHER
In the days of September 19th-25th Free the Soil will host an Agriculture and Climate Justice camp in northern Germany near the city of Brunswick. Here we can get together, network with other activists, exchange knowledge and skills, and prepare for the planned actions. Alongside the camp, a mass action of civil disobedience will take place. By using our bodies and our collective determination we will overcome barriers and close down one of Europe’s biggest fertilizer production plants, to stop the destruction where it’s happening and dismantle the legitimacy of agro-industry.

TAKE PART IN FREE THE SOIL
- Get organized, make an affinity group, study group or action group.
- Educate yourselves on the strategies and impacts of industrial agriculture and agro-industry
- Do decentralized actions aimed at industrial agriculture and business.
- Share your story with us!
- Spread information about the impacts of industrial agriculture and the aims of Free the Soil by organizing info- or mobilisation events in your local area.
- Donate money or do fundraising events for the campaign.
- Get in touch with other groups and encourage them to engage in Free the Soil.
- Mobilize for and join the mass action and camp in 2019

Get more info at freethesoil.org or contact freethesoil@riseup.net
Camp in Gás, Portugal, 17-21 July. Against fossil gas, for climate justice.

This is a call for the largest disobedient climate action yet in Sweden. It's time to stop the European fossil gas expansion.

We are people against fossil gas. We are the Folk mot fossilgas. And we welcome you to join us.

Find more info at: https://folkmotfossilgas.earth

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DO NOT MENTION THAT.
AND! WE CAN CALL IT A BRIDGE FUEL!

AND YOU KNOW THAT THEY’LL REALLY LIKE... IF WE CALL IT NATURAL.

BUT WHAT ABOUT METHANE?

SSSHH!
Reclaim the Power is taking direct action this summer against the gas infrastructure fuelling the climate crisis, and training up to take action on the UK’s Hostile Environment for migrants. Our mass action camp will equip you to get involved in a way that works for you.

**WHY GAS FIRED POWER STATIONS?**

Drax Power is planning to build the UK’s largest gas fired power station this autumn. If this happens our energy system will be tied to fossil fuels for decades.

The UK is currently planning more big gas powered electricity infrastructure than anywhere else in Europe. With Germany and others indicating that they’ll be following the UK’s lead on the issue, what happens with Drax could help halt the development of new gas fired power stations across Europe and push us towards a more democratic, clean energy future.

It’s up to us to turn off the gas and show investors and the government what real action for the climate looks like.

**WHY THE ‘HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT’?**

In our communities migrants and people targeted by racism face multiple threats to their ability to lead their lives. In this Brexit-fuelled era we want to stand in solidarity with them in facing down the racism of the state’s Hostile Environment and the emboldened far-right. To do this work well we need to start by listening to the incredible activists at the sharp end of migrant justice.

So as well as informative and inspiring talks and trainings on climate, our program is packed with chances to learn about the impact of the Hostile Environment, and ways we can take action against it.

**GET YOUR CAMP ON**

The camp will be at a secret location in the South East of England, within reach of London. There will be a kids’ space and the site will be wheelchair accessible, hearing loop enabled and sensitive to other access needs. To find out more see our website, Facebook, or contact powerbeyondborders@reclaimthepower.org.uk.
After the oppression of activists and the harms inflicted on the olive trees, the NoTap earth protectors saw the pipes moving into Melendugno in the middle of the night, probably in the hopes that the shadows would conceal their illegitimate activities.

The construction of the project has already contaminated aquifers, broken numerous Italian laws for the safeguarding of the environment, and EU directives concerning contaminants. Local and regional political representatives and other civil societies have continuously denounced the absence of communication from the TAP side.

People are fighting TAP in solidarity with the local people at different points in the chain. At the banks financing TAP in London, at the offices of Fluxys, the company building TAP, in Belgium, and more. Together we will defeat TAP Nè qui, nè altrove Not here, nor anywhere.

3. How is gas extracted from the ground?
   - a) Fracking: pumping a toxic cocktail of chemicals into the earth at high pressure so the ground ground cracks and gas is released
   - b) Conventional Drilling: in the words of Sarah Palin - “Drill, baby, drill!
   - c) Coal bed methane: water, sand and chemicals are pumped into coal areas to release the methane they sometimes trap. Often fracking is used, sometimes drilling and a lot of water at high pressure.

4. How much methane escapes into the atmosphere when you extract gas?
   - a) None, these gas wells are perfect
   - b) A little bit, but it’s not a big deal.
   - c) A significant amount of methane escapes into the atmosphere, not just at extraction, but when gas is transported, stored and used.

5. How long does methane last in the atmosphere once it is released?
   - a) About 12 years
   - b) 100 years
   - c) Forever

Frack Free Tamil Nadu demo in South India
6. over the next 10-20 years, how many times the potency of CO2 does methane have?  
I.e.: compared to CO2, how much heat does methane trap in the atmosphere?  
- a) 28 to 36 times  
- b) 50 to 68 times  
- c) 86 to 105 times  

7. Compared to burning oil and coal, how much CO2 is released when you burn gas?  
- a) 20%  
- b) just a little puff  
- c) about half as much CO2  

8. Of all the gas imported in the world, how much does Europe import?  
- a) all of it  
- b) only the Russian gas  
- c) around 43%  

9. Which three countries are Europe’s top suppliers?  
- a) Qatar, United States, Trinidad & Tobago/Nigeria  
- b) Russia, Norway and Algeria  
- c) Sweden, Romania and the Vatican  

TAP is changing the fabric of the community which lives on fishing, tourism and above all agriculture.” Two steps away from the sea, the sky shines no more, The roaring of the metal monsters make tears fall.  
(Treble)  

“To enforce their order, the police have used force and batons on us, in order to let the trucks and machines enter the area so they can dig. We just want the land to be respected.” (Francesco)
The NoTap movement in Italy. NoTap - né qui, né altrove.

It all started in 2011, when TAP declared that Melendugno, in the province of Apulia, Italy, had been chosen as the landing site for the Tap pipeline, that would transport fossil gas from Azerbaijan to Europe. The pipeline is one of the Europe’s Projects of Common Interest making Italy the critical commercial link allowing the Southern Gas Corridor to lock Europe into gas.

The area of Salento is known for its pristine waters, characteristic natural landscapes and olive groves. Since the coasts are protected, it is an area of refuge for many different species of flora and fauna.

Local governments said no, but the Italian government, pushed on a European level, ignore local democracy. People from all walks of life have been taking to the streets, organizing themselves and collectively pledging to resist - this is the No Tap movement.

10. Which types of gas is industry hyping up to distract from the fact the vast vast majority of their investments and work is in fossil gas projects?
   a) “Green gas,” otherwise known as “decarbonized gas,” which is regular fossil gas with the CO2 emitted pumped and trapped underground, using technology that doesn’t really exist yet
   b) Biogas
   c) Hydrogen gas

11. This is....
   a) An early proposal for the design of the Sydney Opera House
   b) A fossil gas terminal
   c) a test area to check how much concrete and steel the ground can hold.
1. Which international group taking action this September to target an industrial fertilizer producer?

2. What's the name of the group fighting a liquefied fossil gas terminal in the port of Gothenburg, Sweden? (Hint: their name translates to Fossil Gas Trap!)

4. Which company pushing fracking in the UK is also deeply involved in the plastics industry? (fracked gas is often used to produce plastic, not only for energy)

The EU has a “Projects of Common Interest” list (the PCI list), which gives energy projects priority status (e.g. they can fasttrack regulation) and can lead to billions of euros of public money. 112 new fossil gas projects all over Europe are applying to be on the next version of the list.

Some of these projects are already under construction, some are in the permit phase, and some have already been REJECTED by national energy regulators. This is not an exhaustive list of all European gas projects, but it (Midcat pipeline). This is not an exhaustive list of all European gas projects, but it gives an idea of how much new infrastructure is planned, and how much the EU is pushing new gas.

The final list will come out in November or December, and Members of European Parliament will vote on whether to approve the list or not in early 2019. Keep your eye on the PCI list!
2019: NEW GAS INFRASTRUCTURE IN GERMANY

TIME TO BLOCK
Nordstream 2
LNG Brunsbüttel
LNG Stade
LNG Wilmershavenn
EUGAL

Right now Germany is constructing new gas pipelines to get and distribute more gas from Russia (Nordstream 2, EUGAL). At the same time they are planning up to three LNG (Liquified Natural Gas) - Terminals to import gas per ship from North America.

Time to block for climate justice, because natural gas causes natural disasters.

GASTIVISTS BERLIN

Not here, not anywhere!

3. Which Italian company is trying to build a massive fossil gas terminal in Mozambique, land-grabbing and displacing local people? (Along with Anadarko, Shell, and Exxon)?

5. Which Swiss bank financed the gas drilling in Sidoarjo, Indonesia, that caused a toxic mud volcano that displaced 10,000 - 50,000 people? 13 years on, the mud is still flowing, and people are still demanding compensation and accountability.

6. Which UK company explicitly said it doesn’t frack at home because it would bring “the wrong kind of attention”, so is aggressively trying to frack in Argentina instead?

7. Which industrial fertilizer producer (who will face a mass action in September) is the biggest industrial consumer of fossil gas in Europe?

8. Which Belgian company is building the TAP pipeline in Italy, oppressing local people, tearing up ancient olive groves and breaking environmental laws? The TAP pipeline is the last piece of the “Southern Gas Corridor”, which would bring gas from Azerbaijan to Italy.

9. In Summer 2018, around 700 people blockaded infrastructure in Europe’s biggest gas field, in Groningen, The Netherlands, for several days. This gas field is operated by Shell and ...

10. What is the name of the pipeline to carry gas from Russia to Germany that no one wants? (Even the EU thinks it’s a bad idea, and there’s another pipeline that already travels that exact route).
On February 20, 2019 Samir Flores Soberanes, a Náhuatl indigenous activist and community organiser in Morelos, Mexico, was assassinated.

After numerous threats, Samir Flores was the victim of a political murder to silence his fight against the construction of a gas pipeline and gas power plant, the Proyecto Integral Morelos (PIM). He was part of a broad resistance of campesino movement fighting for water, land, dignity and autonomy.

The Spanish companies Elencor, Abengoa, Enagas and Italian company Bonatti are the promoters and constructors of the project. French company Saint-Gobain is one of the main beneficiaries.

The corporations involved in the project are based in Europe. They are ruthlessly betting on more fossil fuels, disregarding communities, their environment and our global climate on their path to more profit.

We acknowledge that the death of Samir Flores is not an exception. Indigenous defenders in Mexico and around the world have been threatened, killed and subjected to violence with increasing regularity over the last years.

There is an urgent need for protection of defenders in Mexico and in the Global South. We reaffirm the responsibility and role of Western and European companies in violating human rights and indigenous rights, and the necessity for our organisations, politicians and activist networks to fight corporate impunity.

Slogans from Mexico:
Justicia Para Samir (Justice for Samir)
Samir no muro, el gobierno lo mato (Samir didn’t die, the government murdered him)
Zapata vive, Samir vive, La Lucha Sigue (Zapata lives, Samir lives, the fight continues)
¡Samir vive, la lucha sigue! Viva Amilcingo! ¡Viva la lucha de los pueblos!
(Samir lives, the fight continues! Long live Amilcingo! Long live the people’s struggle!)
Yo Prefiero La Vida (I prefer life)
Yo Prefiero Tierra Y Libertad (I prefer land and freedom)

If you organize a vigil or action in solidarity, or use these slogans in your chants, it would be really nice to share with allies in Mexico. When sharing online, use these hashtags that local groups are using to connect: #SamirFlores #SamirVive #JusticiaParaSamir
If you want to find out more, contact hello@gastivists.org