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NEWSLETTER

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"OILY MONEY OUT" DISRUPTS CONFERENCE



Last month, the infamous "Oil and Money" conference (formally known as the Energy Intelligence Forum) was successfully brought to a temporary halt as a result of action undertaken by a collaboration of groups that included CCA, Extinction Rebellion (XR) and Fossil Fuel London (FFL).

On the first day of the Forum, activists glued themselves to the road and to the revolving door of the hotel to stop delegates from getting in. Greta Thunberg gave a speech and, as was widely reported in the national media, was later arrested. Greenpeace also dropped a banner from the roof.

The annual Forum is one of the biggest oil conferences in the world and is attended by the likes of Shell, Total, BP, Exxon, JP Morgan, The Bank of America and members of

Government to plan ongoing expansion of fossil fuel production.

During the week, members of CCA also peacefully occupied the building of the Chaucer insurance company alongside scientists from XR, joined with FFL at the offices of the banking giants Barclays and JP Morgan at Canary Wharf, and held a die-in (where activists simulate the bodies of those who have died as a result of the impacts of climate crisis) outside the conference venue.

The actions were supported with ongoing prayer including a candlelit vigil on the eve of the Forum and a multifaith prayer vigil with XR Faith Bridge, both held outside the Intercontinental.

[Full report and more pictures](#)

FORTHCOMING ACTIONS



Mass Lobbying of MPs
Tuesday 21st November

Want to hold a constructive conversation with your MP about new oil and gas?

CCA is inviting everyone who cares about creation to join in this coalition of scientists, health workers, educators, lawyers and many other concerned citizens working together to engage our elected representatives in Westminster.

[More information](#)
[Sign up now](#)

For more ways to engage with your MP on the climate crisis through CCA, see Local Groups below.

[Join CCA at the National Trust AGM](#)

Saturday 11th November, Swindon

The National Trust is one of a number of charities that bank with Barclays. So, this year, CCA will be attending the National Trust AGM, calling on the charity to reconsider their banking arrangements.

The majority of the action will take place outside the building as we join together in prayer and vigil, with a smaller number attending the AGM to ask questions.



Please [contact us](#) if you have National Trust membership, or if you wish to participate in the vigil.



Divestment Vigil - Chichester Diocese

Saturday 18th November, 9.20am start, St Johns (Meads) Church, St Johns Road, Eastbourne, BN21 7ND

Chichester Diocese is one of the last remaining Church of England diocese with investments in fossil fuels. The 18th November is the Chichester Diocese Synod where they will be debating fossil fuel divestment. CCA will be outside of this debate holding a vigil, praying that they divest from fossil fuels.

[Click HERE for more info](#)

You can also [email us](#) to let us know you're joining us.

See more forthcoming actions under Local Groups below

CCA CENTRAL EVENTS

Below is a selection of the CCA events scheduled over the next few weeks. A full list of all our events can be found on our

[EVENTS PAGE](#)



Saturday 11th November, 11.00am
with Jonathan Cox - Citizens' UK
The Action is in the Reaction!

Saturday 2nd December, 11.00am
with Rev Vanessa Elston.

Vanessa explores Jesus and 21st century

CCA is delighted to be able to host Jonathan for this session, in which he explores: what CCA can learn about imaginative protest from the Community Organising Tradition?

[Find out more about Jonathan](#)

Saturday 18th November, 11.00am
with Angela Paton

Trade union organiser Angela helps us understand how to get the most out of our elected parliamentary representatives and councillors, whether they are onside or not,

Saturday 25th November, 11.00am
with Caroline Harmon

How to use local media to amplify your actions (this session is subject to confirmation).

[Register for any / all of our Saturday Sessions here](#)

In the New Year, we will be taking a break from Saturday Sessions for the time being, but keep an eye out for occasional evening talks and events coming up. If you want to learn, be inspired or unpick some of the theological thinking behind what we do then head to our [Saturday Sessions archive](#) on YouTube.



Want a CCA Group Near You?
Thursday 7th December
7.30pm ONLINE

This is a friendly meeting for anyone who wants a [CCA group](#) near them.

It doesn't matter if you are completely new to CCA. Everyone is very welcome to explore how to get a local group going.

[Register in advance](#)

Brew Time
Tuesday 5th December,

activism (and why we don't have to make Jesus into a 21st century activist to justify climate activism).

Saturday 9th December, 11.00am
with Holly Petersen

Campaigning against Barclays: why and how CCA are involved in this campaign against the fossil fuel funding bank.

Saturday 16th December, 11.00am

End of the year roundup, a preview of some of the things CCA will be doing in the coming months and your chance to say what you think we should be doing in 2024.

7.30pm - 8.30pm online

Brew Time is a space, held monthly, where we can get to know CCA people wherever we are in the country. It's casual, laid back and you can bring a cuppa if you'd like. Come once, come twice, come however many times feels right to you.

This gathering will have a festival focus with a Christmas Quiz.

Register via our [events page](#)



LOCAL GROUPS

We now have CCA local groups across the UK and beyond.
Click [here](#) to see if there's a local group near you



All Groups: Lobby Your MP Ahead of COP28

During the week of 20th November, in the lead up to COP28, CCA is encouraging members locally to hold vigils outside their MP's office / urge their MP to meet them. The message: support Loss and Damage funding.

Last year at COP27, world Governments agreed to create an International Loss and Damage Fund to compensate for the severe impacts of climate change on communities. The UK Government has yet to commit any funding to this. Members of CCA will be urging their MPs to ask questions in Parliament about this fund ahead of COP28.

A template letter to write to your MP is available, and flyers should you wish to arrange your own local vigil. If you are interested in participating in one or arranging one please contact [CCA Local Groups](#) (Jo and Jonathan) who can let you have further details.

See below for details of the *Climate Justice Now* vigil organised by CCA Bristol.

CCA Brighton

CCA Brighton collaborates closely with Brighton XR. Regular events include a monthly vigil at the war memorial and actions at Barclays bank in the city centre, calling them to stop funding climate crisis with CCA present holding vigil (see left).



For more information and to get involved [email CCA Brighton](mailto:cca@brighton.org).

CCA London

Weekly Vigil Outside Shell HQ
Wednesdays, 8.00am - 9.00am

Shell has known about the devastating effects of burning fossil fuels since the 1980s. Despite this, it continues to expand its oil and gas projects with full force.

CCA member Judith prays each week outside Shell's London headquarters as their employees enter the building. Anyone who can is invited to join with her.



CCA Bristol

Climate Justice Now Vigil
Saturday 25th November, 2.00pm to 4.00pm (to be confirmed), College Green in front of the City Hall, Bristol

Focusing on the need to engage MPs with the importance of making reparation to those most affected by the Climate Crisis (see *Lobby Your MP Ahead of COP28* above) CCA Bristol will be praying for the four MPs that serve their city, and will have leaflets to give passers-by to encourage them to also



CCA Wales

Monthly Silent Vigil
Saturday 11th November
11am - 12 noon, outside Barclays Bank, Woking Street, Cardiff, CT10 1GN

CCA Wales will gather for an hour of silence as an act of grief for those dying because of climate chaos, and pray that Barclays stop funding climate breakdown. Everyone, of all faiths or none are welcome to join in the silence, prayer and meditation.

contact their MP. They are specifically asking their local MPs to back the Loss and Damage Fund.

For more information [email CCA Bristol](#).



[Email CCA Wales](#) for more information.

CCA Liverpool

Monthly Prayer Vigil at Barclays
Sunday 19th November, 1.00pm – 2.00pm, Church Street, Liverpool

CCA Liverpool invites you to their regular monthly vigil outside Barclays on Church Street. Contact [CCA Liverpool](#) for more information.

PRAYER



CCA's endeavors to combat the Climate Emergency are underpinned by [daily prayer](#).

Morning Prayer: 9am every morning on Zoom.

Evening Prayer: Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, 9.15pm -9.45pm to pray for the Earth and the work we are called to do at CCA, and to replenish our spiritual wellspring at the end of the day.

[Register here](#) for both morning and evening prayer.

CCA also participates in a number of Earth Vigils, including outside Parliament and at other locations across the UK. [Find these listed amongst our events](#).

DONATE

Donations from our supporters help:

- pay a handful of freelancers for a small amount of their time to keep

CCA running: answering emails and supporting local groups.

- cover the transport and accommodation of activists where needed whenever we can and buying kit for actions.
- fund this newsletter and many of our meetings which are hosted on a paid-for Zoom service.

If you're not able to get involved in actions (or even if you are!) donating to CCA is a really effective way to help us.

You can make a one off gift, or set up a regular payment to CCA, very easily [online](#).

THANK YOU



KEEP UPDATED!

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