

NEWSLETTER

7th April 2014

Diary Dates

All the following events can also be found on <http://www.frackfreewales.org>

Thursday 10th April at 7:30pm.

'Unconventional Gas Development in South Wales'

Public meeting at Pontarddulais Rugby Club, Oakfield Street, **Pontarddulais** SA4 8LW;

Presentation by Safe Energy, followed by questions and discussion. FREE ENTRY.

Thursday 10th April at 4pm - Sunday the 13th April at 7pm

Morrigan Encampment Wales - pagans against fracking!

A weekend of Direct Action training and magical ritual – all washed down with a generous side portion of music, merriment and good old fashioned pagan passion!

For more details, links and to book a place go to:

<http://www.frackfreewales.org/?p=509>

Saturday 12th April 10am - 5pm

FoE says, 'Get your fracking facts straight'

The first of 3 workshops organised by Friends of the Earth, leading up to National Day of Action on the 5th July 2014. Open to everyone.

St Peter's Civic Hall, Nott Square, **Carmarthen**, SA31 1PG

For more details, links and to book a place go to:

<http://www.frackfreewales.org/?p=504>

Thursday 17th April 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Safe Energy meeting.

Local meeting everyone welcome. Repeats every two weeks (1st May)

The Bay View, Oystermouth Road, **Swansea**, SA1 3UL

Email: safeenergywales@virginmedia.com

Saturday 19th April 12pm -12am

The FRACK OFF Mini Festival - FREE ENTRY

A family & acoustic afternoon: 7 bands, Comedians, and Frack Free Wales information.

The Glyn Sports Bar, **Ferndale**, Rhondda Cynon Taf, CF43 4NE

For more links and details of the line up go to:

<http://www.frackfreewales.org/?p=466>

Tuesday 29th April 2pm - 5pm

Frack Free Llantrisant drop-in event. FREE ENTRY.

Children welcome. Refreshments available.

Llantrisant Community Hall, Newbridge Rd, **Llantrisant**, Pontyclun, Mid Glamorgan, CF72 8EX

Also weekly meetings on Tuesdays in the Bear Inn, Heol-Y-Sarn, Llantrisant CF72 8DA between 8-10pm. All welcome.

For more details and links go to: <http://www.frackfreewales.org/?p=477>

Thursday May 1st - 7.30pm

Film Screening: 'The Truth Behind the Dash for Gas'

a documentary by Marco Jackson (59 mins)

This film will be followed by a discussion with the view to form a new local group in **Cardiff** in support of a frack free future.

"Our access to clean water, healthy soil and fresh air is under threat"

Space will be limited at this venue, email below to book a place and to find out the full address.

rhianbach@hotmail.com

Saturday May 3rd & 4th

Frack Free Festival - Fundraising event for Frack Free Somerset.

Two days of fantastic music, Speakers, debates and films about fracking, energy workshops and much much more!

Radford Mill Farm, Radford, **Timsbury**, near Bath, BA2 0QF

For more details go to:

<http://www.frackfreewales.org/?p=546&preview=true>

Tuesday 6th May 7:30pm

'Europe and the Environment' – European Election Hustings

A chance to hear from and ask questions of candidates in the forthcoming European Election.

Environment Centre, Pier Street, **Swansea** SA1 1RY

<http://www.frackfreewales.org/?p=542>

Sunday 11th May @ 4 pm

Film Showing: 'Truth Behind The Dash For Gas'

Followed by a discussion led by Andy Chyba, Wales Fracking Awareness Campaign

The Savoy Theatre, Church Street, **Monmouth**, Monmouthshire, NP25 3BU

Other News



N.E.Wales Anti-Fracking Action Network

On March the 31st Wrexham Council rejected planning application to drill exploration well at Commonwood Farm, Borrass, **Wrexham**

Thanks to all those who showed support and to those Councillors who voted against.

For more details and links go to:

<http://www.frackfreewales.org/?p=526>

Also please click on this link below to increase the signatures on this petition:

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/stop-fracking-wrexham-county-borough-council>

Funding for Public Meetings:

FFW has obtained funding from 38 Degrees to support local groups with public meetings, film shows, street stalls, etc. If you're planning an event and would like help with the cost of hiring a venue or printing flyers/leaflets, please let us know

frackfreewales@hotmail.com

Funding is specifically for awareness raising events, and not for fundraisers (but if you have a collection at the event you can keep that). Limited to £50(ish) per event, but no limit on the number of events by any particular group. First come, first served – so get your bids in quick.

Anti-fracking West and Mid Wales raised £700 at the benefit gig in **Aberystwyth** on March 8th. From the money raised we have so far donated £50 to the Protectors Fund and they are in the process of sending out some money/donations to the new protection camps being set up including Daneshill, Notts. The rest of the money will go towards printing costs, creating a group banner and fuel costs to get people to anti-fracking training days. They'd like to thank all donors of raffle prizes and everyone who supported the event.

Frack Off Llanelli

The South Wales Anti-fracking Festi has been confirmed for the 18th - 20th July.

It is in the early planning stages at the moment, more info to follow.

<http://www.frackfreewales.org/?p=539>

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS:

Campaigning for the European Elections in May has already begun;

Polling day will be 22 May. Time to think about arranging a local meeting with the candidates to ask them about their views on fracking and energy policy in general (plus anything else you might be interested in!).

Wales is a single constituency for the Euro Elections, electing four MEPs using the Party List PR system.

Downside of running an election meeting is that you have to invite every party to send a representative, even the nasty ones (although they might not turn up).

Nominations for the election close on 24 April, when we will know the full list of parties and candidates standing in the election. Best to organise a meeting soon after that, because the main candidates will get busier as the election approaches.

For more information and advice on organising an election meeting contact Keith Ross at: Safe Energy safeenergywales@virginmedia.com

Looking for things to do?

The Frack Freepost Project Help STOP the FRACKING of OUR COUNTRY, contact the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats by FREEPOST, no stamp needed, you will help make all the difference.

For more details on the project and the two Freepost addresses go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/FRACK-Freepost-Letter-Project/253275494841635>

Go to our 'Get Active' page on the website http://www.frackfreewales.org/?page_id=10

- Visit or write to your MP
- Visit or write to your Assembly Member
- Talk to your Local Councilors

Don't forget!

- Keep an eye on local council planning applications in your area.

Donate:

- As with most campaigning organisations, Frack Free Wales is always short of money to do what needs to be done. If you have anything to spare please consider donating it to the campaign. http://www.frackfreewales.org/?page_id=10

Volunteer:

There are never enough people around to do all the work that needs to be done, and we are always grateful for offers to help with admin and organisation at whatever level. If you have the skills, inclination and time to help with this, please get in touch.

Contact details for local groups:

Safe Energy (Swansea) - email safeenergywales@virginmedia.com
or call Keith Ross on 079 1467 7150

Frack Off Llanelli - email Melanie Dawn welshdreamtime@btinternet.com or Paul Jennings pdjennings@btinternet.com

Vale Says No! - email Andy Chyba andy.chyba@icloud.com

Villagers Against Drilling (Llantrithyd) - email villagersagainstdrilling@gmail.com

Frack Free Llantrisant - email frackfreellantrisant@gmail.com

Frack Free Newport - email Dave Yates dave.yates@phonecoop.coop

N.E Wales Anti-Fracking Action Network - email Luke Ashley lashley40@aol.com

Anti-Fracking West and Mid-Wales - email antifrackwestmidwales@hotmail.co.uk or nickees@hotmail.com

Keep your Fracking hands off Neath Port Talbot - email jarandall@tiscali.co.uk

For further links on local groups go to:

http://www.frackfreewales.org/?page_id=9