

# Climate Action Camp

## Notre Dame des Landes (near Nantes)

### 3rd to 9th August 2009



The new airport that is planned to be built near Nantes is both useless and harmful. The Nantes-Atlantique airport that already exists is, and will continue to be more than sufficient. With this project, concrete and asphalt would cover about 2000 hectares of a preserved landscape of hedged farmland, and destroy about fifty farms. In today's global context, boundless corporate greed leads to mass inequality, destruction and pollution. It also makes us face a danger on a scale never experienced until now, that of climate change. The Notre Dame des Landes airport, if built, will largely and directly contribute to this problem. It must be stopped. There is an urgent need for us all to live differently, in a way which is ecological, anticapitalist, and self-governing.

The Climate Action Camp's main targets are :

- to save the farmlands threatened by the project, by mobilising the local population. We also aim to widen the scope of the struggle, and bring media attention to it, thus building a long-lasting and strong movement able to modify the balance of powers.

- to act directly in order to face this huge challenge facing humanity. We know now that a tipping point exists, when climate change will be both rapid and irreversible. Recent studies show that this tipping point could be reached in less than a hundred months (about eight years)\* - that is, if we don't take action. It is imperative that we get out of the current economical and social way of life. This system has created the climate emergency, and it doesn't have the resources to tackle the problem. We need to build a collective movement which will allow a just transition towards a society based on equity and sustainability. In order to do this, we will take action on a local level and take part in the national and international network of climate action movements.

- to help spread and increase community-based approaches, self-governed decision-making processes, non-violent direct action, and ecological alternatives. We will learn together how to put this into practice, sharing skills and creating new forms of resistance and effective action that will gather media attention.

The camp is organised by an open group which anyone can join, and in which everyone can participate and express their ideas. This helps to include as many people as possible in the decisions, which are made by consensus.

The camp will be entirely self-governed, and will be based on a few key principles: to have as little impact on the environment as possible, and to take action with a high impact on a local level and/or on the media. It will be a great place for learning, sharing practical skills and experimenting sustainable living, and it will also be a time for movement-building and networking. The benefits will be shared, with a system of donations or cost prices. It will be part of a week-long protest on site, following two other events: the festival "Le Plancher des Vaches" (Saturday, 1st of August), and the annual airport-protesters' picnic (Sunday, 2nd of August).

**Organizations** that wish to be part of the Climate Action Camp and that subscribe to these principles are welcome. Time will be allowed for internal meetings within organizations, not overlapping with the collective meetings of the camp. The inclusion of various movements will make it possible for a larger audience to come and be part of the camp.

**To get involved in the Climate Action Camp or to join in the preparation process, please get in touch !**

\*Lenton, T. M., Held., H. et al. (2008) 'Tipping elements in the Earth's climate system', Proceeding of the National Academy of Sciences.

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