MA IN ACTIVISM AND SOCIAL CHANGE

NEW FIELDTTRIP MODULE FOR AUTUMN 2009

EMERGENCY PLANET EARTH!
ENVIRONMENTAL CRISES,
DEFINITIONS AND RESPONSES

at the Centre for Alternative Technology, Wales,
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Want to learn more about the urgent environmental issues of our times?
Want to engage with practitioners who are at the forefront of developing solutions?
Want to be part of cutting edge, radical teaching and research with one of the UK’s most respected universities?

THEN THIS MODULE IS FOR YOU!

Why is this module happening at the Centre for Alternative Technology?
The Centre for Alternative Technology (CAT) is one of Europe’s leading ecocentres, undertaking practical research and teaching into ecological issues. It is based in the town of Machynlleth on the edge of Snowdonia National Park. This module is a product of an exciting new partnership with CAT. It is particularly timely as CAT is launching a major new educational initiative and resource this summer called WISE (the Wales Institute for Sustainable Education). WISE will provide a state-of-the-art environmental education centre, featuring 24 en suite study bedrooms, 200 seat rammed earth lecture theatre workshops, seminar rooms, laboratory, restaurant and bar.

Module Logistics
This fieldtrip module will happen in mid November 2009 and will be taught over one week, from Tuesday evening to Sunday afternoon. It is an optional module on the MA in Activism and Social Change with students paying an extra £300 to cover travel, food and accommodation at CAT (may vary due to student numbers).

Module Content
The module will be delivered by staff from Geography at the University of Leeds and CAT and will involve a mix of lectures, seminars, evening reading groups, debates and films, student led presentations, guest speakers and site visits and a social on Saturday evening.

Sessions include

Issues
1. Introduction: understanding rapid change
2. Climate Change: emergency code red?
3. The Energy crisis and peak oil
4. Environmental Justice: living in a toxic society
5. Land matters: the industrialisation of food and agriculture
6. Mid point reflection and summary

Responses
7. Green capitalism and the corporate response
8. Government frameworks for change: from the local to the global
9. Grassroots civil society responses: localisation and transition towns
10. Social movements for change: radical ecological direct action

More information
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For more information on this module or the whole MA in Activism see: www.activismsocialchange.org.uk
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