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1. **Plastic Free July** is a world-wide movement. It may seem impossible to cut all plastic but they are asking you to concentrate on four bits in particular - **plastic bags, water bottles, coffee cups and straws.**

#PLASTICFREEJULY

Raising awareness of the problems and environmental impact that single-use disposable plastics create in our world. They are found in just about every part of our daily lives and this challenge is designed to educate people on how to reduce the amount of plastic they use—**ESPECIALLY the Top Four: plastic bags, water bottles, coffee cups, and straws.** Here are some alarming facts about plastic use.

One million sea birds and 100,000 mammals are killed annually from plastic in our oceans.

Plastic constitutes approximately 90% of all trash floating on the ocean's surface, with 46,000 pieces of plastic per square mile.



2. The Redland Energy Group are planning an **LED information evening at Ablectrics** on Gloucester Road. (The staff there know everything about low consumption lighting - really helpful.) If you want to find out more, please contact Sue on info@bcenergy@gmail.com

3. It seems that **Flamanville in France**, the nuclear plant that is the forerunner of Hinkley C, has finally got the go-ahead from the French regulators, despite its known defective steel. This means it **could be operating next year (just 6 years behind schedule)**.

The good news is that the new **President of South Korea has said he aims to close all of the country's 25 nuclear plants** in the foreseeable future. There will be no life extensions and no replacements. **In the US, renewables now regularly beat nuclear and nuclear is definitely on a downward trend** : 6 plants were closed in 2013, one opened last year but six more are to close in the next four years.

Here's a shocking documentary on the realities of nuclear waste disposal.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YzbvTvlErEO>



Nuclear Waste Disposal Documentary

www.youtube.com

Nuclear Waste Disposal Documentary: A new documentary that examines the nuclear waste disposal problem in just one location. We have these sites across

4. You may have seen **Al Gore's new documentary** advertised, the follow up to 'An Inconvenient Truth'. I don't yet know where it's on in Bristol but the Curzon in Clevedon are showing it on the **21st September**.

5. **Tesla** has announced that they plan to convert all their **recharging points to be 100% solar with batteries** so that eventually they will be able to disconnect from the grid.

And Renault and PowerVault have teamed up to **try out old electric vehicle batteries as suitable storage in homes**. Obviously car batteries have a lot of life left in them, even when no longer suitable for the road. This could, apparently, **reduce the costs of batteries by about 30%**. The trial is part-funded by a crowdfunding initiative on CrowdCube, if you are interested.

Interestingly, another study has found that **electric vehicle drivers tend to be much more energy conscious in the rest of their lives too**. Whether this is cause or effect is unclear.

6. The Bedminster Energy Group will be holding an event on the **11th June, with two speakers - one on Sustainable Transport and one on Behavioural Change**. Please book through Eventbrite.

7. If anyone is unclear what fracking may mean for this country, it is worth watching the excellent documentary 'The Truth Behind the Dash for Gas'.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cX1bsyDuAfg>



The Truth Behind The Dash For Gas 2014

www.youtube.com

Documentary lifting the lid on fracking spin, investigating environmental and health issues associated with fracking in Australia, the US, and Lancashire and UK ...

Reclaim the Power is organising a big event at the fracking site in Lancashire on 21st July. Buses leave Bristol on the 20th.

<https://reclaimthepower.org.uk/>

Reclaim the Power

reclaimthepower.org.uk

Why we got together to Reclaim the Power. While Britain is submerged in the worst floods for decades, the government and oil industry are pressing ahead with plans ...

8. The National Infrastructure Committee has declared that there is far too much **uncertainty around the UK's energy policy**. Investors need certainty over our carbon tax (currently low and frozen), and more direction on renewable targets, demand management, battery storage and how our exit from Euratom will be managed. They have been **joined in their criticism by the CBI, Chamber of Commerce and Small Business Institute**.

<https://www.newpower.info/2017/06/national-infrastructure-commission-chair-calls-for-an-end-to-government-dither-and-delay-highlights-four-energy-decisions/>

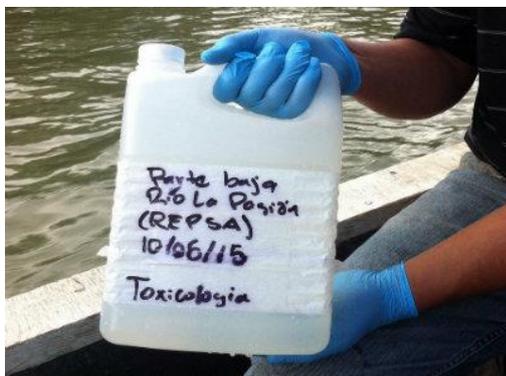
9. SumofUs has circulated the following information and petition.

The pressure is mounting and **Nestlé is showing its real face to the world.**

Nestlé refuses to cut ties with REPSA, a **palm oil producer found guilty of ecocide in Guatemala.** REPSA destroyed an entire community two years ago and has since **silenced critics and failed to compensate those most impacted** by the spill.

By continuing its commercial relationship to REPSA, Nestlé is complicit and needs to hear from all of us today. Can you share our campaign with your friends? The more of us there are, the bigger our impact!

https://act.sumofus.org/go/353697?referring_akid=.7459720.02HkCf&t=2&akid=31732.7459720.B2xcOv



REPSA: clean up your mess.

act.sumofus.org

It's time REPSA do right by the Guatemalans whose livelihoods were destroyed by its reckless palm oil policy.

10. The Rainforest Action Network has put out a **ranking of the world's major banks according to their climate change credentials.** It seems the best that can be done is ING with a 'B' - the Cooperative and Triodos are not listed. Please see below to see if your bank is listed.

Many thanks. *As ever, if you wish to come off the mailing list, please just let me know.*

All good wishes.

Nikki



Dear Felicity,

[Your bank is funding extreme fossil fuels. Tell it to stop.](#)

Banks continue to pour billions and billions into the most extreme fossil fuels — pushing us toward climate disaster and trampling on human rights along the way. From 2014 to 2016, big banks around the world sent \$290 billion to the most environmentally destructive fossil fuels including coal, tar sands oil, Arctic and ultra-deep sea oil, and liquefied natural gas.

In **[Banking on Climate Change](#)**, the 8th annual fossil fuel finance report card, we analyzed bank policy and investments in extreme fossil fuels.

To keep the planet under 1.5 degrees of global warming and stop human rights violations, banks **must** stop financing extreme fossil fuels. Our planet just can't take it.

[See how your bank stacked up at the Banking on Climate Change website.](#)

In **[Banking on Climate Change](#)**, you'll find information crucial to the movement's efforts to keep fossil fuels in the ground. You can arm yourself with the evidence you need to hold banks accountable for their short-sighted investment in coal, extreme oil, and extreme gas.

Here are some key findings:

- After the Paris Accord was signed in 2015, bank investment in extreme fossil fuels declined — **but JPMorgan Chase and 11 other banks bucked the trend and *increased* financing of extreme fossil fuels in 2016.**
- Tar sands expansion faces unified opposition from 122 Indigenous tribes and First Nations in the Treaty Alliance Against Tar Sands Expansion. **And yet banks poured \$47.78 billion into tar sands oil in 2014-2016.**
- Today and tomorrow's energy jobs are in renewables — **not** coal. **And yet, banks are increasing their investment in coal power.**

[Find out more, explore the data, and tell your bank to stop banking on climate change and human rights violations.](#)

For the future,

Jason



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Sources:

2. [Indigenous Leaders Launch New Campaign to Defund All Four Proposed Tar Sands Pipelines](#), Mazaska Talks



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