

CITY: Change It yourselves.

The workshop about founding a forum for networking together various groups and individuals, all loosely interested in social change, has grown to an actively meeting every second wednesday a month at the Communication Workers Union, at 15 Brunswick Street at 7.30 pm. A launch party was held on the 10th of october, with lots of socialising and good food.

Interested? Either just come along or visit the webpage:

<http://www.edinburghcity.org.uk>

Over the summer there were regularly film shown at ACE: For example Matewan and Metropolis in June and in July.

Also documentary films were shown and used as a basis for discussion, like e.g. "Crowd bites wolf" about the WTO meeting in Prague last year. The next documentary film showing will be **Digest #17**, which is a German alternative news and background magazine from July 1998 at the 30th of october, 7.30 pm, ace, featuring many fun actions.

Lots of activities happened during the summer: Here are some of them:

**Glasgow Mayday** attracted activists from Edinburgh, all enjoying the sun, the drummers, the street party, the chilling out in the park and the **90 for 90 free train ride**.

A group of passionate environmentalists passed by here in Edinburgh as well and gave a profound multimedia presentation about the roots of **climate change**.

Anyone who wants to get involved around the issue can get more information from:

<http://www.risingtide.org.uk>

Inspired by the talk an **environmental group** was founded and met quite regularly during the summer at ace. The future of the group is quite unclear, as some highly committed activists are leaving, so if you are interested, then please get in touch to keep this group going.

## The Foot and Mouth Festival

A tremendous autonomous festival was organised in Edinburgh, coinciding with the Climate Conference in Bonn and the G8 Summit in Genoa. As usual our gatherings were much more successful than the one of the politicians, about 500 people taking over the streets on the 14th of July at "Foot it round the burgh".

As well as Scotlands capital is now introduced in the famous three sided football league by Luther Blissett.

Also a revival of the Critical Mass took place, seeing about 50 cyclists congesting the roads for the car drivers during rush hour to make public think about environmental friendly behaviour.

The "mouth off gathering" was successfully organised. Open to public was an exhibition, an open creative art space, a film area, good free homemade food, and most important, various workshops and discussion forums were put on with several continuing after the weekend. (see CITY). The weekend was also enjoyed by mums and kids, because the kids had a whole Playbus for themselves, something a lot of grown-up activists were jealous of.

Benefits advice and support every Tuesday from 12 to 4 pm at ACE. A group is now meeting regularly to train for claimants' affairs.

Out of the conference another workshop, a course and a discussion forum evolved.

The same workshop, already offered at the conference, was about the Menstrual cycle was repeated and so about ten women took up the chance to discuss these intimate issues from an alternative point of view.

The workshop about counselling kept on meeting and it is now in discussion to press it into a course. Interested persons might still have the opportunity to join.