Radical Action Grants

funding radical environmental action in Aotearoa



Welcome

This newsletter shares the exciting reports we've had from Radical Action Grant recipients in the last year, and announces the successful 2012 applicants.

Management Committee

Radical Action Grants are administered by the Biodiversity Defence Society Incorporated (BDS), a non-profit incorporated society. The current BDS management committee are:

- Brian Anderson (West Coast)
- Lynley Hargreaves (West Coast)
- Geoff Keey (Arthurs Pass)
- Jo McVeigh (Auckland)
- Frances Mountier (Petone)

About Radical Action Grants

Radical Action Grants (RAG) supports radical grassroots environmental activism – especially climate activism – in Aotearoa. Aimed at groups less able to access conventional sources of funding, the grants give inspirational and thought provoking projects – usually done on shoestring budgets with volunteer time – a much needed boost. We've provided grants of up to \$500 for projects such as:

- Printing of non-violent direct action booklets and marquee hire for the 2012 Keep the Coal in the Hole Summer Festival, held near the massive Southland lignite deposits
- A spoof 'Dominion Roast' paper distributed by Generation Zero, a group of young New Zealanders
- ✓ The SLICK collaborative art exhibition, run by Nelson-based action group Clean Energy Future

 The Bring Change 'Frack No Deep Sea Drilling' Concert held in Christchurch in April 2012

Turn over to read more!

In this issue

Page 1

About Radical Action Grants 2012 Recipients

Page 2

Reports from:

- Climate Justice
 Aotearoa
- Climate Justice Taranaki
- Coal Action Network
 Aotearoa

How to Apply How to Donate

DONATE

Our grants are entirely funded by donations. If you want to support environmental activism in New Zealand, a **donation to Radical Action Grants** is a great way to make your dollars count. Details on how to donate are over the page.

2012 Recipients

- Coal Action Murihiku educational Summer Festival 2013
- Coromandel Watchdog of Hauraki – Printing t-shirts and leaflets
- Frack-Free Tairāwhiti -Campaign signage
- Ka Nui Conference Extractive Industries Counter-Conference 2013
- Nga Toka Tu Moana The Nga TM Festival 2013
- Piha KASM -Surfer Dave Rastovich paddles from Taranaki to Piha



Climate Justice Aotearoa

A Radical Action Grant allowed Climate Justice Aotearoa to print 1000 booklets called **Climate Justice in Aotearoa: A climate change resistance handbook.**

The booklet introduces readers to the concepts and principles of Climate Justice, how they apply to us in Aotearoa, and how they might inform how we act on climate change. It is aimed at people who are interested in environmental and climate change issues but who may be beginning to explore how these issues relate to social justice.

Groups can request the booklet by emailing jessieden@gmail.com

SUCCCESS! Oil giant Petrobas recently pulled out of its NZ explorations, citing economic hurdles. 2011 grant recipient Frack-Free Tairāwhiti is part of a network of concerned citizens organising events and actions against fracking and offshore exploration.

APPLY

We've made applying for a Radical Action Grant quick and simple. See <u>radicalactiongrants.wordpress.com</u> for the dates of our next round of funding, and follow the instructions to email in a brief group introduction, project description, and contact details for two referees.

Grants will be given to upcoming projects and New Zealand-based groups only. They are intended to support materials, travel, publishing, and other expenses incurred in pursuing a particular project, rather than on-going or administrative expenses.

Climate Justice Taranaki

Climate Justice Taranaki is a community group dedicated to justice, resistance, education and positive action at the front lines of climate change (oil and gas, and dairy farming). A Grant went towards organising a rally, three public meetings and signage.

Coal Action Network Aotearoa

In January 2012, CANA hosted 150 people at the Keep the Coal in the Hole Summer Festival, held on a farm in Mataura, Southland. State owned mining company Solid Energy already owns almost all the surrounding land.

A Radical Action Grant was used to print copies of a Non Violent Direct Action (NVDA) handbook to support the NVDA workshop held during the festival, and to hire marquees. Over 300 people attended the Education Day held at the Mataura Community Hall.

DONATE

All donations to RAG go into the grant pool. BDS members personally fund any operating costs.

Donating online

Biodiversity Defence Society Kiwibank account **38-9012-0085495-00**

Please write 'RAG' in the reference field. To receive a receipt, include your surname in the reference field and email us on <u>radicalactiongrants@riseup.net</u>

Automatic Payments

Pledges are incredibly important to Radical Action Grants. A little money over a long time really helps, and it allows us to budget for future rounds.

To set up an automatic payment, you can contact your bank directly, download the AP form from our website or ask us to send you one.

Donating by post

Please send your donation to: Radical Action Grants, 17 McLeods Rd, RD 1, Ross, Westland 7885. Include your postal address if you would like a receipt.

CONTACT US

Website: www.radicalactiongrants.wordpress.com Email: radicalactiongrants@riseup.net Phone: 021 175 7484 (Francie)