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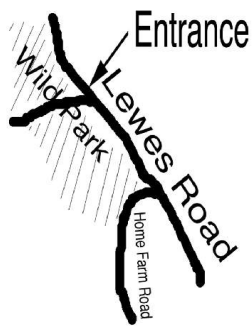


The BIG Demo

Tuesday 31st May 3:00pm

Meet At

The Entrance To Wild Park

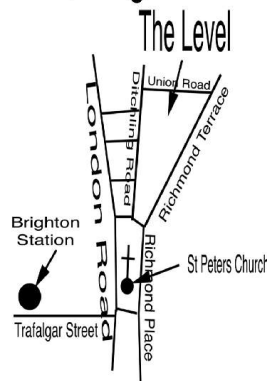


National Demo

Saturday 11th June 12:00

Meet at

The Level, Brighton



EDO Goes To The High Court In A Desperate Attempt to Crush Protest

In an attempt to silence protestors at their factory gates EDO are bringing out an injunction against 11 named defendants under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997, which is designed to protect individuals from stalkers. This gross misuse of the act could effectively create a large exclusion zone around the factory affecting any person the police deemed to be a protestor.

So far EDO has spent over fifty thousand pounds on this injunction using superstar legal abuser Timothy Lawson-Crutenden who has been successful in securing draconian injunctions against various animal rights' groups.

So far Judge Gross has refused to impose most of EDO's proposed injunction only going so far as to ban trespass on EDO's premises and threatening phone calls or emails. There are no restrictions on the number of protesters, the frequency or the duration of demonstrations. Protest is restricted at the junction of Home Farm Road but not directly opposite the factory. Judge Gross declared "freedom of expression is a right jealously guarded in English law". So basically – come on up and make some noise.

The result is EDO have spent over fifty grand on good publicity for the Smash EDO campaign giving us national media attention and many newcomers on our noise demonstrations.

.....At one demo in April around 70 protestors were joined by a Channel 4 film crew who featured the campaign on their evening news.

International Day Of Action Against The Arms Trade

EDO Gets A Visit From The Blix Block

Brighton arms dealers EDO MBM were visited in March by a Citizens Inspections Agency (CIA) team who demanded access to their weapons manufacturing facility.

Around 20 inspectors, clad in protective white overalls attempted to inspect warmonger EDO MBM's factory as part of the International Day of Direct Action Against the Arms Trade.

A spokesperson for the inspectors said "Police and private security seriously obstructed our efforts, and as a result we are

The inspections team read out the names of some of the more than 100,000 Iraqi civilian casualties of the illegal invasion, and held a two minutes silence

One CIA inspector said "The cops had had enough, and with none of their usual guff about 'facilitating' protest they imposed a section 14 order under the Public Order Act, demanding we disperse because we might 'compel' EDO staff to cease work – by reading out the names of their victims.

"Three of our members were then kidnapped in a white van with blue flashing lights by some dodgy characters in day-glow jackets who seemed to be acting as EDO's private security, although they claimed to be police officers."

Support the CIA 3 who are fighting public order charges in Brighton Magistrates Court from 28th July to 1st August.

WHISTLE-BLOWERS CORNER

We know that not everybody who works at EDO is totally happy with management.

Pissed off with the boss? Why not give us a call in strict confidence?

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Pro EDO Demo

In response to the success of the Smash EDO campaign an EDO MBM support group has been set up in Brighton. 25 jubilant EDO MBM supporters kicked the regular Smash EDO noise demo out of their weekly spot and greeted workers with cheers and shouts of 'BOMBS NOT BREAD', 'WARFARE NOT WELFARE' and 'CAN YOU SIGN MY UNDERPANTS'. One EDO MBM supporter even proclaimed that he had taken out an injunction on himself.

Arms Dealers Feeling The Heat In Scotland

There have also been recent actions against the Arms Trade in Scotland, with a blockade of a BAE bomb factory and a banner drop in Edinburgh amongst them.

From 6.30 on March 25th about 20 or so activists blockaded the British Aerospace factory at Crewe Toll in Edinburgh. Activists managed to block both vehicle and pedestrian entrances for several hours with lock-ons and padlocks.

BAe at Crewe Toll is used to build gun-sights for the Challenger II tanks that fire (almost exclusively) depleted uranium shells as well as components for cluster bombs (dropped by Tornado jets.)

There have also been recent actions against the WEIR GROUP in Glasgow, (maintain Trident and 1st scottish company to get contract in Iraq) inc. 3 phone blockades. Contact Faslane Peace Camp for more info.

faslanepeacecamp@hotmail.com

Smash EDO Protest Camp

13th – 19th August 2005

Email smashedo@hotmail.com for info

EDO Solidarity Protest At Office Of Injunction Lawyer



Lawson Cruttenden Gets A Drumming

A samba protest was held on 19th May outside the offices of controversial injunction lawyer Timothy Lawson-Cruttenden. The protest had two messages, one to show solidarity with campaigners against the arms company EDO/MBM and also to highlight this threat to the our fundamental right to protest through the use of the injunctions under the Protection from Harassment Act.

Timothy Lawson-Cruttenden is one of the lawyers who pioneered the Protection From Harassment Act (1997), better known as the Stalkers Law, and who realised its potential in being used to stop protest. Starting with Huntingdon Life Sciences, he has been instrumental in many of the subsequent injunctions including acting for Bayer against anti-genetically modified food campaigners and Oxford University in its bid to stop the campaign against its new animal laboratory.

Spotted fleeing the area as the demo started up was one Nicola Woolcock, a journalist with the The Times and the pet of Lawson-

Cruttenden, (check out her back catalogue at <http://www.lawson-cruttenden.co.uk/press.html>).

She is regularly at the court hearings, staying to hear Timothy's wonderfully plum tones and then writing accounts on the back of them. She always seems too busy to actually ask the defendants their side of the story.

If you think that such biased reporting is not acceptable, or that sucking up to a man so devoid of morals he would destroy the right to protest in the pursuit of profit, why not drop her a line nicola.woolcock@the-times.co.uk or complain to her editor at home.news@thetimes.co.uk, or editor@thetimes.co.uk

Upcoming Events

- ❑ **Thursday 26th May** – Noise Demo AT EDO MBM – 4-6pm
- ❑ **Thursday 26th May** – Public Meeting at Sussex University 6-9 at A2, Arts Building (organised by Sussex Uni No EDO society)
- ❑ **Tuesday 31st May - THE BIG DEMO.** Meet at 3:00pm at the entrance to Wild Park on the Lewes Road.
- ❑ **Tuesday 31st May** – DEFY THE INJUNCTION PUBLIC MEETING – Featuring speakers on EDO MBM – Talk by Dave Morris and Helen Steele (The Mclibel Two) on defending the right to protest and film showings about the local campaign
- ❑ **Saturday 11th June** - NATIONAL DEMO - Meet at 12:00 noon at the Level, Brighton (near St. Peter's Church).

WHY SHUT DOWN EDO?

Because EDO profit from death and destruction - they make parts for weapons which are used en masse against innocent people like those in Fallujah. Their products include bomb-release mechanisms for F-16s and Tornados and parts for the Paveway so-called 'smart' bomb. We will be here until EDO isn't.

However, we don't expect you to just take our word for it, ask them yourself:

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