

World Food Day @ ESF

Saturday 16th October 9:00am – 9:00pm

“Feed people not profits: challenging corporate control”



- 840 million people go to bed hungry each night in a world with 1.5 billion overfed people that spends \$900 billion a year on weapons and war.
- 1 European farm disappears every minute of every day
- 4 supermarket chains control 75% of the food market in the UK
- 75% of maize seed sales controlled by 4 Trans National Corporations
- FAO and other UN agencies are now promoting GM crops
- 10% of the population own 90% of the fertile land in Brazil

Food sovereignty policies are needed now to ensure that 6.5 billion people are fed today and 9 billion tomorrow. These policies will:

- regulate international trade in favour of local markets, farmers and consumers;
- implement the fundamental Right to Food for all peoples and ensure Farmers' Rights;
- ensure equitable access to land, water, GM-free seeds, livestock breeds and agricultural biodiversity for threatened farmers and landless families;
- promote sustainable, localised food production and agroecology



Plenary at Alexandra Palace	Seminars at Alexandra Palace		
11:30am - 1:30pm Politics on your plate - European agriculture, its global impact and future Event no: 2161	9:00 - 11:00am European Agriculture: Citizens and farmers fighting together for a fair and sustainable CAP <i>Venue: Junin</i> Event no: 1855	4:30 - 6:30pm Food Sovereignty, Fair Trade and Diversity: challenging corporate control <i>Venue: Chiapas</i> Event no: 2025	7:00 - 9:00pm Land Rights – equitable access to land and resources in Europe and the Global South <i>Venue: Woomera</i> Event no: 2024
Workshops in Bloomsbury			
11:30am - 1:30pm Beyond GM: Nanotechnology in Food and Agriculture <i>Venue: University London Union - room 3D</i> Event no: 778	 11:30 - 1:30pm A bittersweet tale: putting an end to damage caused by EU sugar dumping <i>Venue: University London Union - room 3E</i> Event no: 1138 	2:00 - 4:00pm Towards a European Coalition for Corporate Responsibility <i>Venue: University London Union Upper Hall</i> Event no: 1364	4:30 - 6:30pm Boycott Nestlé <i>Venue: Congress House 3, Gt. Russell St.</i> Event no: 1173

For more information see Item / Event numbers in printed programme or visit www.fse-esf.org, Genewatch www.genewatch.org/esf.htm and UKabc www.ukabc.org/

GM crops: the struggle continues

Friday 15th October 9:00am – 9:00pm

The EU has recently developed and is implementing new regulations which promise to deliver full traceability and labelling of the GM products.

After years of threats, the US has finally made a challenge at the WTO about the EU's de-facto moratorium. Under this pressure the un-elected EU Commission has started to override the Council of Ministers by authorising new GM varieties.



Public opposition remains strong.

Citizens across Europe continue to oppose the introduction of these crops by creating GM Free zones or directly decontaminating GM field trials.

If Europe starts to import and grow GM crops, there will be major impacts globally, as many countries no longer seek to maintain their European markets by remaining GM free.

Seminars at Alexandra Palace

9:00am - 12:00noon <i>Venue: Woomera</i> <i>Event no: 1825</i>	GM-Free Europe	The current state of play regarding GM crops and foods around Europe and the world. Including contributions from European and international grassroots campaigners with time for discussion and debate. There will also be an introduction to three workshops on the GM WTO dispute, GM Free Zones.
1:00 - 3:00pm <i>Venue: tbc</i> <i>Event no: 1845</i>	A Trans-Atlantic GMO Trade War	This seminar will provide an update and details of the US WTO challenge on the EU's precautionary stance on GMOs. There will be a chance for questions and discussions. A strategy workshop follows this seminar

Workshops in Bloomsbury

4:00 - 6:00pm <i>Venue: NATFHE Brunswick</i> <i>Event no: 748</i>	GM-Free Europe	This workshop will be organised to discuss and further strengthen local and regional initiatives throughout Europe to declare geographical areas GMO free. The ESF gives an excellent opportunity to exchange experiences, discuss and improve strategies and inspire new people to join the campaign for a GMO free Europe.
7:00 - 9:00pm <i>Venue: NATFHE Brunswick</i> <i>Event no: 842</i>	A Trans-Atlantic GMO Trade War	This workshop follows on from the seminar on the same subject, giving people the chance to discuss strategy and action around the WTO case in the future.