



The Sheila McKechnie Foundation E-Bulletin

Supporting the next generation of campaigners

Latest News In the World of Campaigning

International

Campaigns around the conflict in Gaza have continued since our last e-bulletin. Read a piece by our chair Lyndall Stein describing her own thoughts and experiences of the protests in London. [Click here to read.](#)

Third Sector magazine has published a report which suggests that despite the current economic crisis, charities are expecting an increase in campaigning, activism and charitable provisions. You may need to sign up to Third Sector to read the full piece. [Read more.](#)



People at the Gaza protest back in January 2009.



Linda Butcher with the UKYP campaigning award winner, James Greenhalgh.

National

Chief Executive, Linda Butcher recently attended the UK Youth Parliament awards ceremony. Linda presented the UK Youth Parliament campaigning award to James Greenhalgh, MYP for Staffordshire. James has been campaigning around university tuition fees, and is due to appear on the next series of Battlefront UK. [Read more.](#)

An unusual campaign recently took place, using Facebook in particular to connect people. Angry visitors to the Lapland theme park were campaigning to get their money back after

disappointing trips to the 'attraction' in December last year. According to the Metro newspaper, some families were so frustrated and upset by the expensive cost and low quality of the park that they physically pushed Santa and some of the elves after being repeatedly put into different queues. [Read more here.](#)

Campaigners at Aldermaston anti-nuclear weapons peace camp have won a battle to maintain their right to campaign there. Had the decision not been overturned by judges recently it could have resulted in an end for the famous women's peace camp. [Read more.](#)

Recent news in the world of social networking and campaigning: The Woodland Trust used the site "Twitter" to keep others updated regarding campaigns against the second runway at Stanstead. Their twitter account spoke on behalf of a tree due to be cut down if the runway is to go ahead. To see the latest from Woodland Trust: <http://twitter.com/edwoodlandtrust>



Campaigners at the Cardiff workshop,
30th January 2009.

Local

SMK recently put on a campaigning workshop in Cardiff. Campaigners from a spectrum of voluntary organisations attended in order to pick up skills in campaign strategy and planning, and to hear from local politician Julie Morgan MP, and BBC correspondent Iolo ap Dafydd. Read about workshop participant Gillian Brightmore's "nightmare" experience at Whitchurch hospital, which inspired her campaign against mental health stigma. [Read more](#)

Updates on The SMK Awards

2008 Shout Out! award winner Charlie Young recently went global, taking his campaign to the World Economic Forum. He was one of a small number of young campaigners given the opportunity to join the recent forum which took place in Switzerland. Charlie campaigns around climate change and is part of the British Council's Global Change Makers project. This aims to create a global network of activists and campaigners. To read and see more about Charlie's time at the World Economic Forum see the following links:

http://www.sec-ed.co.uk/cgi-bin/go.pl/article/article.html?uid=38938;type_uid=18
<http://www.countrysideonline.co.uk/news.php?extend.3223>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8939kt-pn4>

The Shout Out! award is sponsored by The City Bridge Trust.

Francis Njuakom-Nchii recently spent a week in the UK for the Sheila McKechnie Foundation Award Winner's residential weekend. During his stay Francis gave an inspirational talk about his campaign for elderly people's rights, and women's land rights in Cameroon. Those who attended the talk were told of some unusual and successful methods of protest taken by women in Cameroon, which involved marching through towns naked. To read more about Francis's campaigns visit his website:

<http://www.cdvta.comeroon.org/>

The 2008 International award was sponsored by Concern Worldwide.



2008 Shout Out! Award winner
Charlie Young



Francis Njuakom-Nchii
2008 International Award Winner

SMK Latest News...

New Address and Contact Details

From the beginning of March onwards we will no longer be based on Marylebone Road. You will now find us at **The Sheila McKechnie Foundation, The Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London N7 6PA.**

Our new contact details will be as follow, from left to right across the photo on the right:

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The SMK Team

Please note that our old email addresses will still be active and receiving email at no delay.

Upcoming Events:

- Sheila McKechnie Foundation Environmental campaigning workshop. There are still a few places left on this course, so get in touch quickly if you would like to attend. 19th March 09, London. To book a place on this course, please email [Ruby](#). This workshop is sponsored by Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.
- NVCO Campaign Effectiveness Roadshow, London, 20th March 09. [click here](#) to book a place on the course.

The following workshops are run by the Sheila McKechnie Foundation and supported by the Baring Foundation. They deliver introductory skills in strategic planning and influencing to under-resourced, novice campaigners and frontline service delivery organisations.

- Glasgow Campaigns workshop: 20th March 2009. Places on this workshop are still available, please email [Ruby](#) to receive an application to reserve a place on the day.
- Cambridge Campaign workshop: 24th April 2009. To book a place on this workshop please email [Ruby](#)

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