

# European Aviation Campaigners Conference

## Brussels

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Sunday 1st November**

**Free!**  
(donations welcome)



**but  
Must Book!**  
(see below)

- **All over Europe** people are campaigning against the growth of aviation and the problems around airports. There are big concerns about climate change, noise and the destruction of communities.
- **This conference** is a chance to meet other campaigners, to find out what is happening in other parts of Europe, to share ideas and to make plans on how we can all work together.

**The aim of the conference will be to allow as much discussion as possible. Although there will be some presentations, there will be no long speeches! It will be our chance to share ideas with each other.**

### **How to Book**

The Conference will be held in Central Brussels. When you book we will email you the details of the venue and possible accommodation. You can stay at the venue quite cheaply, but book early.

**To book** a place or find out more details, email John Stewart – [johnstewart2@btconnect.com](mailto:johnstewart2@btconnect.com)

The Conference is free but, if you can afford it, we would appreciate a donation of about 10 Euros to cover the cost of the food. Payable on the day.

The Conference is being organised by John Stewart on behalf of UECNA, the organisation which represents over 40 campaign groups across Europe. But you don't need to be a member of UECNA or any campaign group to come to the Conference.

Feel free to bring information and leaflets about any campaign you may be involved in.

# Programme

## Saturday

### 9.00 Arrival

### 9.30 Campaigning Across Europe

Three campaigners from different parts of Europe will talk about their campaigns, explaining the things they do in order to campaign successfully.

Each will talk for no more than 12 minutes.

This will be followed by open discussion where there will be a chance for you to talk briefly about your campaigns, telling us particularly about how you campaign, the problems you face and what you do to overcome those problems.

### 10.45 The Heathrow Coalition

John Stewart will talk about the way very different groups of people have worked together in what is expected to be a successful fight to stop a 3<sup>rd</sup> runway at Heathrow.

### 11.00 Coffee

### 11.20 Alternatives to Flying

A discussion about the alternatives to flying such as fast train services.

### 11.40 Small Group Discussions

We will break up into small groups. The groups will discuss different topics: **noise; climate change; economics and jobs.**

### 12.40 Lunch

### 1.30 The Role of Civil Disobedience

#### 1.30 "Why I take direct action"

A campaigner explains why s/he takes direct action

#### 1.45 Questions and Discussion on Civil Disobedience

A panel of people who have taken direct action will lead a discussion.

### 2.45 Coffee

### 3.15 Small Group Discussions

The conference will break up into small groups. Each group will discuss **the most effective ways of campaigning.** They will note down their ideas.

### 4.30 Monitoring Flight Paths

Horst Weise will explain the system he had created that allows campaigners to monitor the flight paths ourselves.

### 5.15 Frankfurt's Campaign History

A **film** outlining 30 years of campaigning against expansion of Frankfurt airport

### 6.00 Finish

## Sunday

### 9.00 Arrival

### 9.15 Summary of Main Topics

These will be the ideas which came out of yesterday's discussion.

### 9.20 Biofuels are not the answer

Deepak Rughani from BiofuelWatch, will explain why biofuels are not the answer to replace kerosene as fuel for aircraft.

### 9.50 Making Plans for Campaigning on Key Topics

**Noise; Climate Change; Economics and Jobs; Civil Disobedience; Alternatives to Air Travel**

We will make these plans in small groups.

### 10.45 Coffee

### 11.00 Campaigning Together

We all come back together again to discuss the best ways of keeping in touch and campaigning together.

### 12.00 Finish

**The Conference will largely be in English but with French translations.**