

Fossil Free Books Statement on Baillie Gifford

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To mark the 76th anniversary of the Nakba, we – writers, journalists, editors, illustrators, publishers, and festival and book workers – renew our demand to the asset manager Baillie Gifford, sponsor of Hay Festival, Cheltenham Literature Festival, Edinburgh International Books Festival, Cambridge Literary Festival, Stratford Literary Festival, Boswell Book Festival, Borders Book Festival, Wigtown Book Festival, Henley Literary Festival, Wimbledon BookFest, and The Baillie Gifford Prize for non-fiction, to divest from the fossil fuel industry and from companies that profit from Israeli apartheid, occupation and genocide.

Baillie Gifford currently has between £2.5 - £5bn invested in the fossil fuel industry¹ and nearly £10 billion invested in companies with direct or indirect links to Israel's defence, tech and cybersecurity industries, including Nvidia, Amazon and Alphabet². In December 2023, a coalition of civil society groups named Baillie Gifford a “Top European investor in illegal Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories³”.

As university encampments around the world have pointed out, divestment is not abstract. Until the firm agrees to divest, we call on all literary organisations, including festivals, to end their relationships with Baillie Gifford. If our demand is not met, we reaffirm our commitment to take action through disruption and by withdrawing our labour.

Many of the undersigned book workers have already withdrawn from participation in Baillie Gifford-funded festivals in 2024, including Hay Festival and Edinburgh International Book Festival, keeping the commitment we made in our [author statement last year](#). Others commit to continue to raise our demands. Literary organisations can expect escalation, including the expansion of boycotts, increased author withdrawal of labour, and increased disruption until Baillie Gifford divests.

As of writing, over 35,000 people have been killed in Gaza, including more than 14,500 children⁴. This is the highest daily death rate of any major conflict this century.⁵ The Israeli military is also destroying the cultural life and heritage of Palestine. Omar Robert Hamilton, the Director of the Palestine Festival of Literature has said “every single university in Gaza has been destroyed, journalists are being killed at an unprecedented rate, cultural centres, archives, printing presses, bookshops, publishing houses – all have been intentionally targeted by Israel's precision bombs⁶”.

¹ [The Ferret](#) and <https://investinginclimatechaos.org>

² [Arts Workers for Palestine Scotland](#)

³ https://dontbuyintooccupation.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2023_DBIO-III-Report_11-December-2023.pdf

⁴ <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/longform/2023/10/9/israel-hamas-war-in-maps-and-charts-live-tracker>

⁵ www.oxfam.org.uk/media/press-releases/daily-death-rate-in-gaza-higher-than-any-other-major-21st-century-conflict-oxfam

⁶ https://www.instagram.com/p/C6N_RjwoHcF/?img_index=1

This destruction depends on financing. In addition to companies linked to the Israeli military, Baillie Gifford is also currently invested in Cemex⁷, Cisco Systems⁸, and Booking Holdings⁹. The maintenance and expansion of Israeli settlements is illegal under international law and “gives rise to individual criminal liability as war crimes and crimes against humanity under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court¹⁰”. All three of these companies have been condemned by numerous human rights organisations for their business involvement in the illegal Israeli settlements in occupied Palestine.

Solidarity with Palestine and climate justice are inextricably linked, as emphasised by Friends of the Earth International: “Our liberation struggle is interconnected with global movements advocating for Indigenous rights, land rights, the fight against the fossil fuel industry and climate colonialism¹¹”. As well as their investments in Israeli apartheid, occupation, and genocide, Baillie Gifford’s investments include the following fossil fuel companies: [Shell, Petrobras, the Chinese National Offshore Oil Corporation \(CNOOC\), and Equinor](#). In accordance with the resolution on fossil fuel divestment passed by the Society of Authors in May 2024 by an overwhelming majority of members, we demand that Baillie Gifford divest from this disastrous process.

A literary industry free from fossil fuels, genocide and colonial violence is possible and it is necessary. Institutional investors far bigger than Baillie Gifford, such as the Norwegian Government Pension Fund Global, the world’s largest sovereign wealth fund, are already divesting¹². We make these demands in the spirit of a just transition, a process of creating work for all – including work in literature – which does not depend on the profits of colonialism and environmental destruction. We know this will take work. It is work we are committed to, and we are calling on everyone to join us.

Signed,

[This statement is open to all book workers to sign, whether or not you have been invited to a festival. **To add your signature, [please fill out the form here.](#)**]

1. A K Blakemore, author
2. A. Y. Chao, author
3. Aamina Ahmad, author
4. Abeer Ameer, poet
5. Abi Andrews, author, bookseller
6. Adam Clifford, writer
7. Adam Steiner, author
8. Adam Weymouth, writer
9. Adele Walton, journalist
10. Adiba Jaigirdar, author
11. Agnes Monod-Gayraud, author

⁷ <https://www.whoprofits.org/companies/company/3796?cemex>

⁸ <https://www.whoprofits.org/companies/company/6529?cisco-systems>

⁹ <https://bdsmovement.net/news/bnc-welcomes-bookingcom-decision-add-legal-warning-settlement-reservations>

¹⁰ https://dontbuyintooccupation.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2023_DBIO-III-Report_11-December-2023.pdf

¹¹ <https://www.foei.org/palestine-is-a-cause-of-human-rights-and-climate-justice>

¹² <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2019/jun/12/worlds-biggest-sovereign-wealth-fund-to-ditch-fossil-fuels>

12. Ahdaf Soueif, author
13. Aisha Bushby, author
14. Aja Barber, author
15. Al Innes, poet
16. Alessandra Duse, event organiser, bookseller
17. Alex Haydn-Williams, editor
18. Alex Mullarky, author
19. Alex Orr, publisher
20. Alexa Winik, writer
21. Alexandra Gilliam, author
22. Alia Trabucco Zerán, author
23. Alice Guthrie, translator, editor
24. Alice Jolly, author
25. Alice Lickens, author and illustrator
26. Alice Vincent, author
27. Alice Willitts, author
28. Alison Layland, author
29. Alison Rumfitt, author
30. Allen Fatimaharan, illustrator
31. Allie Oldfield, designer, illustrator
32. Alom Shaha, author, teacher
33. Alycia Pirmohamed, author
34. Alyson Kissner, poet
35. Amaan Hyder, author
36. Amanda Addison, author
37. Amaryllis Gacioppo, author
38. Amber Lone, writer, editor
39. Amelia Horgan, author
40. Ami Tian, data analyst (Hachette Book Group)
41. Amir Kassam, author
42. Amy Abdelnoor, author
43. Amy Liptrot, author
44. Anahit Behrooz, author
45. Anahita Karthik, author
46. Anbara Salam, author
47. Andrés N Ordorica, author
48. Andrew Bowie, author
49. Andrew Chapman, editor
50. Andrew McMillan, author
51. Andrew Simms, author
52. Aneesha Angris, editorial assistant
53. Ania Bas, author
54. Anita Felicelli, author
55. Anita Sethi, author
56. Anna Doherty, illustrator, author
57. Anna Jones, author
58. Anna Metcalfe, writer
59. Anna Terreros-Martin, author, illustrator

60. Annabel Campbell, author
61. Anne Grange, author, editor, creative writing facilitator
62. Annie Hayter, poet
63. Annie Taylor, author
64. Anoosha Syed, author, illustrator
65. Ansa Khan Khattak, editor
66. Anthony Anaxagorou, poet, publisher
67. Anthony McGowan, author
68. Anthony Vahni Capildeo FRSL, author
69. Aoife Greenham, author, illustrator
70. Aquayemi-Claude G. Akinsanya, author
71. Arden Jones, author, literary agency assistant
72. Ashley Thorpe, author, editor
73. Asia Khatun, marketer
74. Aura García-Junco, author
75. Averie Watson, chair of SYP Scotland
76. Axmed Maxamed, writer
77. Ayça Türkoğlu, translator
78. Ayesha Ansari, bookseller
79. Ayesha L. Rubio, author, illustrator
80. Ayling Dominguez, writer
81. Aysha Malik, author
82. Azad Ashim Sharma, writer, publisher
83. Barry Spence, artist
84. Beatriz Lopez, editor
85. Becky Palmer, author, illustrator, educator
86. Bekah B., library worker
87. Ben Rawlence, author
88. Benedict Anning, author
89. Bernadette Stringer, author
90. Beth Frieden, author
91. Beth Hickling-Moore, literary translator
92. Bethan Roberts, author
93. Bhakti Shringarpure, writer, editor
94. Bianca Skrinjar, writer, editor
95. Bibi Senthil, author, illustrator
96. Billie Walker, writer, bookseller
97. Birukti Tsige, author
98. Blindboyboatclub, author
99. Blue Kirkhope, writer
100. Bo Mandeville, artist, writer
101. Bonnie Radcliffe, author
102. Bonnie Wright, author
103. Bret Johnson, bookseller, event producer
104. Brett Hetherington, author, translator, journalist, teacher.
105. Brian Lewis, publisher (Longbarrow Press)
106. Briana Pegado, author
107. Bruno Valasse, author and illustrator

108. Cailean Steed, author
109. Calum Barnes, writer, bookseller
110. Camille Whitcher, illustrator, author
111. Canisia Lubrin, author, editor
112. Caoilinn Hughes, author
113. Caro Clarke, literary agent
114. Caroline Davies, poet
115. Caroline Lucas MP for Brighton Pavilion, author, politician (Green Party)
116. Carolyn Bain, bookshop owner (Afrori Books), director (Brighton Book Festival)
117. Catarina Pinto Vicente, admin assistant (Oxford University Press)
118. Cath Little, author
119. Catherine Barter, bookseller, author
120. Catherine Oliver, author
121. Catherine Sadler, writer, programmer
122. Catherine Sadler, writer/programmer
123. Cathy Reay, author, editor
124. Cecile Pin, author
125. Cecilia Knapp, writer
126. Cerrie Burnell, author
127. Char Heather, author
128. Charles Lang, poet
129. Charles Theonia, poet
130. Charlie Hertzog Young, author, researcher
131. Charlot Kristensen, illustrator, author
132. Charlotte Church, musician
133. Charlotte Robathan, editor
134. Cherise Lopes-Baker, editor
135. China Miéville, author
136. Chitra Ramaswamy, author, journalist
137. Christina Mills, editor
138. Christina Riley, writer, director (The Nature Library)
139. Christina Sharpe, author
140. Christopher Marmolejo, author
141. Christopher Tracy, poet, library worker
142. Claire Askew, author
143. Claire Collison, poet
144. Claire Kohda, author
145. Claire Ratinon, author
146. Clara Vulliamy, author, illustrator
147. Clare Connerton, bookseller
148. Clare Harlow, author
149. Clare Pollard, author
150. Clare Povey, author
151. Clare Richards, translator
152. Clementine Ford, author
153. Coco Hagi, content creator
154. Coll Rowe, associate content manager, trade book publishing
155. Corrie Locke-Hardy, author, bookseller

156. Crystal Bennes, author
157. Daisy Hildyard, author
158. Daisy Hirst, author, illustrator
159. Daisy Lafarge, author
160. Daisy Salinas, zine publisher
161. Dan O'Hara, author, editor, academic
162. Daniel Evans, author
163. Daniel York Loh, writer, performer
164. Danielle Davis, author
165. Danielle Foley, bookseller
166. Danielle Giles, author
167. Dapo Adeola, author, illustrator
168. Darran Anderson, author
169. Darran McLaughlin, bookshop manager
170. Dave Coates, writer, book worker
171. David J Tate, author
172. David Ross Linklater, poet
173. David Wheatley, author
174. Debojyoti Das, author
175. Degna Stone, poet, editor
176. Denise Rose Hansen, editor
177. Devon Holzwarth, illustrator, author
178. Dionne Brand, author
179. Divya Ghelani, writer
180. Diyala Zada, illustrator
181. Dom Hale, poet
182. Dominique Palmer, writer
183. Doreen Cunningham, author
184. Dr Camilla A Nelson, author, publisher
185. Dr Christina Neuwirth, author, academic, bookseller
186. Dr Kate Rawles, author
187. Dr Lynne Jones OBE, author
188. Durre Shahwar, writer, editor
189. E.G. Alaraj, author
190. E.M. Faulds, author
191. E.M. Potts, writer
192. Éadaoin Lynch, author
193. Ed Garland, Writer
194. Ed Luker, author
195. Eilish Spear, bookseller, writer
196. Eishar Kaur, editor
197. Eleanor Shearer, author
198. Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, author
199. Eley Williams, author
200. Elhum Shakerifar, translator
201. Elizabeth Fraser, assistant editor
202. Elizabeth Lymer, author
203. Elizabeth Perry, bookseller

204. Ella Gordon, editor
205. Elle Sorridente, illustrator
206. Ellen Adamson, bookseller
207. Ellen Desmond, editor
208. Ellen King, publishing worker
209. Ellen Miles, author
210. Ellen White, library assistant
211. Ellie Wyatt, author
212. Eloise Rickman, author
213. Elsa Costa, author
214. Elsa van der Wal, bookseller
215. Elys Dolan, author, Illustrator
216. Emely Rumble, author
217. Emilia Beatriz, artist who writes, zine maker, transcriptionist
218. Emily Rand, illustrator
219. Emily Unwin, book worker
220. Emma Cameron, author
221. Emma Jane Hawkes, illustrator
222. Emma Lee, poet, reviewer
223. Emma Nagouse, writer and producer
224. Emma Reynolds, author, illustrator
225. Emma Wallace, editorial assistant
226. Emmeline Pidgen, author, illustrator
227. Emmie Price-Goodfellow, assistant editor
228. Eric Thurso Boyd, editor
229. Eric Yip, author
230. Erika Olofsson, author
231. Erika Parker-Smith, author
232. Eris Young, author, book worker
233. Esther Woolfson, author
234. Etzali Hernandez, author
235. Eva Griffin, poet
236. Farah Ali, writer
237. Farhana Yamin, author
238. Fariha Roisin, author
239. Farrah Jarral, writer, doctor, radio broadcaster
240. Felicity Callard, author, journal editor
241. Flavia Zorrilla Drago, author, illustrator
242. Florence H R Scott, author, academic
243. Francesca Bratton, author
244. Francesca Brooks, author
245. Francesca Reece, author
246. Frankie Boyle, writer
247. Freya Harrison, book designer
248. Gabriel Flynn, author
249. Gabriel Polley, author
250. Gail McConnell, author
251. Gareth Jelley, editor and publisher

252. Gary Alan Howkins, author
253. Gary Budden, author, publisher
254. Gavin Everall, publisher
255. Gayatri Sethi, author
256. Genista Tate-Alexander, marketer
257. George Monbiot, author, journalist, environmental activist
258. Gina Martin, author, activist, facilitator
259. Gita Ralleigh, author
260. Glenda Marie Velez, book artist, writer
261. Gordon Peters, author
262. Grace Blakeley, author
263. Grace Sandford, illustrator
264. Gracie Mae Bradley, author
265. Gray Harper, author
266. Greer Claybrook, publishing worker
267. Greta Thunberg, Author
268. Guy Gunaratne, author
269. Guy Mannes-Abbott, author and critic
270. Hafsa Aneela Bashir, poet, performer, playwright
271. Hamza Jahanzeb, freelance editor
272. Hanan Issa, author
273. Hanna Thomas Uose, author
274. Hannah Bannister, publisher
275. Hannah Blackmore, library worker
276. Hannah Copley, writer, editor
277. Hannah Khalil, playwright, screenwriter
278. Hannah Lavery, author
279. Hannah Nicholson, writer, library assistant
280. Hannah Proctor, author
281. Hannah Vincent, writer
282. Haricha Abdaal, publishing assistant, translator, illustrator
283. Harriet Jae, poet
284. Harriet Talisker, bookseller
285. Harry Gallon, author
286. Harry Josephine Giles, author
287. Harry Woodgate, author, illustrator
288. Hassan Ali, publishing services (Faber & Faber)
289. Hatem Aly, illustrator
290. Hattie Williams, author
291. Hayley Wells, author, illustrator
292. Heidi James, author
293. Heidi Nazem, author
294. Heike Boldt, translator
295. Heledd Williams, author on the Representing Wales Cohort
296. Helen Banks, editor
297. Helen Charman, author
298. Helen Hancocks, illustrator, writer, bookseller
299. Helen Jukes, author

300. Helen Weir, editor
301. Helena Heald, editor
302. Helenka Stachera, author
303. Hester Fox, author
304. Holly Bridgeford, writer
305. Holly Exley, illustrator
306. Holly McLoughlin, content creator
307. Holly Pester, author
308. Holly Ryan, author
309. Hussein Mitha, writer and artist
310. Ilona Jasiewicz, librarian, editor
311. Imogen West-Knights, author
312. Imogen Whiteley, publishing worker
313. Inda Ahmad Zahri, author, illustrator, doctor
314. Ingrid Brubaker, writer, critic
315. Irene Bindi, writer, editor
316. Isabel Waidner, author
317. Isabella Hammad, author
318. Isabelle Baafi, author, editor
319. Isha Karki, writer
320. Isobel Gahan, literary agent
321. Jack Shenker, journalist
322. Jack Strange, author
323. Jack Young, writer, participatory artist
324. Jacques Tsiantar, author
325. Jake Bergamin, publishing, marketing
326. Jake Nicholls, editor
327. Jamal Mahjoub, author
328. James Flint, author
329. James Marriott, author
330. James W. Neal, writer
331. Janani Ambikapathy, author/editor
332. Jane King, poet
333. Janne Teller, author
334. Jasmine Isa Qureshi, author, journalist
335. Jason Allen-Paisant, author
336. Jason Okundaye, author
337. Jay Bernard, writer
338. Jay Drinkall, editor, writer
339. Jay Gao, author
340. Jay Griffiths, author
341. Jazz Cook, editor
342. Jean Menzies, author
343. Jean-Baptiste Del Amo, author
344. Jeda Pearl, author
345. Jeffrey Boakye, author
346. Jen Calleja, author, literary translator, publisher
347. Jen Crawford, poet, academic

348. Jenna Clarke, author
349. Jennifer Hodgson, writer
350. Jennifer Neal, author
351. Jenny Lau, writer
352. Jente Posthuma, author
353. Jeremy Poynting, publisher
354. Jerry Simcock, author
355. Jess Brough, writer
356. Jess Chandler, publisher
357. Jess French, author
358. Jess Hines, author
359. Jess Mc Kinney, writer
360. Jess Murrain, poet
361. Jessica Andrews, author
362. Jessica Craig, literary agent
363. Jessica Gaitan Johannesson, author, bookseller
364. Jessica Glaiser, author
365. Jessica Hernandez, author
366. Jessica J. Lee, author
367. Jessica Lee, associate agent
368. Jessica Townsend, author
369. Jessica Traynor, poet and editor
370. Jessica Widner, author
371. Jessie Spivey, publicist
372. Jillian Thalman, illustrator
373. Jim Monaghan, poet
374. Jim Taylor, bookseller
375. Jj Fadaka, author
376. JLM Morton, poet
377. Jo McMillan, author
378. Joan Passey, writer, editor
379. Joanna Arnold, reviewer, author
380. Joanna Biggs, author
381. Joanna Walsh, writer, artist
382. Joanna Wolfarth, author
383. Joanne Limburg, author
384. Joe Melia, bookseller
385. Joe Vaughan, author, publisher (Strange Region)
386. Joel Auterson, poet
387. Joelle Taylor, author
388. Johanna Russell, bookseller
389. John Action, literacy mentor
390. John Freeman, writer, editor
391. John Mercer, author
392. John Merrick, editor (Verso Books)
393. Joma West, author
394. Jonathan Emmett, author
395. Jonathan Nunn, editor

396. Jonathon Porritt, author
397. Joshua Jones, author
398. Joy Hendry, editor, publisher, poet, critic, broadcaster
399. Joycelyn Longdon, author
400. Judith N. Brooke, author
401. Julia Armfield, author
402. Julia Crouch, author
403. Julia Laite, author
404. Juliana Mensah, author
405. Julie Adams, bookseller
406. Julie Gourinchas, literary agency assistant
407. Julie Macias, author
408. Julie Rowan-Zoch, author, illustrator
409. Juliet Diaz, author, publisher (Spirit Bound Press)
410. Justin Hopper, author
411. K Patrick, author
412. Kaliane Bradley, author
413. Karin Celestine, author, illustrator
414. Karina Lickorish Quinn, author
415. Karl Newson, author
416. Kate Bradbury, author
417. Kate Campbell, author
418. Kate Perris, librarian
419. Kate Potts, author
420. Kate Potts, author
421. Katharine Halls, translator
422. Katherine Meehan, author
423. Katherine Venn, bookseller, editor
424. Kathleen Wenaden, author
425. Kathrine Sowerby, poet
426. Kathrine Sowerby, poet
427. Kathryn Maris, writer
428. Katie Ailes, poet, producer, researcher
429. Katie Goh, author, editor
430. Katie Holten, artist and author
431. Kayleigh Jayshree, poet
432. Keith Ridgway, writer
433. Kelly O'Brien, assistant editor
434. Kenny Ethan Jones, author
435. Kerri ní Dochartaigh, author
436. Kerry Andrew, author
437. Kevin Mclean, poet
438. Kevin Williamson, author, editor
439. Khairani Barokka, author
440. Kinsey Foreman, bookseller
441. Kip Alizadeh, illustrator
442. Kirsty Capes, author
443. Kishani Widyaratna, publisher

444. Kit Caless, author, publisher
445. Kit Heyam, author
446. Koki M, bookseller
447. Kyo Maclear, author
448. Laila Kassam, author
449. Laline Paull, author
450. Lamorna Ash, author, editor
451. Lar Fermor, author
452. Larissa Dziedzan, blogger
453. Laura Chamberlain, illustrator, book designer
454. Laura Chung, author
455. Laura Ellen Anderson, author, illustrator
456. Laura Noakes, author
457. Laura Reeves, editor
458. Lauren Aimee Curtis, author
459. Lauren Chadwick, bookseller
460. Lauren Hossack, library worker
461. Lauren James, author, founder of the Climate Fiction Writers League
462. Laretta Wong, publisher
463. Layla Mohamed, editor
464. Layla Saad, author
465. layla-roxanne hill, writer
466. Leanne Betasamosake Simpson, author
467. Leif Bersweden, author
468. Len Lukowski, writer
469. Leo Murray, author
470. Leona Skene, freelance editor
471. Leonie Taylor, author
472. Liam Bates, poet
473. Liam Harrison, editor
474. Liam-Lucille Wright, poet
475. Lily Williams, author, illustrator
476. Lina Meruane, author
477. Linda Quiquívix, author
478. Lindsay Wagner, desk editor
479. Lindsey Collen, novelist, essayist
480. Livia Franchini, author
481. Liz Flanagan, author
482. Liz Jensen, author
483. Lola Olufemi, author
484. Lorraine Wilson, author
485. Louie Stowell, author, illustrator
486. Louise Kenward, author
487. Luciana Francis, author
488. Lucie Elven, author, journalist
489. Lucy Coats, author
490. Lucy Farfort, author, illustrator
491. Lucy Mercer, author

492. Luke Kennard, author
493. Luke Roberts, poet
494. Luke Williams, author
495. Lydia Hughes, author
496. Lydia Wilson, author, editor
497. Lyndsey Croal, author
498. M J Lee, author
499. Ma'suma Amiri, agent's assistant
500. Maaza Mengiste, author
501. Madeleine Hindes, editor
502. Maeve Scullion, sales manager
503. Maggie Setterfield, school librarian
504. Maia Elsnef, author
505. Maia Elsner, author
506. Manda Scott, author, podcaster
507. mandi furaji, sales executive
508. Mandisa Apena, poet
509. Manolo De Los Santos, author, publisher
510. Marchelle Farrell, author
511. Marcia Lynx Qualey, publisher
512. Margaux Vialleron, author
513. Marged Elen Wiliam, author
514. Marguerite Dabaie, illustrator
515. Maria Grau-Perejoan, literary translator, academic
516. Maria Stoian, illustrator, author
517. Marianne Brooker, author
518. Marigold Atkey, publisher
519. Mariska Gewalt, author, illustrator
520. Mark Steven, author
521. Marni Appleton, writer
522. Marta Altes, author illustrator
523. Marta Fernández Campa, author
524. Martin MacInnes, author
525. Martin Reed, author
526. Martin Vincent, bookseller, publisher
527. Martine McDonagh, author
528. Mary Jean Chan, author
529. Maryam Rimi, editor
530. Matt Rowland Hill, author
531. Matt Rowland Hill, author
532. Maud Pryor, author
533. Maurice Riordan, author
534. Max Liu, journalist
535. Max Porter, author
536. Maxine Hellenkamp, head of retail
537. Maya Caspari, writer, academic
538. Maya Osborne, publicist
539. Mayada Ibrahim, editor, literary translator

540. Meaghan Delahunt, writer
541. Meg Bertera-Berwick, writer
542. Megan Angharad Hunter, author
543. Megan Booth, writer, editor
544. Melanie Ramdarshan Bold, chair, academic
545. Melissa Tombere, editorial assistant
546. Miah-Lee Lloyd, bookseller
547. Micha Frazer-Carroll, author
548. Michael Donkor, novelist
549. Michael LaBorn, author, publisher
550. Michael Magee, writer
551. Michael Malay, author
552. Michael Marder, author
553. Michael Marten, author
554. Michael Rosen, author
555. Michal Schatz, assistant editor
556. Michel Moushabeck, publisher
557. Michelle MiJung Kim, author
558. Mikaela Loach, author
559. Mike Brooks, author
560. Mike Small, writer
561. MiMi Aye, author, editor
562. Mique Moriuchi, illustrator
563. Mira Mattar, writer
564. Mireille Harper, editorial director
565. MK Hardy, author
566. Mo Hafeez, commissioning editor (Faber & Faber)
567. Mohamed Tonsy, author, event chair, bookseller
568. Molly Crabapple, author, artist
569. Molly Smith, author
570. Monica Heisey, author
571. Monique Roffey, author
572. Monisha Rajesh, author
573. Munir Hachemi, writer
574. Mya-Rose Craig, writer
575. Myles Howard, publishing worker
576. Nadia Henderson, author
577. Nadine Monem, author, editor, publisher
578. Nancy Roberts, translator, editor
579. Naomi Foyle, author, editor
580. Naomi Head, writer
581. Naomi Klein, author
582. Naomi shimada, author
583. Narges Nojoumi, publishing worker
584. Nasia Sarwar-Skuse, writer, editor
585. Nat Raha, poet and lecturer
586. Natalie Diaz, author
587. Natalie Gutierrez, author

588. Natalie Jayne Clark, author
589. Natasha Bell, author
590. Natasha Brown, editor
591. Natasha Soobramanien, writer
592. Nathalie Olah, author
593. Naush Sabah, editor
594. Neil Williamson, author
595. Nia Davies, writer, poet
596. Nichola Smalley, translator
597. Nicholas Blincoe, author
598. Nicholas Blincoe, author
599. Nick Bano, author
600. Nick Estes, author
601. Nick Hayes, author, illustrator
602. Nick Hunt, author
603. Nicola Chester, author
604. Nicola Dinan, author
605. Nicola Penfold, author
606. Nicola Spurr, writer
607. Nicole Miles, illustrator
608. Nicole Olila, author and librarian
609. Nidhi Eipe, poet, editor
610. Nikesh Shukla, author
611. Nikkitha Bakshani, author
612. Nina Mingya Powles, writer
613. Nisha Ramayya, writer
614. Noor Hemani, bookseller
615. Noreen Masud, author
616. Novita Elisa Fahmi, author, illustrator
617. Nurten Mehmet Murphy, reader
618. Nuzhat Bukhari, author
619. Octavia Bright, author, broadcaster
620. Odhran O'Donoghue, freelance editor
621. Oisín McKenna, author
622. Olivia Fitzsimons, author
623. Olivia Sudjic, author
624. Ollie Simpson, bookseller
625. Omar Abed, author
626. Omar Bagasra, author
627. Omar Berrada, author
628. Omar Robert Hamilton, author
629. Ore Agbaje-Williams, author
630. Oscar Guardiola-Rivera, author
631. Patrick James Errington, author, translator, academic
632. Patrick Langley, author
633. Paul Ewen, author
634. Paul John Nelson, bookseller, graphic designer
635. Paula Akpan, writer, journalist

636. Paula Blair, writer
637. Pearl Hannaford, bookseller
638. Penny Lapenna, author
639. Pete Mercer, editor
640. Peter Collins, publisher (Polari Press)
641. Peter Mitchell, author
642. Peter Warr, author
643. Phoebe Blatton, writer
644. Polly Atkin, writer, bookseller
645. Pragya Agarwal, academic scholar, writer
646. Pratyusha, writer
647. Prerana Kumar, author
648. Preti Taneja, writer
649. Priya Guns, author
650. Prof Sunny Singh, author, academic
651. Professor Samantha Walton, author, academic
652. Rabia Barkatulla, production editor
653. Rachael Allen, author, editor
654. Rachel Claire Birchley, author
655. Rachel Connolly, author
656. Rachel Holmes, writer
657. Rachel Holmes, writer
658. Rachel Malik, author
659. Ramona McCloskey, author
660. Rani Selvarajah, author
661. Rawiyah Tariq, author
662. Raymond Antrobus, poet
663. Reba Khatun, author
664. Rebecca Bidgood, poet
665. Rebecca Ferrier, author
666. Rebecca Lowe, author
667. Rebecca Sharp, author
668. Rebecca Stonehill, author
669. Rebecca Tamás, author
670. Red Adair, illustrator
671. Rehab Bassam, author
672. Rhiannon Hooson, poet
673. Rhiannon Tripp, bookshop manager
674. Richard Georges, author
675. Richard Madden, author
676. Richard Phoenix, author
677. Rikin Parekh, illustrator
678. Rina Kikuchi, poetry translator
679. Rob Myatt, translator
680. Robbie MacLeòid, author
681. Robert Eric Swanepoel, author
682. Robert Hamberger, author
683. Robert Kiely, author, publisher

684. Robert Macfarlane, author
685. Robert Welbourn, author
686. Robin Stevens, author
687. Robin Wall Kimmerer, author
688. Robin Yassin-Kassab, writer, editor
689. Roisin Davis, literary agent
690. Roisin Dunnett, author, publisher, bookseller
691. Roman Krznaric, author
692. Ros Ball, author
693. Rosa Campbell, writer, academic
694. Rosalind Harvey, literary translator, writer
695. Rose Biggin, author
696. Roseanne Watt, author
697. Rosie May and Sarah Scales, directors (Juno Books)
698. Rosie Warren, editor
699. Ruth Ahmedzai Kemp, translator
700. Ruth Allen, author
701. Ruth Charnock, author
702. Ryan Davey, writer, lecturer
703. Saba Ahmed, editor
704. Saba Sams, author
705. Sabrina Mahfouz, writer
706. Sadia Pineda Hameed, writer, editor
707. Saira Shah, author
708. Salena Godden, author
709. Sally Huband, author
710. Sally Rooney, writer
711. Sallyanne Rock, author
712. Sam Lee, writer, singer, nature activist
713. Samantha Rizzo, author
714. Sameera Patel, publishing assistant
715. Samhita Foria, editor
716. Samuel Earle, author
717. Samuel Fisher, writer, publisher, bookseller
718. Samuel Tongue, author
719. Samuel Torres, writer
720. Sana Goyal, editor
721. Sanah Ahsan, author, psychologist
722. Sandra Alland, writer
723. Sandra Dieckmann, author, illustrator
724. Sandra Proudman, author, agent
725. Sandy Winterbottom, author
726. Sanjeev Braich, inventory manager
727. Sara Litchfield, author, editor
728. Sara Mostafa, literary agent's assistant
729. Sarah Bernstein, author
730. Sarah Cummings, bookseller
731. Sarah Driver, author

732. Sarah Dyer, illustrator, author
733. Sarah Enany, translator
734. Sarah Fishburn, author
735. Sarah Jacobs, editor
736. Sarah Marr, bookseller
737. Sarah Shaffi, author, journalist
738. Sarah Winman, author
739. Sarina Caragan, general book worker
740. Sarona Abuaker, writer
741. Sascha Akhtar, author
742. Sasha Baker, freelance proofreader, copy editor
743. Saskia Vogel, Dialogue Books
744. Scarlet Furness, editor
745. Scout Phillips, author, illustrator
746. Season Butler, writer
747. Selali Fiamanya, author
748. Selma Dabbagh, author
749. Seni Seneviratne, poet
750. Shaneen McGurnaghan, librarian
751. Shannon Galpin, author
752. Sharada Keats, author
753. Sharan Dhaliwal, author, editor
754. Sharon Duggal, author
755. Shash Trevett, poet
756. Shazleen Khan, illustrator
757. Shell Bryson, writer, (co-founder, 'Edinburgh SFF' writers community)
758. Shelley Day, author
759. Shelley Trower, author
760. Shireen Kassam, writer
761. Shola von Reinhold, author
762. Shona Shirley Macdonald, illustrator/author
763. Shze-Hui Tjoa, author
764. Siddharth Mehrotra, author
765. Simon Maddrell, author
766. Simon Moreton, author
767. Simone Amelia Jordan, author
768. So Mayer, author, bookseller, publisher
769. Sofia FR, author
770. Sophie Anderson, author
771. Sophie Benson, author
772. Sophie Buchillard, author
773. Sophie Chauhan, author
774. Sophie Franklin, author, academic
775. Sophie K Rosa, author
776. Sophie Lewis, translator, editor
777. Sophie Mackintosh, author
778. Soula Emmanuel, author
779. Stefan Mohamed, author

780. Stephanie Holland, author, illustrator
781. Stephanie Papa, poet, translator
782. Stephanie Sy-Quia, author
783. Stephen McLaren, writer
784. Steven French, author
785. Suad Kamardeen, writer
786. Susana Medina, writer
787. Susannah Dickey, author
788. Susannah Lloyd, author
789. Susie Campbell, author
790. Suswati Basu, editor (How To Be Books)
791. Suyin Haynes, freelance writer, journalist, editor
792. Suzannah Evans, poet
793. Suzannah V. Evans, author
794. Suzanne Azzopardi, event producer
795. Swapna Haddow, author
796. Tam Dean Burn, audiobook reader
797. Tansy Hoskins, author, journalist
798. Tanya Jones, author
799. Tara Tobler, editor (And Other Stories)
800. Taran Khan, writer
801. Tariq Goddard, author and publisher
802. Tashmia Owen, artist, writer, women's safety campaigner
803. Tawseef Khan, author
804. Taylor Edmonds, author
805. Taylor Strickland, poet and translator
806. Terezia (Telka) Pelová, bookseller
807. Terry Macalister, author
808. Tessa McWatt, author
809. Tessa Sheehan, illustrator
810. Thomas Morris, author
811. Thomas Stewart, writer
812. Tia Ali, marketer
813. Tian Yi, writer, book worker
814. Tim Tim Cheng, author
815. Titilayo Farukuoye, writer
816. Toby Litt, author
817. Tom Bailey, author, editor
818. Tom Benn, author
819. Tom de Freston, author and illustrator
820. Tom Jeffreys, author
821. Toni Velikova, librarian
822. Tori Tsui, author
823. Tove Holmberg, bookseller
824. Trista Hendren, author and publisher
825. Tristan Gray, author
826. Vanessa Kisuule, author
827. Vanessa Nakate, author

828. Varaidzo, author
829. Vic Parsons, journalist
830. Victoria Adukwei Bulley, poet, writer
831. Victoria Brittain, author, journalist
832. Victoria Timperley, author
833. Vida Adamczewski, author
834. Viki Cheung, sales
835. Vikki Patis, author
836. VM Fuentes, author
837. Watson MacDornan, bookworker trainee
838. Will Harris, author
839. Wiz Wharton, author
840. Yara Rodrigues Fowler, author
841. Yasmin Bseiso, author
842. Yousif M. Qasmiyeh, author
843. Yves Donlon, author
844. Zahida Khan, writer
845. Zeena Gosrani, author
846. Zoe Lorimer, writer

Further Notes

CNOOC is the minority stakeholder in the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), a proposed 1,443-kilometre pipeline that will transport oil from Hoima in Uganda to Tanga in Tanzania. If EACOP goes ahead, approximately 13,000 households¹³ will lose their land. Community representatives opposing EACOP report being harassed and forced to sign consent forms without explanation¹⁴, and over 50,000 people¹⁵ have been waiting for over three years for compensation. Others speaking out about the social and environmental consequences of the project have been intimidated¹⁶ and arrested.¹⁷ Currently, 24 banks and 29 insurers have said they will not provide financing to the pipeline. We ask Baillie Gifford to do the same.

Petrobras is a partially state-owned Brazilian oil company currently seeking permission to drill in the Amazon basin¹⁸. This is opposed on the ground by many Indigenous groups in Brazil. Petrobras is one of the top 10 companies for projected fossil fuel development and exploration for the period 2022 - 2030¹⁹ and the CEO has said he is prepared for the firm to be “the last to produce oil in the world.”²⁰

Royal Dutch Shell stands accused of severe environmental and international human rights violations in both the Niger Delta and South Africa. Since the 1950s, Shell has extracted fossil fuels in the Niger Delta, causing devastating oil spills, harmful gas flaring, and widespread water pollution.²¹ Resistance to Shell has been met with violence. In a stark display of corporate disregard for human life, in the 1990s, Shell was accused of complicity with the Nigerian military, leading to the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa, an environmental activist, and other innocent individuals.²²

Equinor is a Norwegian oil company and a majority stakeholder of Rosebank oil field, in the North Sea in Scotland. Individuals, grassroots groups, and organisations across Scotland are campaigning to stop Equinor’s massive Rosebank oil field.²³

¹³ <https://www.amidelaterre.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/20210407-numbers-of-individual-persons-affected-by-eacop.pdf>

¹⁴ <https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/latest-news/uganda-locals-to-be-displaced-by-oil-pipeline-oppose-land-valuation-process-includes-totals-comments/>

¹⁵ <https://oxfamlibrary.openrepository.com/bitstream/handle/10546/621045/r-empty-promises-down-line-101020-en.pdf>

¹⁶ <https://www.fidh.org/en/issues/human-rights-defenders/two-defenders-who-testified-in-the-trial-against-total-are-at-risk-in>

¹⁷ <https://www.amidelaterre.org/communique-presse/abusive-arrests-in-uganda-ngos-call-for-the-immediate-release-of-journalists-and-environmental-defenders/>

¹⁸ <https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/brazils-plans-drill-oil-amazon-hit-stiff-indigenous-resistance-2024-04-18/>

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²⁰ <https://archive.is/J4mqh>

²¹ <https://wedocs.unep.org/20.500.11822/7947>

²² <https://www.medact.org/project/peoples-health-hearing/pht2023/verdict/>

²³ <https://www.stopcambo.org.uk/>