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Template invite for groups to send to Labour MPs to ask them to attend the Labour party conference Planet Over Profit fringe event

What?

Friends of the Earth alongside Action Aid, Fairtrade Foundation and the Corporate Justice Coalition, is hosting a fringe event at the Labour conference as part of our Planet Over Profit campaign and to make the case for a new Business, Human Rights and Environment law.

The event titled *Planet, Profit and People: Who pays the price for corporate harms* is on Sunday 28 September 3.15 – 4.30pm at the Bluecoat Liverpool. It is open to the public and doesn't require a conference pass, and so local group members are warmly welcome to attend.

How can your group help?

We would like to get as many Labour MPs as possible to the event to hear the great line-up of speakers, including our new Chief Executive Asad Rehman, and why we need a new corporate accountability law.

We know that a personal email from a constituent or local group goes a long way, so we would be really grateful if local groups aswell as individual members can email an invitation to any Labour MPs you have. We have already emailed invitations to all Labour MPs from Friends of the Earth centrally, so they will have already had details of the event.

We have a template email below that you can adapt. Please make sure to change the parts **highlighted in yellow** and use the correct wording depending on if is sent from your group or from individuals as constituents.

Please get in touch on the Planet Over Profit Whatsapp group on the Friends of the Earth Community if you have any questions, or send an email to community@foe.co.uk

Many thanks for your help getting the message out to Labour MPs.

Template email – **please adapt** for your group and MP

Subject: Conference Fringe invitation: Planet, Profit and People - Who Pays the Price for Corporate Harms?

Dear **[MP's name]**

[Insert XXX Friends of the Earth local action group name / I] would like to invite you to join a fringe event at the Labour Conference with the Corporate Justice Coalition, ActionAid UK, Friends of the Earth and Fairtrade Foundation, alongside the Fabian Society.

Planet, Profit and People: Who pays the price for corporate harms?

Sunday September 28

15.15 – 16.30

Bluecoat Liverpool

Businesses owned or operating in the UK have caused and contributed to many serious human rights and environmental abuses at home and abroad. This includes Boohoo's sweatshops in Leicester, water pollution of UK rivers, lakes and seas, Shell's oil pollution in the Niger Delta, and deforestation and human rights abuses in Brazil and Indonesia.

This timely discussion comes as the Department for Business and Trade embarks on a critical review of Responsible Business Conduct. The event will hear from UK civil society, parliamentarians and a Fairtrade tea producer about how corporate harms are affecting people and the planet and which solutions will really work to protect human rights, responsible businesses and the environment here in the UK and across our global supply chains.

Speakers include:

Martin Rhodes MP

Nancy Githaiga – Tea Farmer and Factory Unit Manager at Gatunguru Tea Factory, Kenya

Dominique Muller, Director, Corporate Justice Coalition

Asad Rehman, CEO, Friends of the Earth

Hannah Bond, Co-CEO, ActionAid UK

Marie Rumsby – Director of Communications and Advocacy, Fairtrade Foundation

As **[delete as appropriate a Friends of the Earth local action group in your constituency / your constituent [we/I]** kindly ask that you please **add this event** to your schedule for Labour Conference and join the debate to discuss the best ways to ensure that UK growth and prosperity is built on fair treatment of workers and communities, and safeguards our natural environment.

Best wishes,

[Insert name XXX Friends of the Earth local action group or name of constituent]

[add postcode]

P.S. More information can be found in Corporate Justice Coalition's briefing, calling for a **Business Human Rights and Environment Act**.