

JUST DO IT

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TEXT ON SCREEN: The world of environmental direct action has been a secretive one until now.

MARINA: Taking tea is what the British do, whenever they're in a difficult circumstance. We've got the kettle on, we haven't got enough water in it, we're going to make loads of tea. Yea I've served tea outside the bank of England on more than one occasion. I've served tea to the silver command which is the second in overall command on an action, when the police are involved. I've served tea to politicians, outside factories I've tried to serve tea to bailiffs as they're evicting.

INTERVIEWER: So you're a domestic extremist?

MARINA: I'm a domestic extremist.

INTERVIEWER: What makes you a domestic extremist?

MARINA: You will have to ask Special Branch what makes me a domestic extremist. I care passionately about politics on a global level, but work on it on a local level, so within my own country mostly, that's for the domestic bit. I've gone well beyond recycling and walking the kids to school. I put my body in the way and I don't mind being arrested.

JAMES: You know when you're watching on the news right, and you see stuff like this. And then the newsreaders say really helpful stuff like this.

NEWSREADER: Let's bring you now the latest we're getting from this so called camp for climate action.

NEWSREADER: Environment campaigners have scaled up a building in central London and unfurled a banner.

NEWSREADER: I'm glad he's cleaning up, but I hope he's going to have a shower, his feet were filthy.

JAMES: Well this is what you don't see, a glimpse into the secretive and clandestine world of environmental direct action.

WOMAN: You just fucking do it, we've got a banner we've got four D-Locks.

JAMES: I'm James and I'm your guide, and how do I know what I'm talking about? Well that's me jumping into that power station. But this isn't a film about me, it's about people like this.

LILY: This is not something that I can know and then not do anything about. I have to do something.

ROWAN: I want to feel like I'm doing something rather than nothing

SALLY: I think what we do have a choice about is the future now.

PAUL: Lots of playing with the media

MARINA: But if you think you can do something and you can make a difference, through campaigning or putting your body in the way, then that's empowering.

JAMES: It's April Fool's day 2009, the world's leaders are in London for the G20 meeting, and a flurry of protests are welcoming them to town. Climate camp are planning to turn the heart of the financial district into a street party. Their target, blockading the European climate exchange. Why? Because they don't want the climate to be left in the hands of the bankers. The camp had all the ingredients for a good party and everyone was there. And of course Marina's getting the kettle on. Even the press were loving it.

NEWSREADER: At the moment things are very calm, very relaxed.

JAMES: But as evening drew in, a bunch of uninvited party poopers gatecrashed. Policing like this would normally go unnoticed, but a death is harder to brush under the carpet. Ian Tomlinson, on his way home from work, in the wrong place, at the wrong time, was pushed to his death. The outrage this caused led to a dramatic change in the policing of protests. Gone, the police claimed, were beatings, brute force and random kettling. In came a PR offensive of kindly coppers and tea. How long the police would behave themselves for nobody knew. Down on the Isle of Wight champion tea maker Marina is about to dig her heels in.

MARINA: Hello, we're at the protest camp, outside the Vestas Blades UK factory, on the Isle of Wight. The factory is being occupied by the workers., yay. A wind turbine factory was closed down because apparently there wasn't a demand for wind turbines and over four hundred workers lost their jobs.

CROWD: Reinstate the workers, reinstate them now

MARINA: They went in with stuff, but they'd run out of supplies and food could only be got into there, in tennis balls being lobbed from a distance. They were getting hungry and Vestas, this multinational company was starving them out. Well we weren't having that obviously. This lady turned up and said I've made some fish and chips and I want to deliver them to the men in the factory, and I want to deliver it myself, and I want them to eat it while it's still warm. So I was like, we can facilitate that. Fish and chips, run the other way, you run the other way. Come on everybody, come on everybody. And we all went on and half the fish and chips, got through.

WOMAN: We can't have bullies like that telling us what to do.

MARINA: Exactly.

WOMAN: What nonsense.

MARINA: And it's an absolutely fantastic celebration because suddenly all the locals were like, 'yay they've been fed', and people were coming up here and it was like, 'oh those terrible environmental anarchists have just fed our lads' and they've done it with the locals. And everyone suddenly are all on the same side. So now we're going to start taking them in soap, shampoo, things to wash their hair with, new underwear, socks, T-Shirts, hand written cards from their children and family, newspapers.

JAMES: Back in London a plan is afoot to get the Vestas struggle into the papers. The target is Lord Mandelson, minister for business and everyone's favourite unelected slimy politician.

TAMSIN: So what the plan is, is to draw attention to the fact that he is responsible for Vestas wind turbine factory closing down. And what we're saying is Mandelson has it in his power to put a huge amount of investment into the car industry. But generally he's quite good at pushing for and helping out high carbon industries but when it comes to a failing wind turbine factory, he's incapable of giving them any incentive to stay, promising that there will be a demand in this country within the next five years.

JAMES: Tomorrow Sally will be chaining herself to Mandelson's house and she could be arrested

INTERVIEWER: So Sally have you been arrested? If not are you prepared to be?

SALLY: I guess I have to be prepared to be. It's a really slow decision, I'd been around a lot of people who have been arrested, I'd heard their stories and knew what it entailed. You make a theoretical decision, so I guess the crunch point of the theoretical decision was in saying that I would get involved with the Peter Mandelson action. If they can bail out the banks with 1.4 trillion pounds, then they need to be bailing out our green future.

JAMES: As hoped the stunt propelled the Vestas struggle into the headlines.

SALLY: The great thing about doing activism, is it's a whole other education outside of this quite narrow education that you can sometimes get in Cambridge, where you're very much taught to think in an academic way that's disconnected from the real world. And I think I want to use all the education I've got here and put it into the real world, and then learn more skills from the people. So that's what really excites me about having these two worlds.

JAMES: Pitching up on the doorsteps of places like airports and power stations, climate camp and large direct action training camps have shifted the entire climate change debate in the UK. But if you've seen climate camp on the news, you'll know that they are frequently portrayed as just a bunch of violent hooligans.

NEWSREADER: Police say this was the reason they had to go into the climate camp.

REPORTER: There's a knife here which was discovered in a tree and down below we see grappling irons that of course could be used to scale any building, and these are white suits that some of the protestors might wear, they say. Also we see bolt croppers, they could be used to try to take down any fences. And over here we see wet suits, now the protesters have said they'll try to reach Kingsnorth by any means, by air, by land and by sea.

JAMES: Now climate campers may be extremists, and they definitely are, and they may even be prepared to break the law, which they often do. But let's be clear about one thing; previous climate camps have been marred by police violence.

POLICE: Get back! Get back!

JAMES: Campers have resisted this peacefully

CROWD: This is not a riot. This is not a riot

JAMES: This year the camp is in London and they're targeting the banks that finance climate change. Marina's in a group coming up from the South Coast.

MARINA: We're doing some basic techniques that might come in useful for the first 24 hours while we're settling down with the police. If we do need to use blockading techniques before we have our defences built then these will be the sort of things we'll have to use, bodies. Because that's all we've got.

JAMES: All across London groups of campers are gathering at designated meeting points, and are getting ready to pounce on the secret location for this year's camp.

ROWAN: Today we're doing the climate camp bicycle swoop. Would you like a flyer? We'll receive a secret message at some point today, revealing the location of the climate camp, and we'll all be swooping there as a group together.

MARINA: Who hasn't taken part in any meetings involving consensus? So in a big meeting if you agree it's hands straight up and wiggly fingers. We're not part of a mad cult, unless you think climate camp is a mad cult. It feels really ridiculous to begin with but when meetings are working, it's very, very effective.

JAMES: It's then a race across London to secure the site before the police can stop them.

ROWAN: The climate camp is a temporary encampment basically, everything is run through consensus. Climate camp is all about taking direct action and seizing power and making the changes that you want to see happen. And it's in its nature and it teaches that to everyone who comes to the climate camp.

MARINA: Well here we are on Blackheath, in London taking on capitalism, which is quite scary for the capitalists I hope. And we expected three deep riot police, we expected to be doing all sorts of naughty things that I can't really tell you because we might need them in future. And we get here and you can't even get a Copper when you need one.

POLICE – JULIA PENDRY: Hi. All right then. Thank you. Have a successful camp. Bye bye.

POLICE: Have a nice night.

ROWAN: It's a camp where people can come together and learn, do workshops, training, share ideas, meet new people, plan direct action together. A group of us came together to plan and carry out an action.

JAMES: The police may have made themselves scarce, but they're still watching. Since the plan needs to remain top secret, the activists take precautions. They take the batteries out of their phones and they are careful about what they say out loud.

ROWAN: I think talking about the target might be alright, just as long as the time and the date is not talked about. I don't know.

SALLY: There's no particular reason why we have to say it, if everyone's seen it though, so we could just refer to it.

WOMAN: Can we just maybe use another word instead of the target and we all know what we're talking about.

WOMAN: Um, the target

MAN: I think probably three ladders with people at the top and people at the bottom locked on.

WOMAN: The idea of this, it was to blockade it, to reclaim it as the people, like it's our bank, we're reclaiming it and we're gonna build it into what we want.

JAMES: Now it wouldn't be a very good idea to directly from the camp to the action, since a group of activists setting off with bags full of D locks and ladders, would be reasonably likely to get rumbled. So they all leave the camp to head to temporary base for the night.

SALLY: Cool. So has everyone got their batteries out of their phones. One thing we've been discussing quite a lot is whether we want to have people going into the building with superglue. Either trying to get past the barriers up the escalators, and into offices or a trading space, and supergluing to each other, not to the building, because if we superglued to the building that would be a criminal damage charge.

ROWAN: If all else fails, it's every man for themselves, just lock onto whatever you can.

WOMAN: So basically the likely charges of both going inside and being outside is aggravated trespass, And criminal damage, we have avoided at every cost in the planning of this action,

WOMAN: So who's going arrestable? Can someone count? Eighteen.

JAMES: Sally has stepped up to be a spokesperson tomorrow, so she brushes up on her facts and figures.

MAN: If you were going to quote a figure, make sure that you say took part in loans, or were involved in loans, because what RBS do is they're like the intermediary between investors and investment projects.

WOMAN: We're making up the arm locks.

JAMES: Arm locks are a cunning way to lock yourself to someone, so that it's hard for the police to separate you. It may appear like these guys are seasoned pros, but don't be fooled, only a couple of them have ever been arrested before.

ROWAN: You hold the lock on the front of your neck so you can personally undo it

WOMAN: Yeah that's more comfortable as well

WOMAN: Right so can we have a talk through, so James your first part.

MAN: I'm going to drive down there and I'm going to check out RBS subtly, have a cup of tea. I've got to look for any abnormal security, police movements.

WOMAN: People in the white marquee, people who are going to be blockading the outside, go to the van, get everything out. Then as soon as everything's out of the van, that's when arrestable inside need to go. We follow straight afterwards, and just behind us we need to have all of the non arrestables.

SALLY: I'm writing the number of the climate camp legal support. Which will be the number we'll call from jail or if we've been arrested.

ROWAN: Yes, they say, ‘who do you want to be informed about you being arrested?’ and you give them that number.

MAN: Oi, you’re going to hurt me, you’re going to hit me in the head

INTERVIEWER: Can you see them at all?

WOMAN: No I can’t see them they must have got right inside

CROWD: Whose Bank – our bank! Whose Money – our money! Whose future – our future!

POLICE: Have you got a spokesperson or anyone I can speak to?

WOMAN: I’m the spokesperson

POLICE: Okay. I’d just er...

WOMAN: Would you like to know why we’re here?

POLICE: I would like to know why you’re here.

WOMAN: Yes. We’re renovating the Royal Bank of Scotland because we won’t stand for the fact that the government has invested thirty three billion pounds in the Royal Bank of Scotland, to bail it out and that is financing the climate change, due to the way that that money is invested.

POLICE OFFICER: Okay. you do realise obviously that you’re obstructing people’s access and egress to the premises and things like that.

WOMAN: Yes we are aware of that.

REPRESENTATIVE: Michael Hannard UK security operations manager. You’ve entered the building today unlawfully. You’ve been asked to leave and you’ve all refused. You’ve caused intimidation to staff and disrupted the business. As a representative, let me please finish, as a representative of the business, I will inform you that if you do refuse to leave and if you are arrested, then as a company we will prosecute you all.

POLICE: Is there anything else that I can reasonably do or say that will make you leave the premises?

MAN: If you commit that RBS would stop investing in the fossil fuel industry and change over to serious investment in Renewables, we would happily leave if that was the commitment.

JAMES: The new touchy, feely policing, means the news is not distracted by police violence and can now find time to actually report why the activists are there.

NEWSREADER: Climate campaigners have glued and chained themselves to the London headquarters of the Royal Bank of Scotland.

NEWSREADER: Dressed as construction workers, they used bike locks and superglue to attach themselves to the building.

SALLY: We aim to shut down the bank for a whole working day, this is an anti bank's holiday.

MAN: They're angry at the bank's investment in fossil fuel projects.

JAMES: Before long the removal team arrive to unglue the guys on the trading floor.

POLICE: Just move out of the way please. Is it superglue, or...? It may sting a little bit.

INTERVIEWER: How's it going so far?

MAN: It's going really well I think, we're still here that's always good.

JAMES: In Fact the blockade has managed to hang on until the end of the business day.

SINGING: RBS are funding climate change, its shit, it's the tax payers money, we won't stand for this

JAMES: Once again, climate camp has grabbed the nation's attention and inspired a new generation of outlaws, who leave determined to be a thorn in the side of the capitalists.

TRACY: I'm Tracy Howard I am a wife, mother, resident and local campaigner in the village of Sipson.

TRACY: At the moment we're under the threat of the third runway, but BAA proposed to demolish everything that you can see around here in this beautiful village to make way for a horrendous runway, extending Heathrow airport.

JAMES: And a bigger airport means more flights and more emissions into the atmosphere. So a third runway at Heathrow has become a climate change battleground.

LILY: I've been involved in climate camp for the last couple of years as well, the turning point in my political motivation, was the 2007 climate camp. I'd been on the fringes of doing stuff then and I'd always been interested, I'd been to lots of marches and stuff like that, and then in 2007 I was like right, enough's enough, we've got to start actually doing stuff. It's so drastic and potentially affecting my future so detrimentally that I have to try everything I can to do something about it, yea.

TRACY: I got involved about six to seven years ago with the threat of the third runway, they was also threatening to bulldoze and dig up Cherry Lane cemetery. My husband's Nan is there, so it became more poignant and something involved in my own life, so that's hence I got involved in all the different action groups. I go from leaflet dropping to direct action, I'm quite variable. I go from the basics right up to the main squeeze shall we say. my direct action involved a few of us turning up at the architect of the year award and we basically sabotaged it. We awarded Pascal and Watson with the 'We Don't give a shit award', because they don't give a shit about us.

JOSH: Good evening everybody, we won't take up much of your time, but we're here from Plane Stupid and the residents around Heathrow and before the awards start, we would like to give our own personal award, and we'd like to give our award to Pascal and Watson. I think Pascal and Watson are here somewhere tonight, and we would like to give them an award because they've been at the forefront of aviation expansion since the 1960s.

TRACY: Josh gave the talk about the environmental issues and I gave the talk about my life.

MAN: Ladies and Gentlemen, would you kindly leave the stage please. Would you please leave the stage so we can proceed with our awards ceremony.

JOSH: You've been incredible. You may destroy the climate, people's homes, and local community.

TRACY: It's for Pascal and Watson, anyone else? anyone else want it? would anyone else like the award? They're digging up my grandmother's grave, my grandmother's grave. When I was asked to leave, I did actually leave I had to go back on stage because I left my coat and my bag there but we did actually leave. We were non threatening, we were just there to make a point. We distributed lots and lots of leaflets about the situation and it was absolutely fine.

JAMES: Lily, Paul, Rowan, and some other Plane Stupid members are moving to one of the threatened villages out near Heathrow.

LILY: Here we are, welcome to my new home. a resident of Harlington now, which is quite exciting. You can hear the aircraft noise already, I'm going to have to get used to that I think.

JAMES: Back at the Vestas factory the workers have been forced to end their occupation. But some have joined Marina and the others who are now living on the traffic island, and they are blockading the removal of the machinery from the plant.

MARINA: Four months I've been here, I don't know how long I'm going to stay on the Isle of Wight, I think once you start a campaign you have to see it through. These are my broad beans, which I'm particularly proud of.

INTERVIEWER: Does all of this do any good?

MARINA: One of the problems is, is if people realise there's a problem and they don't think they can do anything, that is so depressing, that is suicidal depressing, that is roll over and die depressing. But if you think you can do something and you can make a difference, through campaigning or putting your body in the way, then that's empowering. So you actually are taking back control of your life, even though all these decisions are out of our control, they're made by politicians over there. So yes it has done good.

JAMES: After four months of trying to do good, the powers that be have had enough and an eviction order has arrived.

MARINA: Hello

MR QUINN: Hi. My name's Mr Quinn from High Court enforcement. We're here today to enforce...

MARINA: Can you turn around a bit so I can get the sunlight on your face, thank you dear. That's better.

MR QUINN: Is that alright?

MARINA: Yea that's better. So what are you saying?

MR QUINN: We're here from high court enforcement to force the writ today.

MR QUINN: Okay?

MARINA: Okay

MR QUINN: Alright

MARINA: Yea now would you like a cup of tea?

MR QUINN: No, thank you very much but I've just had coffee.

MARINA: Okay, well the kettle will be on while we pack up, so any time you think

MR QUINN: Okay. How long do you think it will take you?

MARINA: Oh it's going to be a few hours.

MR QUINN: Do you reckon an hour, hour and a bit, shall we give you till twelve o'clock?

MARINA: Ooh I don't think, I don't think we'll have finished elevenses by twelve o'clock.

MR QUINN: We'll go for twelve o'clock.

MARINA: I don't think we'll be packed by twelve o'clock but we'll see what we can do.

MR QUINN: Okay lovely.

TRUDY: I'm their beat officer

MARINA: This is Trudy our beat officer.

TRUDY: Marina's got a favourite police officer and it's me.

MARINA: I got emotionally engaged, I got so involved.

TRUDY: I'm not too sure if you're going to be able to do this,

MAN: Why?

TRUDY: Because you're actually removing property that belongs to another person. I know that you planted the seed, but you're removing the earth aren't you, Marina I don't know, I'm just saying that this is all being recorded, you are removing some earth. If they wish to

MARINA: Prosecute me. I tell you what I'll have my day in court.

WOMAN: Crumpets everybody! Crumpets?

MAN: What we require you to do is leave the site within five minutes.

MARINA: I'm not leaving the site without my belongings.

MARINA: I want my bed, they're telling me to go to, I want my bed.

TRUDY: They're going to pack it all up and you'll be able to collect it at a later date. If you don't leave the site now, as requested, you'll give me no alternative but to arrest you.

MARINA: No I've got to get my kettle, I'm not going without my kettle. I'm not going without my kettle. Where's my kettle?

MAN: Okay can you come with me please?

MARINA: Ow, ow, oooooow, ow.

MARINA: Being arrested for basically trying to leave with two things and, it was like the law, there was just nowhere, there was no space in the interview for any understanding of the fact that you've been living somewhere and that's... And on top of that, you know the policewoman who arrested me, the day before she'd come to visit and I really thought that we got to know each other. And she come and visit, you know, she gave me a hug goodbye when she turned up with the bailiffs it was all very, very friendly. But she arrested me anyway and she cried during my interview because, I mean I cried. And even then, I keep polite and they're telling me that I should have packed a bit earlier, and I left my stuff till last. You know Rosa Park sat down on a bus, the law changed, because lots of people agreed with her. So that's what we have to do. But it has to be fun and exciting and we have good friends and we get over getting arrested and we get on with the next job and that's what we're going to do tomorrow. We're not hoping for lots of arrests, we're hoping for lots of new recruits to the revolution.

JAMES: This is Ratcliffe on Soar coal power station, the second largest power station in the UK and soon to be the target of a publically announced mass action. An open planning meeting is held in Nottingham. Anyone is welcome to come.

POLICE: Morning

INTERVIEWER: Morning

JAMES: Well except the police.

ROWAN: There's a whole load of secrecy that goes with taking direct action, and so the point of the swoop was to publicly say 'we're going to shut down this power station and we're going to do it on this day and we're going to do it with loads of people. And anyone who wants to come and help, can come along and do it.

SOPHIE: State sanctioned protests are good for one thing, but we need to start actually doing things that will directly impact on those offenders, and the coal industry is causing carbon emissions that will destroy our planet. And one thing about direct action I suppose it wasn't just to stand on the line, with a placard saying we don't like what you're doing. It was actually to take action, to do something.

WOMAN: You're walking in the footsteps of history and you're doing it because you want to stand up and defend the future. A lot of people have made a lot of change in history, and they have done it by working together and challenging the status quo and finding hope and faith where it might seem like there is none. But in the end somebody has to take down the fences.

SOPHIE: So it wasn't just about destroying the fence, the idea was to destroy the fence, to get through and lock ourselves onto various different points.

SALLY: This is one way in which we can change things and a really, really important way because mass civil disobedience shows that the law is unjust and people are willing to become outlaws to change things.

ROWAN: I didn't nearly get arrested that day, I was walking through the woods with my affinity group and all of a sudden a police officer grabbed me from behind and I shouted 'de arrest',

CROWD: de arrest. de arrest. de arrest. de arrest.

ROWAN: And all my friends came to my rescue and helped me. So if you get in a position where a police officer is arresting you, you don't have to accept that, that's going to be your destiny, that you will be arrested. And I got away and we ran, very fast. If more people as a collective decided to de arrest people, then a lot less people get arrested and the police would find their job exponentially harder.

JAMES: They didn't manage to shut down the power station that day, but as Sally says, the sight of thousands of people openly becoming outlaws, sends a very powerful message. Preparations are being made to travel to Copenhagen where the United Nations are holding a two week conference of world leaders, to hammer out a deal on tackling climate change.

ROWAN: This is Maalox and it's used to treat the effects of CS gas. Mix it with water, pour it on your eyes and face, and it stops the burning.

PAUL: They've got no outside police apart from intelligence officers. But loads of German police dogs,

JAMES: The Danish government have been making their own preparations by granting the police new powers to detain protesters at will.

ROWAN: It says you will probably be taken to the police station and placed in a holding cell.

LILY: The Danish police are arresting not just for vandalism but can give people forty days if you inhibit police work.

INTERVIEWER: Are you expecting to get arrested?

MAN: No not at all, but it seems like a strong possibility.

WOMAN: Why?

MAN: well I suppose on the 16th of December the plan is to go and get into the conference ourselves and hold our own conference to let the people that have been affected by climate change, have their views said and I

don't think they're going to be very happy with us trying to do that. So I'd like not to get arrested, but never say never.

WOMAN: We're off!

JAMES: No sooner had they crossed the border into Denmark than they are stopped.

BORDER PATROL: Can I have a look at your passports?

WOMAN: You can indeed.

BORDER PATROL: And your driver's licence?

MAN: There's all the passports

BORDER PATROL: How many are you?

WOMAN: We are seventeen.

BORDER PATROL: Seventeen?

BORDER PATROL: Okay. It's okay, have a nice day, okay.

JAMES: It isn't just our guys who are heading for Copenhagen, activists from around the world are joining them because they believe that corporate interests supported by powerful governments, have hijacked the process. So it's highly unlikely that a fair or effective agreement will be reached.

FRANK: We're going to the candy factory to a bike bloc meeting but we're late because we missed the bus.

SOPHIE: We were on an old disused candy factory that was a community art space, and it was a legalised squat. And there we set up this outdoor workshop and an indoor workshop for bike maintenance and another separate space for bike welding.

ROWAN: We'll cause some double, double trouble with them. This is a double trouble, not a double, double trouble.

JAMES: The world's eyes are on the UN summit because the scientific community have made it clear that if a serious deal on reducing emissions isn't struck this year, then next year may be too late.

MAN: Just to let you know, the police are here

JOHN: We do games - training at three o'clock.

POLICE: At three o'clock?

JOHN: It's not a demo, we go down to the park and we train in the park.

POLICE: We must take a look so

JOHN: Now our role on the 16th of December is to be a bit like the cavalry, okay? So always moving, and always taking the police away from where they're trying to stop the people coming in to the Bella Centre, because what will be happening on the 16th is that people will be coming into the Bella Centre but also about five hundred people, probably more, will be coming out of the Bella Centre, and that's the beauty of the day. So we're going to play some games now to get used to the bikes. Put your bike up like that and you use your tyre to defend your body against ...

JOHN: How does that feel?

MAN: Scary.

JOHN: Scary, and that was - were your mates. So in this one, basically the thing to do oh, the cops are filming us.

INTERVIEWER: Sally what's going on now?

SALLY: We're just making very quickly our carbon trader WACT Association posters which we're going to be taking on the big NGO march today to illustrate just how important a solution carbon trading is, to put on the table in Copenhagen.

JAMES: Carbon trading is the money mans answer to climate change. Using free market economics to solve the problem. It's the main solution at the Copenhagen talks, so our guys are putting on their finest capitalist suits for a bit of satirical fun.

ROWAN: Is this the first hippy you've stopped today?

POLICE: Yes, first hippy.

WOMAN: Oh we don't want those hippies

WOMAN: Just take him away it's fine, it's just a hippy

CROWD: POWER – POWER. POWER TO THE PRIVELEGE. BECAUSE THE PRIVELEGED GOT THE POWER. TELL ME YOU CAN YOU FEEL IT. WE GET RICHER BY THE HOUR

INTERVIEWER: It's funny?

MAN: It's funny yeah

MAN: Yeah it's funny. We thought about it for a long time and now we find out it's irony, yes

ROWAN: One solution is this is a trade pollution

JAMES: With only a week left at the summit, the police are taking increasing control of the streets

SALLY: Excuse me, do you have guns? When do you think you're going to need to shoot people?

WOMAN: “Anti-Capitalista” chanting

SALLY: What law are we breaking? We’re not doing anything wrong, we have a democratic right to protest.

JOHN: The whole police operation is about showing their force in their organisation really, and terrifying us with their force and organisation. And arresting people and putting them in cages and in the cages you know, in a sense have been designed to look like Guantanamo you know, all this stuff is really, it's a fine art of psychological intimidation really.

POLICE: But we have our orders. We don’t know the reason but we have our orders.

JAMES: It's the day before the mass action against the UN conference, and all hands are on deck.

POLICE: The Danish police have got permission to go into places here and according to the Danish Police Act, and that we are to see what's in here and then we will leave again. If we find anything that we think can be used to anything bad in the future, the near stage, we will take it with us.

INTERVIEWER: I’m a member of the press, I showed you my accreditation. I’m a journalist, I’m not turning off the camera.

POLICE: If you have a press card you have to wait outside until we have finished, okay.

INTERVIEWER: No I won’t.

WOMAN: But it's private property.

INTERVIEWER: Don’t touch my camera.

POLICE: We, we will take it okay? So it's your own decision.

INTERVIEWER: I was here filming a piece, this is a matter of public interest, I’m not going outside, please stop pushing me. Please stop pushing me. I’m not being unreasonable, I am not being unreasonable.

POLICE: Just relax

INTERVIEWER: No why have you removed me?

POLICE: Excuse me, listen to me.

INTERVIEWER: You have removed me so that nobody can see what you’re doing.

POLICE: Yeah it's a crime scene, we have to search the place and that’s - that’s why.

INTERVIEWER: What is the crime?

POLICE: That’s why we don’t want you to film.

INTERVIEWER: Tell me what the crime is?

POLICE: We will tell you later.

INTERVIEWER: You came in there, you said that you were simply searching for weapons. As far as I've seen you've not found any weapons. If you're not doing anything wrong, if you're not doing anything wrong.

POLICE: You will have to turn it off now.

INTERVIEWER: If you're not doing anything wrong.

POLICE: You will have to turn it off now.

POLICE: Okay then I'll take it.

ROWAN: And then on the day of action we set off quite quickly, got on our bicycles, it was snowing and cold. As we got quite close to the Bella Centre, all of a sudden this riot van full of police turned up, 'Right we're nicking you'

PAUL: Even though we hadn't done anything, we were being arrested and detained in jail for the day.

ROWAN: Cuffed us all, on the floor, in a blizzard for about an hour and a half whilst they rounded up more people. Like 'oh, we're taking you to the chicken coup', which is what they call their temporary prison.

PAUL: But it was alright because we hadn't done anything and we'd be released later. and at that point we felt the full force of repression from the Danish state at that time. We were obviously sanctioned from the world.

SOPHIE: It felt like martial law, it really, really did. I mean it felt like we were in a war zone and it was that element of it was a really horrible experience actually.

ROWAN: We just got every single road block armed in this direct confrontation, In that direct confrontation, there was no winning, they always have much better fire power, much stronger numbers, they're fully armed they're just like Robocop

SOPHIE: Eighteen arrested from bike block, and Aimee been bitten off -bitten by a dog off a leash.

JAMES: Then Paul rings.

INTERVIEWER: Do they know you have this phone?

PAUL: No they don't know. I smuggled it in, in my pants.

INTERVIEWER: Can you see people in any other cages?

PAUL: Yea I can see loads of people in loads of cages, hundreds, hundreds of people here.

INTERVIEWER: Hundreds?

PAUL: And men and women, we're trying to get the people assembly and we just got lifted on the way.

PAUL: The inner wall has just been ripped, ripped up um, basically the cages, they can't put people in the cages because the walls are ripped up.

ROWAN: all you've got to do is lift it out of this runner at the bottom and you can just start shaking it from side to side, and it snaps all of these jubilee clips which are holding it at the edge. And you just run all them together in the same one and then again they come blast you all with mace.

PAUL: So gradually throughout the day I went from this position of being totally gutted that I had gone to go and participate in a people's assembly and you know being really compliant which I was angry with myself for being complaint with and being stopped and searched. And then being arrested for no reason to a position where I felt like we were actually breaking down that process by asserting our humanity.

DANISH CHANTING: Free us all

ROWAN: This was a collaboration, an international collaboration between people from all over Europe, all over the world, and the chanting and singing was in every language you can imagine, and you just pick it up as quickly as possible and try and get everyone chanting it, and it was such a powerful thing to hear complete indignation about what was going on there, and we had to unify.

JAMES: After weeks of wrangling, Obama and his pals cut a back room deal, but they couldn't get the rest of the UN to back it, leaving the process on hold until next year.

JOHN VIDAL: The Latin American countries, the left wing Latin American countries are completely denouncing the whole thing, they are saying that the conference has been a total failure, a complete disaster. they are saying they want a world referendum on what should be done. they are blaming America specifically and capitalism generally.

ANTONIO HILL: I think it's not even, it can't even be called a deal, it could be called a cop out.

SOPHIE: I think a lot of us came back quite disheartened, I went there to discuss climate change and came out discussing capitalism and state control, so it totally radicalised me. So thank you, thank you Copenhagen police for pushing me into that corner.

SOPHIE: Post capitalism it's better than what we've got already. I'm not sure how we're going to get there, I'm not sure of how it's going to work, but I think we can give it a go. You're into post capitalism aren't you. Give it a go.

WOMAN: Yay.

SOPHIE: Vote Sophie Nathan.

SALLY: I think if you were going to sum it up in one word, it's anti-capitalism. But for a lot of people that doesn't really mean anything and I think what we really need to understand is the connections that the system which prioritises profit over people, time and time again, is the same system that's driving this.

JAMES: Back out near Heathrow, Lily and the Plane Stupid crew are about to try something completely different.

LILY: Today we're starting the first big project of transition Heathrow.

ROWAN: We've taken a piece of land which was in a state of disrepair, it's got these beautiful green houses on it, and we're going to have a land clearing weekend next weekend, we're going to get our community down, lots of friends down, clear it up and get people to decide what they want to happen on the land.

TRACY: I'm a council tax payer, they're welcome in this village any time of the day.

LILY: The locals have been backing us so much in this project, keep dropping around bags of food and stuff for us and, and you know and just dropping in blankets and sleeping bags and everything. And making sure we're warm enough and joining us in the evening, so everybody's really excited about what it could become.

LINDA: When climate camp came and these young people came to support us, we haven't looked back.

LILY: It's the autonomy of a project like this is what makes it direct action for me, it's disregarding the existing power structures and just doing it ourselves.

LINDA: We've started something and our hearts are into finishing it. So we hope we are winning. If we're not we'll take a raincheck and we'll be in there doing something. We'll be in there doing something.

WOMAN: Will it be legal?

LINDA: It won't be legal, you can definitely bank on that.

WOMAN: Don't know the meaning of that word.

MARINA: This is what I'm living to do now, 'cos it needs to be done. I hope that doesn't sound nonsense because it isn't and I think it's what life is all about, there is more to life than you know being judged on your ability to shop you know, based on an income and what you've accumulated. I think we all still agree that the spirit is still an important aspect of humanity. And it's to be expressed and lived. I started off making tea and now I'm just like, 'oh bloody hell come on, let's sit down here', if anyone out there thinking I want to do more, just do it.

MARINA: And I don't mean "I recycle," I don't mean that. I mean civilised disobedience. Do it.

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