

We want to see

Provision of suitable free sites for gypsies and travellers, the right to squat disused homes/land

Protection of boaters' rights, with river & canal bank allotments, fair mooring & licence fees

An end to the sell-off of public land to private developers and speculators

All social and private housing to come with a secure tenancy, offering better if terminated

Government building enough quality public housing to accommodate the entire population

All new homes, including flats, to incorporate at least a 10 pole allotment immediately adjacent

Maintain, extend and enforce rights of way

Openness about land owned by the monarchy, an end to crown immunity & FOI exemptions

A 'Use It Or Lose It' programme where empty buildings are forfeit or put on a tax escalator, where the owner can lose title after one year

Confiscation of best sections of largest feudal and commercial estates for public settlement

An end to mega-farms and industrial agriculture & A mandatory, publicly owned, land registry

Open access to land managed by charities such as The National Trust and English Heritage

Taxation of luxuries, not necessities; adequate resources for government to house people

Publicly owned nationalised infrastructure such as water, gas, NHS, electricity, banking and railways. With services provided at or near cost

In order to achieve this we will

Take non-violent direct action to contest land ownership and use peaceful civil disobedience to support local campaigns

Hold conferences & commission expert reports

Retain a Parliamentary land rights lobby group to draw up parliamentary bills and legislation to bring about universal access to land

Lobby to enforce Article 25: 1, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Establishing minimum secure legal standards of housing. *'Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and his family, including food, clothing, housing, and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood, in circumstances beyond his control.'* 25, UDHR

Study history to promote traditional forms of tenure such as Scottish crofting, collective land management and common rights

Foster co-operative businesses to provide ethical land-based employment & volunteer experience

Promote and develop links and exchange programmes with land rights groups in other countries where equivalent movements exist such as Brazil and Indonesia

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Link up

To join the information sharing, action alert Diggers list, founded in 1999 diggers350-subscribe@gn.apc.org - For UK land related talks & convergences, fill in the form below. To add a donation please include cheque/PO to 'The Land Is Ours' or donate at tlio.org.uk For old school annual donation please fill in the standing order form overleaf.

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We want to see an explosion of market-gardens and smallholdings, with travellers encouraged to stay on road verges. This and other marginal public land to be planted with perennial crops and forest gardens for national food security.

The Land Is Ours was originally set up in 1995 by writer George Monbiot to campaign for what we do want, rather than against what we don't :)

A sense of history

Enclosure had a devastating impact on post-Medieval society producing cheap labour for the industrial revolution. But landlessness and destitution for millions is back today with robotic mega-cartels taking our jobs & post-2008 bailout 'austerity'.

Land is a free gift to mankind, so landed gentry like the Dukes of Westminster & Buccleuch should not be 'owners', but custodians of their vast estates. The Diggers, Chartists, Highland Crofters, Irish Land League & the British Isles' other freedom fighter visionaries inspire us to roll back enclosure, the most unjust privatisation of them all, until everybody has a secure home.

Land banking and speculation

While some of us are desperate to get on the unaffordable housing ladder, other individuals & companies own so much land they don't know what to do with it. The stock market bubble has made land a safer investment, for those who have no intention of ever using it.

People are assets, not liabilities

We want to move away from an ever-increasing dependence on money for food and other essentials, toward providing all life's essentials for free, like water still is in the Irish republic. In principle no one should have to pay for anything which is theirs by right under Article 25 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

Churchill's much vaunted Land Tax (LVT) would tie us even deeper into the money system



The Land Is Ours

a land rights campaign for Britain

The Land Is Ours campaigns peacefully for access to land, its resources and the decision making processes affecting them, for everyone, irrespective of race, age or gender.

Land for homes:

planning for low-impact countryside settlers; stopping places for travellers; space for low-cost and self-designed housing in cities

Land for life:

a right to roam; protection and reclamation of common space; people power in planning and public enquiries; mandatory land registration

Land for livelihoods:

access to the land's raw materials; publicly maintained town & country workshop spaces; high standards of animal welfare; break-up of mega-farms and worst offending feudal estates