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May Day Insights

In the late 1800s as the labor rights movement was gathering steam, the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions unanimously set May 1, 1886 as the date by which the eight-hour work day would become standard in America. Since then, May 1st has been celebrated as International Workers' Day to commemorate the struggle for workers' rights, often dubbed "May Day".

Today, May Day is marked with demonstrations and protests around the globe; this year features events planned in France, Cambodia, and the Philippines. In addition to these May Day related events, other protest groups are gathering and planning their own rallies related to Climate Change, the PCSC Bill in the UK, and Anti-capitalism.

ORGANIZERS / KEY INTEREST GROUPS

Key organizers that can be expected to appear over the first week of May (*not exhaustive*):

Extinction Rebellion (Global)

WHO ARE THEY?

- Founded in 2018, Extinction Rebellion (XR for short) describes itself as "non-violent civil disobedience activist movement" and wants governments to take immediate action to address climate change. Its logo is an hourglass inside a circle.
- International organization with 298,000 followers on Facebook
- In April 2019, 1,130 people were arrested in London when protests caused more than £25,000 in criminal damage to the frontage of the Shell building on the South Bank.

PLANNED EVENTS

- **May 1, 2021:** *United Kingdom* – XR's "Rebellion Wave One" campaign begins on Saturday. This event involves multiple single person roadblocks across the UK at 1200hrs to protest the climate emergency. Road blockers will be accompanied by a covert group of supporters on pavements monitoring the safety of the road blocker. This event has been rescheduled from 27 March to ensure action can be witnessed by larger crowds as lockdown restrictions have eased.
- **May 3, 2021:** *Norway* – Bergen, Oslo, Stavanger, and Trondheim – XR Spring Uprising - planning to launch their 2021 Spring Rebellion, primarily targeting oil and gas organizations in multiple cities. Organizers are encouraging activists to launch ~100 disruptive actions (i.e., 'arrestable') during the event.
- **May 5, 2021:** *Netherlands* – Utrecht - XR is planning a demonstration at Utrecht Central Station during the 'air alarm' as part of ongoing monthly action. The action is expected to last less than an hour and is planned as peaceful.
- **May 5, 2021:** *United Kingdom* – Money Rebellion event. XR plans to stage an event targeting central and private banks. Damage to property in the finance sector is a possibility.

HANDLES AND PAGES

- @ExtinctionR
- @XRebellionUK
- @ExtinctionR_NO
- @XR_NYC
- @XrYouth
- @XRLondon
- @XR_Southampton
- @XRBristol
- @xr_cambridge
- @ExtinctionRebellion (*Facebook Group*)
- <https://t.me/eXtinctionRebellion> (*Telegram channel*)
- <https://rebellion.global/>



Kill the Bill (UK)

WHO ARE THEY?

- “Kill the Bill” is an older protest slogan used around the world, and recently resurged by a UK protest movement after the PCSC Bill passed its second reading in Parliament, meaning MPs had voted in favor of passing the bill and it would go to the committee stage for further scrutiny.
- This bill allegedly gives less rights to protestors, placing restrictions on protests and public assembly, which sparked protests in March 2021 that led to over 100 people being arrested and at least 10 police officers suffering injuries from the clash with protesters.

PLANNED EVENTS

- **May 1, 2021:** Planned to be the national day of action for the Kill the Bill movement. Protests and disruptions are expected in many major UK cities

HANDLES AND PAGES

- #killthebill
- @resistncl Twitter
- @Killthebill_official (Instagram)
- @Blmuk (Instagram)
- @ukblm (Twitter)

Green Anticapitalism Front (GAF) (UK)

WHO ARE THEY?

- Green Anticapitalism Front (GAF) is a radical leftist ecological protest movement that describes itself as “an alliance of groups and individuals united by a belief that capitalism is one of the core causes of the environmental crisis”.
- In February 2020 GAF broke into the closed Paddington Green police station, the UK’s former counter-terror policing hub, taking more than 60 officers, bailiffs, and security guards to evict them after squatting in the building for three weeks. GAF left the interior graffitied with “ACAB” (All Cops Are Bastards) and the names of victims who died while in police custody.
- Unlike Extinction Rebellion (XR), GAF is not explicitly pacifist, and when asked for their stance of violent protest has stated that they “respect a diversity of tactics”.

HANDLES AND PAGES

- @SurvivalRebel
- @FrontGreen
- @BristolGaf
- @Edinburgh_GAF
- @gafcambridge (Instagram)
- @Glasgowgaf (Instagram)
- @GAF Lond (Facebook)
- <https://greenanticapitalist.org/>

DSA (Democratic Socialists of America)

WHO ARE THEY?

- The Democratic Socialists of America is self-proclaimed to be the largest socialist organization in the USA. DSA has organized many events from strikes, to rallies, to canvassing, to protesting.
- In 2016 DSA directly supported striking Verizon Workers, and on May Day 2017, the DSA endorsed a massive strike of over 400,000 workers from major national unions.

PLANNED EVENTS

- DSA is kicking off their national May Day rally on Saturday May 1st in major cities across the USA.

HANDLES AND PAGES

- @cbkDSA
- @CbkdSa (Instagram)
- @nycDSA
- @DemSocialists
- @UptownBronxDsa
- @SV_DSA
- @DSA_LosAngeles
- @Boston_DSA
- @NorthShoreDSA
- @PVDemSoc
- @WorcDSA
- @DSA_Maine
- <https://www.dsausa.org>

PLANNED EVENTS

- Green Anticapitalism Front (GAF) challenges supporters to participate in Mayday Bingo by performing an action against targets on a bingo board. Targets include (but not exhaustive) links to fossil fuels, fishing, the state, and aviation. Points are allocated according to the target and actions. Actions include banner drops, pestering, graffiti, and ‘borrowing’ from shops.
- Second anniversary of the UK Government declaring a climate and ecological emergency; potential flashpoint for other environmental activists to organize action(s).



twitter.com/cbkDSA/status/1387073049522888707/photo/1

GLOBAL AWARENESS TIMELINE

Sample data and information on above events:

- **2021-05-1 12:00:00pm AST:** *Global* – May Day protests — Day of international workers' rights. Disruptions in major cities may be expected. Particularly in France, Cambodia, and the Philippines In China, Labor Day is observed between 1-5 May
[wsws.org/en/articles/2021/04/30/wkrs-a30.html](https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2021/04/30/wkrs-a30.html)
- **2021-05-1 12:00:00pm AST:** *USA* – Democratic Socialists of America — Mayday day of action. - Gatherings and rallies expected across major US cities.
twitter.com/DemSocialists/status/1387790636443529220
- **2021-05-1 12:00:00pm AST:** *United Kingdom, Nationwide* — Anniversary of the UK Government declaring a climate emergency. Potential flashpoint for environmental activist groups to act or organize across the UK.
[bbc.com/news/uk-politics-48126677](https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-48126677)
- **2021-05-1 12:00:00pm AST:** *United Kingdom, Nationwide* — National day of action under the 'Kill the Bill' movement. Large protests and disruptions are expected in many major UK cities
[freedomnews.org.uk/2021/04/22/this-may-1st-we-say-kill-the-bill](https://www.freedomnews.org.uk/2021/04/22/this-may-1st-we-say-kill-the-bill)
- **2021-05-1 12:00:00pm AST:** *United Kingdom, Nationwide* – XR Rebellion Wave One 'campaign. This action involves single person roadblocks across the UK to protest the climate emergency. Mass disruption to road networks likely, especially in major cities.
[extinctionrebellion.uk/act-now/campaigns/rebellion-of-one](https://www.extinctionrebellion.uk/act-now/campaigns/rebellion-of-one)
- **2021-05-1 12:00:00pm AST:** *United Kingdom, Nationwide* — Several Anti-government and anti-lockdown groups have organized protests across the country denouncing the continued lockdown and perceived violation of their human rights.
twitter.com/StandUpX2/status/1386683091096375299/photo/1
- **2021-05-1 12:00:00pm AST:** *United Kingdom, Nationwide* — GAF Mayday Bingo - Green Anticapitalism Front (GAF) challenge supporters to participate in Mayday Bingo by performing an action against targets on their bingo board. Targets include (but not exhaustive) links to fossil fuels, fishing, the state, and aviation. Points are allocated according to the target and actions. Actions include banner drops, pestering, graffiti, and 'borrowing' from shops.
[un.org/en/civil-society/world-press-freedom-day-2021](https://www.un.org/en/civil-society/world-press-freedom-day-2021)
- **2021-05-3 12:00:00pm AST:** *Global UN World Press Freedom Day*— Recent anti-vaccination and anti-COVID-19 restriction movements have cited the media / press for the perceived mass distribution of misinformation concerning COVID-19 and vaccinations. These movements and relevant activists could stage demonstrations on this day targeting media / press outlets
- **2021-05-3 12:00:00pm AST:** *Norway - Bergen, Oslo, Stavanger, and Trondheim - XR Norway:* Spring Uprising — Extinction Rebellion is planning to launch their 2021 Spring Rebellion, primarily targeting oil and gas organizations in multiple Norway cities. Organizers are encouraging activists to launch 100~ disruptive actions (i.e., 'arrestable') during the event
[extinctionrebellion.no/no/events/springrebellion2021](https://www.extinctionrebellion.no/no/events/springrebellion2021)
- **2021-05-5 12:00:00pm AST:** *The Netherlands - Utrecht* – XR Netherlands Air Alarm — Extinction Rebellion is planning a demonstration at Utrecht Central Station during the 'air alarm' as part of ongoing monthly action. The action is expected to last less than an hour and is planned as peaceful.
[extinctionrebellion.nl/en/events/luchtalarm-klimaatalarm-utrecht-4/](https://www.extinctionrebellion.nl/en/events/luchtalarm-klimaatalarm-utrecht-4/)
- **2021-05-5 12:00:00pm AST:** *United Kingdom, Nationwide* – XR: Money Rebellion event — Extinction Rebellions plan to stage an event targeting Central & Private Banks on both local and regional levels. Minimal information regarding the event has been publicized
[extinctionrebellion.uk/2021/04/03/extinction-rebellions-global-action-network-and-money-rebellion-team-up-to-target-central-private-banks/](https://www.extinctionrebellion.uk/2021/04/03/extinction-rebellions-global-action-network-and-money-rebellion-team-up-to-target-central-private-banks/)
- **2021-05-6 12:00:00pm AST:** *Greece, Athens* – Labor Day Strikes — Unions have called for Labor Day strikes on 6 May, after postponing the action due to the original date coincided with Orthodox Holy Saturday
[ekathimerini.com/news/1160381/journalists-seamen-to-join-belated-may-day-strike-action/](https://www.ekathimerini.com/news/1160381/journalists-seamen-to-join-belated-may-day-strike-action/)

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