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Campaigning news, events and resources from JDC Birmingham

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Dictator Debt Day of Action
Monday 31 October

If you are unable to join the Day in London you can contact Maddy Evans on 020 7324 4728 to lobby your MP.
See the new JDC video on dodgy debts, with Mark Thomas :
http://www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk/

'Justice not Charity'
JDC Multifaith Youth and Student Event
Thursday 3rd November
5.15pm – 7.30pm, St Francis Hall, University Chaplaincy, University of Birmingham.
If you would like to come to this event please Contact Audrey Miller 0121 471 4175

Seminar: Third World Debt and World Debt Crisis.

Thursday 17th November
5.00pm – 6.30pm, Room 121 Muirhead Tower, University of Birmingham, B15 2TT

Tim Jones, JDC Senior Policy & Campaigns Officer, will be speaking. This is a seminar organised by the International Development Department at the University of Birmingham, and it is open to the public.

It’s quite challenging to talk about cancelling the unjust and unpayable debts of poor countries when the whole world is going through a financial crisis. There are mixed emotions - we may be more appreciative of what debt is like but also feel that charity begins at home. Our ideas may also be confused; is our personal debt or our country's debt the same sort of thing as that of the poor countries for which JDC has been campaigning? What, if any, is the connection between them and how does each affect the other?

Meeting to plan next year's JDC Birmingham programme.
Monday 28 November
10am, Flat 14, Sinclair Court, 39 Park Road, Moseley B13 8AH
Please let John Nightingale know if you are able to join this meeting, all welcome.

The Big Give
How to donate to JDC in December and double your donation!
Week 5 – 9 December

Jubilee Debt Campaign has been accepted onto The Big Give Christmas Challenge 2011.

This exciting news means that donations made to JDC via the Big Give website during the week 5-9 December will be doubled. Each day at 10am The Big Give website will match donations until that day's Big Give fund is used up.

To make the most of this opportunity to make your donation go further, email matt@jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk with the subject ‘Big Give Christmas Challenge 2011’.

We will then remind you nearer the time by sending you an email with a link to the Big Give website where you can double your donation during the week of the Big Give Christmas Challenge.

Please put 5-9 December in your diary! For more information www.thebiggive.org.uk
Coming Up

**JDC December Meeting**
**Thursday 8th December**

7.30pm, 19 Berberry Close, Bournville, B30 1TB

John Nightingale: *We felt it would be good to have a seasonal get together at which we could reflect, from our various different standpoints, on how we can celebrate in a way that challenges prevailing debt and consumerism. So you are warmly invited to my house. Feel free to bring with you any words or music you would like to share and enjoy the company; mince pies and drinks will be provided.*

Please let John Nightingale know if you would like to come so that we have an idea of numbers (0121 458 6182)

**JDC Birmingham Annual General Meeting**
**Tuesday 17th January 2012**

6.40 pm (bring and share meal) 7.20 pm (meeting begins).
Venue: The Midland Cooperative Society in the Birmingham Midland Institute, 9 Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BS Tel. 0121 236 3591.

Come along to our AGM and share a meal with other local JDC campaigners. **Nick Dearden** (Director of National JDC) will be speaking on the campaign for an International Debt Court.

JDC Updates

JDC London email a monthly Debt Update. To receive this, please email your details to johnnightingale@btinternet.com

Dates for 2011 – 2012

**Thursday 3 November.** Student Event

**Thursday 17 November.** Debt Seminar.

**5 – 9 December.** The Big Give

**Thursday 8 December.** Beyond the Presents, social evening with reflections.

**Tuesday 17 January.** JDC Birmingham AGM

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