WORLDS END
DOOM, DESPAIR, DENIAL, DEPRESSION,
IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD!!!

These are common reactions when people learn about the reality of climate change.

Similarly, sometimes when people think about capitalism it can seem as though nothing can be done to change it, that it's too big, too strong, maybe that's just the way the world is.

But things change,

WORLDS END, NEW ONES BEGIN.

Part of what prevents action on these big issues is the way people tend to talk, think and feel about them. Using words and pictures we want to help people understand climate change and capitalism and encourage a different approach, one that builds our power to fight them.

So how did we get here? ...
HERE WE ARE THEN.

HUMANS INHABIT MOST OF THE PLANET

AND CAPITALISM DOMINATES HUMAN SOCIETIES.

BEFORE EXPLORING CAPITALISM, LET'S LOOK A BIT MORE AT CLIMATE CHANGE.
As the planet warms, the climate system responds in a variety of ways.

Some responses will act to reduce the warming (negative feedback), others to exacerbate it (positive feedback).

For example, as ice and snow melt, the Earth's surface becomes darker, absorbing more sunlight and warming further. This creates a positive feedback loop.
Climatologists also predict that there may be various 'tipping points' in the climate system.

If we go beyond a certain amount of warming, there will be irreversible changes to the climate.
Passing one tipping point does not necessarily cause a domino effect of one triggering another leading to ‘runaway’ climate change, where things are completely out of our hands. We may, for example, go beyond one tipping point but manage to reduce emissions enough to prevent passing another.

Whatever we do, there are big changes ahead.

Even if we stop emissions now

The gases already in the atmosphere will keep warming the Earth.
BUT IF WE KEEP INCREASING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

THE WORLD WILL WARM SO MUCH BY THE END OF THE CENTURY THAT IT COULD RESULT IN HUMAN DEATH AND SUFFERING ON AN UNPRECEDENTED SCALE, AS WELL AS THE EXTINCTION OF MOST SPECIES ON THE PLANET.

THAT’S NO EXAGGERATION.
DESPITE THE ENORMITY OF THE PROBLEM

AND THE ALARMING IMPLICATIONS OF POSITIVE FEEDBACKS AND TIPPING POINTS

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE.
WHAT WE DO IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND DECADES COULD SHAPE LIFE ON EARTH FOR CENTURIES TO COME.
YES, IT'S BIG AND SCARY

POSITIVE FEEDBACKS AND TIPPING POINTS AREN'T LIMITED TO PHYSICAL SYSTEMS LIKE THE CLIMATE.

THEY ALSO OCCUR IN SOCIETY

BUT WHILE THE FUTURE IS UNCERTAIN, IT'S ALSO UNWRITTEN.

AND SOMETIMES HUGE, SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE CHANGES HAPPEN VERY QUICKLY

THROUGHOUT HISTORY

ANCIENT, SEEMINGLY ETERNAL CIVILISATIONS

HAVE COLLAPSED WITHOUT WARNING.
SO THAT’S WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE CLIMATE.

WHAT ABOUT CAPITALISM?

UNDER CAPITALISM, MAKING MONEY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

PEOPLE, OTHER SPECIES AND OUR ENVIRONMENT ARE EXPENDABLE IN THE INTERESTS OF PROFIT.
CAPITALIST SOCIETY IS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF PERSONAL PROFIT AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

TO LET
DIVIDE & GENTRIFY

WITH WEALTH AND POWER CONCENTRATED IN A SMALL SECTION OF THE POPULATION.

INSERT YOUR CARD

LOTTO NUMBERS A-Z

IT HAS ONLY BEEN AROUND FOR A FEW HUNDRED YEARS

BUT NOW EXISTS IN SOME FORM IN ALMOST EVERY PART OF THE WORLD.
CAPITALISM EXISTS IN MANY VARIETIES AND IS NOT JUST AN ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

IT INCLUDES SOCIAL VALUES AND CULTURAL PRACTICES THAT PEOPLE ACT OUT EVERY DAY,

- up-and-coming location
- £500/month plus deposit
- Dogs welcome, no DSS
- Agent

THE ROLES THEY TAKE ON,

AND THE THINGS THEY CONSIDER IMPORTANT.
For example, from an early age, children learn that things can be bought with money and that people own things.

So while much of our lives are made up of things we do for free or out of love, we also all play a part in the continuation of capitalism often without realising it.
Even if you're aware of the system you're trapped in, it's not easy to remove yourself. Capitalism today includes the state: government institutions, police, courts, etc., often using violence when people step out of line.

For example, if you try to live your life ignoring private property, you're likely to get in trouble with the law.
The state also acts to protect those who benefit most from capitalism from the effects of the poverty and inequality they create.
Capitalism is also constantly evolving and reinventing itself.

Often things which oppose capitalism end up becoming part of it and making it stronger.
So capitalism comes in different forms; it is simultaneously forced on us and created by us; and it changes all the time, adapting to the forces affecting it.

If you chop one head off, two grow back! To kill it, we need to strike at its heart.
CLIMATE CHANGE AND CAPITALISM

Capitalism is a driving force behind climate change. It is based on ever-increasing profit and economic growth, meaning ever-increasing resource consumption and ever-increasing destruction of our environments.
Nature is viewed as something to be exploited.

Wish you weren't here.

Humans are seen as above or more important than nature, instead of being part of it.

Climate change is one symptom of this relationship, which has also caused other ecological crises.
CAPITALISM DOESN'T JUST CREATE THESE PROBLEMS, IT ACTUALLY THRIVES ON CRISIS.
CARBON MARKETS

GREEN JOBS
*Head of marketing
*Fundraiser

BAG FOR STUFF

BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS

saving the animals one cupcake at a time

CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON ZERO CARBON
Opposition to capitalism isn't just about protecting nature.

Capitalism is also based on the exploitation of people.

It results in the extreme suffering of certain groups through oppression and inequality.

Termination seeds
Buy again next year

GOV.UK
Social Security

CROWN COURT

Danger: Cyanide

And the alienation of all of us from the things that give our lives meaning.
It is rooted in a history of murderous colonialism

And sets all of us, as individuals and groups, against each other.

Jobs vs. the environment clashes expect...

EXCLUSIVE: Celebrity body flaws

Megan
Kate:

Tell all:

Don't lose

Immigration removal centre

Deterrent

Biggest loser!

Obesity epic parents to be

Prevention of Terrorism Act

Capitalism is one way for those with power over others to maintain their dominance.

Without destroying it, free, equal and diverse societies will never be possible.
IF THINGS UNDER CAPITALISM DON'T SEEM SO BAD TO YOU

COULD THIS BE BECAUSE OF WHERE YOU'RE VIEWING IT FROM?

FOOD BANK OPEN

easy deportation
Some say climate change is too urgent, that we only have time to reform capitalism, not replace it.

Urgency can make us feel we have to work within the system, or rely on technology to save us.

These approaches tend to ignore who has power in our society and how it is used.
It's true that we need to reduce emissions as fast as we can.

And that inspiring struggles against fossil fuels continue to flourish around the world.

Water is Life.
No pipeline.

However, to stop the various ecological crises becoming catastrophic.

We need to attack their root causes.

Stolen land.

Capitalism can't be reformed out of being exploitative or oppressive, that's its nature.

Staff wanted:
Under 25s preferred.
Zero hours,
No unions.
Most of us are exploited by capitalism.

Talking about how it is also changing the climate can help bring both things into focus.

Climate change is class war.

The climate crisis is a racist crisis.

Not just more abstract issues we have no control over.
IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT CAPITALISM—

NEW JAIL
OPENING SOON
CONTACT US FOR JOB OPPORTUNITIES

BUT CAPITALISM AND OTHER FORMS OF OPPRESSION SUCH AS RACISM, SEXISM AND CLASS TEND TO REINFORCE EACH OTHER.

INSTEAD OF SEEING THESE STRUGGLES AS SEPARATE, WE NEED TO FIGHT THEM TOGETHER, NEVER LOSING SIGHT OF HOW INTERCONNECTED THEY ARE.

OUR DIVERSITY CAN BE A SOURCE OF STRENGTH, NOT SOMETHING THAT Pulls US APART.
These are huge issues.

- How can we hope to change them?

Why bother doing anything, we're all doomed.

The scale of the problems we are facing makes it easy to lose hope.

But hope can also be dangerous.

No need for me to do anything, hopefully someone will sort it out.

Corporate Social Responsibility

Our commitment to the environment.

Things will only change if people work together to change them.
Just telling people climate change is really bad doesn't achieve much either.

"The Government Must Do Something!"

News just in: apparently climate change is actually really bad. Our correspondent conducted some interviews...

"It's an emergency - like a war."

Many people respond with denial:
- I went on the climate march.
- It's not going to happen to me.
- Climate change is a lefty conspiracy.
- I offset my flight.

...Apathy...

Or despair.

Our impact on the environment leads many to see us as a destructive failure, a 'cancer species' on the planet.
But it's not all humans.

- Many cultures have lived in harmony with nature.

And still do.
CAPITALISM ALSO TAKES A NEGATIVE VIEW OF HUMANS (MISANTHROPY)

BECAUSE IT IS BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT WE WILL MAKE SELFISH INDIVIDUALISTIC CHOICES.

THE IDEA THAT WE ARE INHERENTLY BAD CAN PREVENT US FROM IMAGINING OTHER POSSIBLE SOCIETIES AND TAKING ACTION TO MAKE THEM REAL.
But humans can be many things.

We are defined by our actions.

And we have choices about the actions we take.

It's up to us how we relate to each other and the world around us.
One way we can build a sense of agency, and of our collective power is to learn from and identify with historical struggles that have faced seemingly impossible odds but have not given up.

And in some cases even won.

Stop the bypass.

No new coal.
People have been fighting oppression for as long as there has been oppression.

The struggles that exist today are just the latest chapter in the long story of resistance, the fight for freedom and a meaningful existence.

We are part of that story.
So how can we destroy capitalism, and what is the alternative?

Capitalism wasn’t created to a blueprint. Take the means of production, alienate the masses.

- It evolved based on the needs and values of those who had power.

Vagrancy Act

We need to end their power.

And build societies based on equality, not exploitation.

Roundup

Workhouse

Hedge Stealing

Criminal Justice Act

And self determination, not domination.
Part of the problem is the powerful grip capitalism holds on our imagination.

A lot of people find it easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism.

Instead of having a blueprint, we need to free our collective imagination.
WE ARE HEADIN\FOR A WORLD IN WHICH LIFE AS WE KNOW IT, HUMAN AND OTHERWISE,

WILL BE DRASTICALLY CHANGED.

THE LONGER GREENHOUSE GAS CONCENTRATIONS IN OUR ATMOSPHERE RISE,

THE MORE SERIOUS IMPACTS BECOME,

THE MORE TIPPING POINTS WE PASS,

THE MORE SPECIES BECOME EXTINCT

AND, CRUCIALLY, THE LESS AGENCY WE HAVE OVER THE FUTURE OF OUR WORLD.
BUT WHAT WE DO IS STILL IMPORTANT
Instead of putting our faith in some future revolutionary moment

Where all oppression and inequality will be eradicated

We need to act in the here and now.
There has always been struggle and conflict.

But the struggle is different for each generation.

For us, now, it involves taking down the systems that are destroying the natural world.

So that those who come after us have a chance to live, struggle and be free themselves.
As the world warms, and impacts on scarce vital resources increase, we can expect a rise in militarisation, securitisation and repression.

Injunction: Engaging in protest activity beyond this point will incur a custodial sentence.

...improving border security... need more prison spaces... sentenced to life imprisonment... hear from both sides of the conflict...

Of course we support everyone's right to peaceful legitimate protest...
**NO PASARÁN**

But there will also be a rise in disobedience, resistance and rebellion.
IN THESE TURBULENT TIMES, POSSIBILITIES WILL ARISE AND CRACKS WILL APPEAR.

WE NEED TO BE BOLD

AND, USING A DIVERSITY OF TACTICS AND STRATEGIES, ATTACK CAPITALISM AND OPPRESSION IN ALL ITS MYRIAD FORMS.
ALL THE WHILE IMAGINING AND CREATING OTHER WAYS OF LIVING.
Across the globe, struggles are growing, spreading and adapting.

The future is what we make it.

“We live in capitalism, its power seems inescapable. But then, so did the divine right of kings. Any human power can be resisted and changed by human beings.”

—Ursula Le Guin
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