

Are you tired of reading about harms and violations caused by Canadian/ US mining companies in exploited countries of the Global South?

Do you want to get involved in critical education and action related to putting and end to these abuses ... and then feel better?

Below: Info about May 2nd education and action events in Vancouver and Toronto ... Please re-distribute this info all around.

Please join in ... and bring your family, pets and friends.

VANCOUVER

Action organized by May 2 Action Group. Street Action against Goldcorp!
Protest corporate impunity!

Wednesday, May 2nd, 2007

12:00 - 18:00

Hyatt Regency Hotel (Burrard at Georgia, beside Burrard Station)

On May 2nd, join the EXECUTIVES OF DEATH as we take orders from Goldcorp CEO Ian Telfer's double on the sidewalk in front of their Annual General Meeting! A limited amount of skull masks and miner's helmets will be available (bring one if you have one). Wear dark clothes & "office wear" if you can, and come ready to act out against corporate greed!

The AGM starts at 2pm, so come early if you can.

Videos and photographs will be displayed, and an information table will be set up to inform passersby about the dirty gold coming out of Goldcorp's mines.

PRESS CONFERENCE: 12:30, in front of 666 Burrard Street (Goldcorp's HQ, across from the Hyatt).

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Goldcorp inc. operates open-pit, cyanide leaching gold mines throughout the Americas. In 2006, Goldcorp acquired Glamis Gold, becoming the fifth largest gold mining company in the world.

The San Martin Mine in Honduras has resulted in skin diseases and high

levels of arsenic and lead in the blood of local citizens. Water supplies have been contaminated and diminished since the mine went into production, leading some local residents to charge the company of "mining terrorism" in their community.

In Guatemala, two opponents of Goldcorp's Marlin mine have been murdered by state "security" and private "security" forces, and the Marlin mine has been rejected by local referenda, yet the company continues to push forward with gold exploration and exploitation.

In 2006, Goldcorp CEO and Vancouverite Ian Telfer came away with a \$23,000,000 compensation package, profiting from the contamination and misery experienced by the people affected by his companies' mines.

Join local citizens and activists, as well as members of communities affected by Goldcorp's mines in Honduras and Guatemala to protest Goldcorp's practices and to highlight citizen opposition to the impunity with which the hundreds of global mining companies with their headquarters in Vancouver operate.

TORONTO

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BARRICK GOLD <http://www.protestbarrick.net>

This is a call out for Canadians to join international activists and Aboriginal Elders from Australia and Nevada, USA in an International Day of Action against the world's largest gold mining company, Canadian-owned Barrick Gold.

Come to the action in Toronto to support communities adversely affected by Barrick's mining practices. The International Day of Action Against Barrick Gold solidarity actions in: Australia; Peru; Argentina; Chile; Phillipines; USA; Canada; Europe and Papua New Guinea.

Download the Alternative Barrick Annual Report which will be handed over to shareholders at the Barrick Gold Annual General Meeting in Toronto May 2nd:
http://protestbarrick.net/downloads/barrick_report.pdf

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, May 1

Protest Barrick Film Night at the Brunswick Theatre, Toronto (in lead up to the May 2nd international day of action). The Brunswick Theatre is located at 296 Brunswick Ave, just south of Bloor. Films will be introduced by Naomi Klein.

... featuring

Western Shoshone Indigenous (Nevada) and Aboriginal Australians from the Wiradjuri Nation and Chilean/ Canadian film-maker Christian Peña (Pascua Lama Project).

2 screenings:

7pm

- The Pascua Lama Project (Canada/Chile, Christian Peña 15 mins)
- "Our Land, Our Life", the award winning film about the Western Shoshone.

9:30pm

- The Pascua Lama Project (Canada/Chile, Christian Peña, 15 mins)
- "Wiradjuri Forever", the Story of the struggle for Lake Cowal the Sacred Heartland of the Wiradjuri Nation (Australia, Eleanor Gilbert)

Wednesday, May 2

Toronto Day of Action Against Barrick Gold

9:30 am - converge to confront the shareholders. Amidst street theater and colorful bannerings, activists will pass out reports and dialogue with shareholders as they enter the AGM:

John Bassett Theatre, Metro Toronto Convention Centre,
255 Front Street West, Lower Level, Toronto, Canada

5 pm - converge at Barrick's headquarters to protest Barrick and celebrate the events of the Day. Including Western Shoshone and Wiradjuri speakers, local activist groups and a round-up of the day's actions internationally:

BCE Place

Canada Trust Tower

161 Bay Street, Suite 3700, Toronto