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**Our friends teach us what we can do  
Our enemies teach us what we must do**

**This is not the fight of our lives  
This is the fight for our live**

## BREAKING NEWS

### CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY: BAN FRACKING!

By Ali Roberts [alisrob@eircom.net](mailto:alisrob@eircom.net)

At the Clare County Council meeting this evening, councillors voted unanimously in favour of banning fracking in Clare. They also voted unanimously to amend the county development plan so that it is better able to deal with the threat of fracking.

The public gallery was packed with people from all over Clare, including Clare Tds Timmy Dooley and Michael McNamara.

We are delighted with this excellent result.

**Total ban on fracking agreed by county council - <http://www.thejournal.ie/total-ban-on-fracking-agreed-by-county-council-324436-Jan2012/>**

(Web FFI: irish Press/news; Clare basin)



**Clare County Council moves to ban fracking - <http://www.clare.fm/news/clare-county-council-moves-ban-fracking>**

10 January, 2012 - 08:56 Agriculture and Environment

Clare County Council has become the country's first local authority to move to alter its county development plan to ban fracking

At their monthly meeting last night councillors voted unanimously to amend the development plan to put a halt to all intrusive shale gas extraction practices and called on the Government to implement a nationwide ban.

There was standing room only in the public gallery of the council chambers last evening, when over 50

campaigners attended a presentation and discussion on fracking.

The process sees highly-pressurised drilling techniques used to extract gas from shale and it's claimed could damage agriculture, public health and tourism

Councillors called on Environment Minister Pat Rabbitte to ban fracking, and voted to amend the county development plan - those in attendance were pleased

The Council's executive had recommended no change to the county development plan, which only came into effect last summer, but local representatives rejected this view.

The document will now be amended to explicitly prohibit fracking from taking place in Clare

Large onshore areas of the county's coastline are potentially lucrative for companies seeking to extract gas in this way, and it could have led to a significant jobs boost.

However. Kilrush Councillor Gabriel Keating feels safer industries should be explored instead

<http://www.clare.fm/news/clare-county-council-moves-ban-fracking>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS ( see also newsletter 37)

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### GASLAND screening

The film, which won the 2010 Sundance Film Festival Special Jury Prize, explores the culture of "fracking", which has become a growing concern in Ireland in recent years. Fracking (Hydraulic Fracturing of rock) is a method used to extract natural gas from the ground using millions of gallons of water, mixed with toxic chemicals.

In Ireland, presently licenses for exploration have been issued for the Lough Allen Basin, Clare Basin, Central Larne-Lough Neagh Basin, Rathlin Basin and Rathlin Island in the Republic and NI. In the USA and Australia, it has caused widespread environmental damage, water pollution, including death to livestock and wildlife, and serious health issues.

The US Government's Environmental Protection Agency has recently declared that fracking has poisoned underground water supplies. The process has been implicated in causing earthquakes in the US and UK. If fracking is allowed here, the process could severely impact Ireland's tourism industry, agriculture, the air and water quality, and the population's health.

**Clare:** There will be a number of free screenings of Gasland and a short briefing on fracking at:

- Keane's Bar Carrigaholt on Thursday 12 Jan at 8pm
- Murphy Black's Butter Market Café, on Wednesday 18 Jan at 7pm
- Kildysart Hall on Friday, January 20 at 8pm
- Fanny O'Dea's, Lissycasey, on Thursday, January 26 at 8pm

**Derry:** Derry's Nerve Centre will screen a free showing of the Sundance award-winning documentary film 'Gasland' Thursday, January 12, at 7pm.

[http://www.derryjournal.com/news/derry\\_screening\\_for\\_sundance\\_awarded\\_fracking\\_documentary\\_1\\_3399075](http://www.derryjournal.com/news/derry_screening_for_sundance_awarded_fracking_documentary_1_3399075)

### Donegal:

- **LETTERKENNY:** Thurs 19th Jan 7pm  
The Regional Cultural Centre
- **MOVILLE :** Tues 31st Jan 7pm  
Moville Library
- **BUNCRANA:** Wed 1st Feb 6.30pm  
Buncrana Library

**Dublin - 13 January, 2012 3:00pm**

- Exchange Dublin  
Exchange Street Upper  
Temple Bar, Dublin 2.

<http://exchangedublin.ie/about>

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## LOCAL GROUPS – CLARE FRACKING CONCERNED

### ' Support growing for Clare Fracking Concerned'

- article in CLARE CHAMPION NEWSPAPER

### Support growing for anti-fracking group

People from all over the county have joined Clare Fracking Concerned, with over 90 people subscribing to the group despite it only being in its infancy.

The group was set up to look and deal with the concerns people in Clare have over the potential risks of fracking (hydraulic fracturing) and to become fully informed on this method of extracting gas from shale rock and the government's process of dealing with exploration licences. Furthermore, the group aims to empower local communities to take control of what happens in their area with regards to the possibility of fracking.

English company Enegi Oil has been granted licensing options to analyse land in West Clare with a view to fracking. Clare Fracking Concerned chairperson Susan Griffin stated it can take one to three million gallons of water to frack a well, which can be done up to 12 times. Ms Griffin warned up to 500 chemicals be added to water in the fracking process, which in turn can lead to contamination of drinking water supplies and surface water.

"While some extra jobs may be available during the productive life of wells, these will be given to specifically trained people, mostly brought in by companies.

"West Clare's agriculture and tourism value could be threatened and property value in a drilling area will fall dramatically," she said.

Clare county councillors will hear a presentation on fracking by Aiden McLoughlin, who will also propose a resolution on banning fracking in Clare on January 9 next. Councillors in County Roscommon recently passed a ban on fracking in their county. An East Clare group concerned about the environmental impact of this process will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 8pm at Whotsit's Cafe on Main Street, Scariff.

There have been screenings of Gasland, an Oscar-nominated documentary on fracking, and information evenings in West and East Clare. Stalls have been set up in towns to get information on fracking to a wider audience and there have been a series of interviews carried in the media.

"Even just the possibility that fracking could ever be carried out in the county raised huge concerns among anyone who has ever heard of it," said Róisín ní Ghairbhith, a group spokesperson in the North Clare area. When we learnt public consultation would only be carried out officially by the Government at a much later stage – after the oil company, Enegi Oil, would apply for a fracking licence – it was decided that we would have to take it on ourselves to inform the public.

"It is vital farmers and landowners are fully informed before they make any decisions to allow a company access or lease their land."

Information leaflets on fracking will be sent to all houses in West Clare next week and Clare Fracking Concerned will give a 10-minute presentation at the January meeting of Clare County Council.

"We will be asking councillors to consider a proposal and vote afterwards to support a total ban on fracking in the county. Though we understand that a vote in support of a ban on

fracking by the councillors does not automatically mean there will be a ban, at least we know the public representatives of the county are actually representing the public's opinion on this issue," added Ms Ghairbhith.

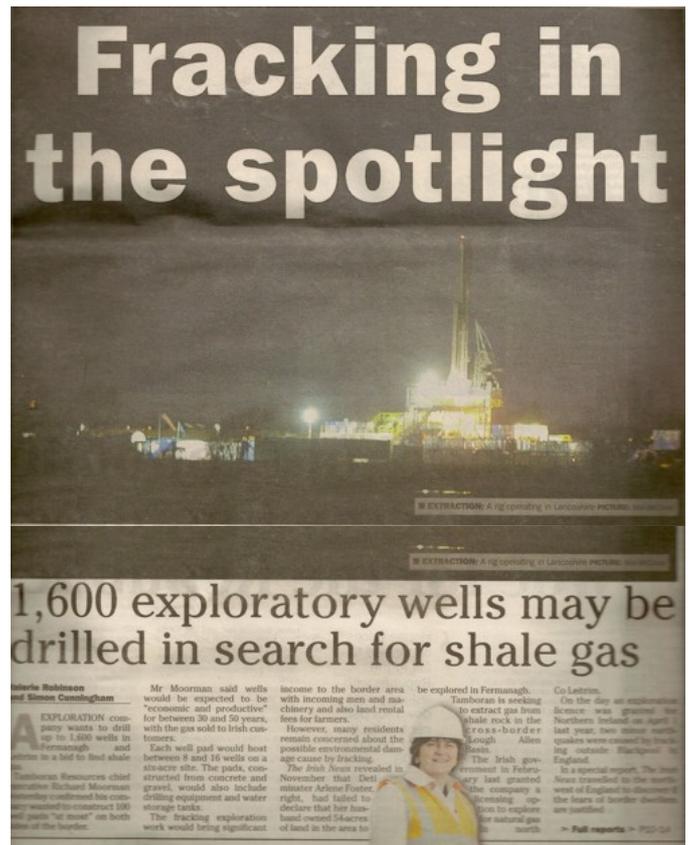
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## NEWSPAPERS

**IrishNews** - (Web FFI: Irish Press/local pressNI)

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## NEW FRACKING MOVIES ON DVD ALL FRACKED-UP

By Lisette van Vliet

Dear All,

I have just received 2 DVDs with **fracking documentaries from upstate New York farmers turned filmmakers**. They write:

Our documentaries "All fracked up" and "All fracked up II" oppose the dangerous process of hydraulic fracturing. Dr. Sandra Steingraber gave us your address.

You have our permission to do screenings of either film. We do not charge any licensing fee or anything to do the screenings. You are also allowed to make copies of "All fracked up II" and distribute them. (Please do not make copies of "All Fracked Up" because it will soon be available through a distributor).

We are currently filming for "All fracked up 3", and hoping for a release date in March 2012.

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[www.allfrackedup.com](http://www.allfrackedup.com)

**All Fracked Up:** A hard-hitting documentary subtitled 'Ordinary People Standing Strong Together Against Corporate Deception and & Industrial Pollution'

**All Fracked Up II:** A hard-hatting look at the effects and dangers of the process of hydrofracking. 'Water is fundamental for life, health, and our economy. It is a pre-requisite to the realization of all other human rights. Here where we are surrounded by water, what would happen if.... Water isn't water anymore?'

Best, Lisette van Vliet, Ph.D.  
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## AUSTRALIA

The screenshot shows a news article from The Australian website. The main headline is "Gas drilling linked to health problems" with a sub-headline: "EXPOSURE to gas drilling operations is strongly linked to serious health problems in humans, pets, livestock and other animals, a new US study has found." The article is dated AAP January 10, 2012 12:40AM. The text of the article is as follows:

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**Gas drilling linked to health problems –**  
<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/breaking-news/gas-drilling-linked-to-health-problems/story-fn3dxity-1226240356906>

(Web FFI: Official reports/research)

AAP January 10, 2012 12:40AM

Full article

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The study also cites a case in which a child was hospitalised with arsenic poisoning soon after drilling and fracking began near their home.

Occupants of another home near gas wells suffered headaches, nosebleeds and rashes, and their hearing and sense of smell was affected.

The study's authors recommend more research into the effects of shale gas extraction in the US, or a total ban on the practice.

NSW Greens MP Jeremy Buckingham says the study shows the need for caution in the expansion of CSG mining in the state.

"Many of the methods, chemicals and techniques used in US conventional and unconventional gas extraction are the same as those used in Australia with coal seam gas," he said in a statement.

The National Toxics Network called on Australia's state governments to conduct a full assessment of the impacts of CSG on animals living close to gas wells.

"We know so little about the long term impacts on the health of wildlife and farm animals of this industry," the network's senior adviser Mariann Lloyd-Smith said in a statement.

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## USA

The screenshot shows the Bloomberg website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'QUICK NEWS OPINION MARKETS PERSONAL FINANCE SUSTAINABILITY TV RADIO'. Below that, a 'Visit Your Queue' button is visible. The main headline reads 'Fracking Moratorium Urged by U.S. Doctors Until Health Studies Conducted' by Alex Wayne, dated Jan 9, 2012 9:40 PM GMT. The article text is partially visible, starting with 'The U.S. should declare a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing for natural gas in populated areas until the health effects are better understood, doctors said at a conference on the drilling process.' Below the text, there are social media sharing options for Twitter, LinkedIn, and Email. A 'ADD TO QUEUE' button is also present.

An item from Bloomberg News on health effects concern of Cornell Med School:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-01-09/fracking-moratorium-urged-by-u-s-doctors-until-health-studies-conducted.html>

**Fracking Moratorium Urged by U.S. Doctors**  
By Alex Wayne - Jan 9, 2012 6:48 PM GMT

The U.S. should declare a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing for natural gas in populated areas until the health effects are better understood, doctors said at a conference on the

drilling process.

Gas producers should set up a foundation to finance studies on fracking and independent research is also needed, said Jerome Paulson, a pediatrician at [George Washington University School of Medicine](http://www.georgewashington.edu/schoolofmedicine/) in [Washington](http://www.washington.edu/).

Fracking injects water, sand and chemicals into deep shale formations to free trapped natural gas. A boom in production with the method helped increase supplies, cutting prices 32 percent last year. The industry, though, hasn't disclosed enough information on chemicals used, Paulson said, raising concerns about tainted drinking water supplies and a call for peer-reviewed studies on the effects. The EPA is weighing nationwide regulation.

"We've got to push the pause button, and maybe we've got to push the stop button," said Adam Law, an endocrinologist at Weill Cornell Medical College in [New York](http://www.ny.gov/), in an interview at a conference in [Virginia](http://www.virginia.gov/) that's the first to examine criteria for studying the process. The gas industry has used hydraulic fracturing for 65 years in 30 states with a "demonstrable history of safe operations," said Chris Tucker, a spokesman for Energy In Depth, a Washington-based research and advocacy group financed by oil and gas interests, in an e-mail.

## Record Production

U.S. natural gas production rose to a record 2.5 trillion cubic feet in October, a 15 percent increase from October 2008.

A moratorium on fracking pending more research "would be reasonable," said Paulson, who heads the [Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment](http://www.mcah.gov/) in Washington, in an interview. A top scientist at the U.S. [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](http://www.cdc.gov/) said last week that fluids used in hydraulic fracturing contain "potentially hazardous chemical classes." The compounds include petroleum distillates, volatile organic compounds and glycol ethers, said Christopher Portier, director of the CDC's National Center for [Environmental Health](http://www.cdc.gov/).

Vikas Kapil, chief medical officer in Portier's division, told the conference the government "many times" doesn't know what chemicals are being injected.

Tucker called the CDC's participation in the conference "disappointing," saying the conference is "a closed-door pep rally against oil and natural gas development."

Industry representatives were invited to attend, Law said.

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### Epa may truck water to residents near fracking site -

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/01/06/us-usa-fracking-epa-idUSTRE8041YE20120106>

### Pennsylvania Village Is Waiting On Water Shipments From The EPA After Fracking Allegedly Destroyed Its Wells. They've been without clean water for a month!!

Posted on January 7, 2012 by unfiltered\_media  
From the AP:

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) Residents of a northeastern Pennsylvania village where a natural gas driller has been accused of tainting water wells with methane and possibly hazardous chemicals say the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is promising to deliver fresh water.

Homeowners in Dimock Township have been without a reliable supply of clean water since Houston-based driller Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. stopped making daily deliveries more than a month ago.

Three Dimock residents say the EPA told them Friday it's hiring a private contractor to deliver water to their homes about 20 miles south of the New York state line. The EPA says no decision has been made.

Cabot has been blamed for polluting an aquifer but denies responsibility for the contamination. It won permission from Pennsylvania environmental regulators to stop delivering water to Dimock on Nov. 30.

[www.judicial-corruption.net/](http://www.judicial-corruption.net/)

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## FRACKS IN THE FOUNDATION

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January 09, 2012



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Fracking, Keystone XL, Mountaintop Removal and More

### Fracks in the Foundation

by STEPHANIE PENN SPEAR

On Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. on the west lawn of the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, Ohio, [concerned citizens from all over the state will gather](#) to ask Gov. Kasich to impose an indefinite moratorium on Ohio's oil and gas wastewater injection well sites and the natural gas extraction process that has become well-known as fracking, until further research and proper regulations are put in place to protect human health and the environment. This protest is in response to the 11 earthquakes that have hit the Youngstown, Ohio area since March 2011. The most recent earthquake, with a 4.0 magnitude that was felt nearly 200 miles away, shook the community on New Year's Eve. Won-Young Kim, a research professor of seismology geology at Columbia University who is advising the state of Ohio on the Dec. 31 earthquake, said that circumstantial evidence suggests a link between the earthquake and high-pressure well activity. Kim believes that the recent earthquake did not occur naturally and may have been caused by high-pressure liquid injection related to oil and gas exploration and production. Fracking is a method of gas extraction that involves injecting a brew of toxic, heavy metal lubricants, chemicals and sand deep underground to fracture rock formations that release oil and gas. Hydraulic fracturing uses enormous quantities of fresh water, which gas companies take from nearby streams, ponds and rivers, or truck in if there is no immediate water source. Every time a gas well is fracked, four to nine million gallons of water are injected into the ground with a secret brew of chemicals. A single well can be fracked up to 12 times, totaling more than 100 million gallons of freshwater used in the lifetime of a well. Some of the fracking fluid used in the process of breaking apart the shale remains underground, but a large majority of it comes back to the surface mixed with hazardous chemicals, volatile organic compounds, and even radioactive material that was trapped underground and released in the process. This wastewater is then trucked to a disposal well and pumped back underground. With millions of gallons of hazardous liquid created during this process, a major challenge for the natural gas

industry and regulators, has been the disposal of this toxic byproduct of fracking.

It is this toxic wastewater that is being high-pressure injected into many of Ohio's deep wells, as far down as 9,000 feet, and blamed for the recent Youngstown earthquakes. Thanks to Ohio's geology and the Kasich administration, along with other elected officials, Ohio now receives about 1,000 truckloads of frackwater everyday at disposal wells around Ohio. Ohio is home to 177 oil and gas wastewater injection well sites, 10 times more than surrounding states. More than half of the fracking wastewater coming into Ohio is from out of state, including New York and Pennsylvania.

Concerns on how to dispose of fracking wastewater are only one of the problems associated with natural gas extraction. Fracking has been linked to more than 1,000 incidents of groundwater contamination across the U.S., including cases where people can actually ignite their tap water. There is no doubt that proper regulations on the state and federal levels are lacking.

In New York state, opponents of fracking are asking lawmakers to extend the moratorium that was put into place in 2010, due to concerns that hydraulic fracturing, without proper regulation, could pollute groundwater.

Concerns over the extraction of natural gas are experienced worldwide and impact rural, suburban and urban communities. The number of anti-fracking groups is growing every day. Frustrations are running high as the U.S. continues to lack a sustainable energy policy that puts a cap on carbon and supports investment in renewable energy generation and manufacturing instead of supporting extreme fossil fuel extraction.

On the federal level and in Ohio and many other states, incentives for renewable energy projects and manufacturing need to be put back in place. Three years ago we were making some progress in moving toward a sustainable energy supply. But over the last couple years, states and the federal government have stripped away the incentives that were a first step in leveling the playing field between renewable and nonrenewable energy. Since the fossil fuel industry is so highly subsidized and externalizes much of its costs, the renewable energy industry cannot compete without the help of incentives.

In Ohio, we passed SB 221 in July 2008. It mandates that 25 percent of Ohio's electricity generation come from advanced energy sources by 2025 with 12.5 percent from renewable sources including hydro. Half of the renewable energy generation has to come from within the state. It even contains a .5 percent solar carve out that has increased the value of solar renewable energy credits in the state. Coupled with this legislation was the Ohio Advanced Energy Fund grant program that provided a financial incentive to invest in renewable energy

projects. However, the legislature failed to renew this grant program in 2010 and the number of projects in our state has greatly declined.

Creating jobs at the expense of human health and the environment is not sustainable. Energy generation is not a job vs. the environment issue. It's a need for a cleaner environment creating jobs—green jobs that will transition our country to relying on cleaner, renewable sources of energy. Investment in renewable energy will create jobs, revitalize our strong manufacturing base and provide long-term solutions to our energy needs without contaminating our drinking water, polluting our air, displacing communities and making people sick.

I know there's no perfect solution or silver bullet that will generate all the world's energy needs, but it is clear that supporting extreme fossil fuel extraction—like fracking, mountaintop removal coal mining, tar sands mining or building pipelines like the proposed Keystone XL that would take the most toxic and corrosive oil from Alberta, Canada and pipe it through the breadbasket of America to ship it overseas—is not the answer. Energy efficiency, investment in distributed generation and grid-feeding renewable energy projects, rebuilding the electric grid, and investment in battery storage and innovative energy technologies is the direction our country needs to take.

The next several months are going to be interesting. As of right now, according to the House Energy & Commerce Committee clock, Obama has 43 days to decide on the [Keystone XL pipeline](#) as stated in the tax-cut bill passed at the end of last year. Gov. Cuomo will decide on the fate of New York's moratorium on fracking as early as this week. [Ohioans will speak out on Tuesday](#) concerning their fears of continued natural gas extraction and disposal of toxic wastewater in their state. [Public comments are being accepted](#) on Obama's proposal to allow drilling in the pristine Arctic Ocean and increased drilling in the Gulf of Mexico before adequate safety standards are in effect. Regulations aimed at limiting harmful power plant pollution that crosses state lines, including sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide, which would prevent 34,000 premature deaths, 15,000 heart attacks and 400,000 cases of asthma have been put on hold by a three-judge panel of the [U.S. Appeals Court in Washington](#). Unfortunately, the list goes on.

I've been working in the grassroots environmental movement for more than 23 years. I've never seen so many people so worried about the health of the planet and concerned for future generations as we continue to consume resources at an unprecedented rate, and allow corporations to run our government and privatize our natural resources. I've also never seen such incredible grassroots leadership and collaboration among environmental organizations as we have today. Like I said, the next several months are going to be really interesting. Be sure to stay-tuned

to [EcoWatch.org](http://EcoWatch.org) as we keep you up-to-date on all the issues.

**Stefanie Penn Spear** is founder, executive director and editor of [EcoWatch.org](http://EcoWatch.org). She has been publishing environmental news for more than two decades. Spear works to unite the voice of the grassroots environmental movement and mobilize millions of people to engage in democracy to protect human health and the environment. She seeks to motivate individuals to become engaged in their community, adopt sustainable practices and support strong environmental policy.

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## USEFUL LINKS/WEBSITE

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ATTAC - Association for the Taxation of Financial Transactions fo the Aid of Citizens

[www.attac.org/en/what-attac](http://www.attac.org/en/what-attac)

Anti fracking campaigner and former political active person Maxime Combes (Fr) is involved in ATTAC

### What is ATTAC?

Attac is an international organization and network in the global justice movement. We resist neoliberal globalization and work towards social, Environmental and democratic alternatives in the globalization process. We stand for the regulation of financial markets, Closure of tax havens, Introduction of global taxes to finance global public goods, Cancellation of developing countries' debt, Fair trade rules and limits to free trade and unregulated capital flows.

Attac is active in 40 countries and about 1.000 local groups. Hundreds of member landet, organisations support the Attac network. The « Association for the Taxation of Financial Transactions fo the Aid of Citizens») was founded in France in 1998.

### Mission/Vision

A democratic reform of public service system and the level of social protection that allows everyone the right to enjoy all social human rights such as health, education, care, housing. We stand against the privatization of public services.

A **social and environment-friendly agriculture** including the idea of food sovereignty and a halt on subsidised agricultural exports.

Civil and peaceful conflict settlement as well as non-violence in our own actions.

It is simply a question of taking back, together, the future of our world!

Read more about the influence of the oil companies and the multimillionaires who are speculating <http://vl.attac.be/article1807.html>

(in Flamish) (use google translate)

Map of countries: <http://www.attac.org/about/map>