



Special Bulletin – Extinction Rebellion (XR) – April Activity – End the Fossil Fuel Economy

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XR have a number of events planned in April, starting with a protest in London they have called “Fossil Fools Day”.

- Date: Friday 1st April 2022
- Meeting Location: King Street, London
- March Route/Target: Unknown at this time

The meeting point for this protest action has been confirmed but no details are available yet as to the intentions of the protestors on the day. Previous protests have targeted businesses in the financial sector, such as Barclays, Lloyds Bank, HSBC, and the Bank of England, as well as non-ministerial departments of the UK Government such as Her Majesties Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

The methods used by XR vary greatly, and have included civil disobedience and disruption, “locking on” to buildings/areas by mechanical (chains and handcuffs) or chemical (glue) methods, physical damage to properties (including breaking windows with chisels and hammers), paint attacks on buildings, and banner drops. They are also known for constructing barricades to block roads or access to/from businesses, including using bamboo scaffolding and vehicles and boats. They often use subterfuge and disguises when preparing larger disruptive actions, which may see them posing as workmen or similar agents, or in business attire if they are attempting to enter a more formal environment.

Whilst XR are expected to be non-violent, their methodology embraces the fact that it is likely there will be arrests. These can be for a number of reasons, not least property damage and non-violent criminal acts. The impact on businesses generally includes high levels of disruption as well as some financial impacts, including the necessity

to respond to any damage caused by XR to the site (replacement of windows, cleaning paint). There is also generally a delay caused to individuals attending sites, be that caused by restricted access to buildings or traffic delays in the area. XR have been known to infiltrate buildings and cause disruption internally. This can take the form of banner drops, criminal damage, or “locking on” once inside, meaning there is a necessity for enhanced security awareness and controls if they are targeting the premises. If they “lock on” the Police will be required to remove them from the premises, especially if an adhesive is used as it will require the Police to use a solvent to disengage the protester. It is, therefore, imperative that businesses that may be targeted ensure their access controls are suitable to prevent unauthorised entry, as well as reviewing their security staffing levels to ensure they have sufficient staff on site.

XR are likely to cause significant disruption to businesses on 1st April, as well as in any actions that follow in their two weeks of protest as part of the “End the Fossil Fuel Economy” campaign.



Timeline of Events

XR have published the following table of events for April. They have also stated there will be a “London Campsite for Rebels” operating from a site in the

London area between 09/04/2022-17/04/2022, although the location is yet to be confirmed.

	APRIL 09 Sat OPENING DAY	10 Sun ACTION DAY	11 Mon OUTREACH DAY	12 Tues OUTREACH DAY	13 Wed ACTION DAY	14 Thu OUTREACH DAY	15 Fri ACTION DAY	16 Sat ACTION DAY	17 Sun ACTION DAY
AM	10:00 WELCOME to REBELLION Hyde Park Speakers Corner Action briefing	10:00 Action briefing Hyde Park Speakers Corner	10:00 NVDA* training The Albert Memorial in Hyde Park 11:00 Central London Mass Outreach	10:00 Mini NVDA training Allen Gardens, Shoreditch 11:00 Central London Mass Outreach	11:00 Mass Action Hyde Park Speakers Corner	-Break-	9:00 Action training - Rebellion Special! Hyde Park Speakers Corner	10:00 Action briefing Hyde Park Speakers Corner	10:00 Rebellion Gathering - What's next?
PM	12:00 Mass actions in London * Follow the Rebellion Broadcast for updates	12:00 Mass actions in London * Follow the Rebellion Broadcast for updates	Central London Mass Outreach continues...	Central London Mass Outreach continues...	12:00 Mass actions in London * Follow the Rebellion Broadcast for updates	12:00 Central London Mass Outreach/ Talks/ Music Tate Modern, Riverside, South Bank	12:00 Small Actions 13:00 Central London Mass Action 16:00-18:00 Writer Rebel event Jubilee Gardens * Follow the Rebellion Broadcast for updates	12:00 Actions in London * Follow the Rebellion Broadcast for updates	

XR Hand Signals

XR intend to use hand gestures to co-ordinate their members during their events. They have issued the “Hand Signals” poster (right) detailing the hand gestures that will be used.

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