

Facilitator/Trainers Note Eight - Quick Decision Scenarios

Scenarios for Quick Decisions

Divide group into groups of three. Explain that each group is to consider themselves an affinity group who have arrived at Faslane for the TP2000 action having spent months planning and preparing themselves for their action. Explain that you will read out some scenarios (use some/all of these or make some up) and each group will have only 30 seconds to come to a decision.

Ascertain that everybody understand what is required and is ready. Read out the scenario and say your 30 seconds starts NOW. Give 5 seconds warning before you say STOP. Then ask each group in turn a) what their decision was and how they feel about it b) whether the decision was owned by all of them c) whether everybody had contributed. Draw links between their experience and consensus decision-making.

1. Police prevent you from walking down to the South Gate at Faslane.
2. You are walking around the boundary fence of Gleneagles and people start throwing rocks and blazing torches over the fence.
3. Inside the grounds of Gleneagles you have become separated and one of your group is being beaten up by the police while they are handcuffing her.
4. You are in canoes taking part in a water based protest. One of your number has just been capsized inside an exclusion zone. Meanwhile you are being intercepted by a police launch.
5. You are all at the Entrance to Gleneagles. The Tony Blair comes out in a car.
6. The private field where we are camping (with permission) is totally surrounded by police.
7. Someone has let down the tyres of the paddy-waggon. Your group is nearest the scene.
8. Someone in the next tent has come home drunk & legless every night.

9. You are approaching Gleneagles to take your planned action. One of your group breaks down crying uncontrollably.
10. You are approaching the Faslane Naval Base to take part in a parallel demonstration during G8 week. You spot a police inflatable boat unattended and with the keys in the ignition.
11. Police stop your car on a main road to prevent you driving to your meeting point for a demonstration.

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