

## 90% for 90% - get the card show the guard!

A call for a 90% cut in public transport fares >> to make public transport affordable >> to start making changes >> that bring the 90% cut in greenhouse gases needed to halt climate change.

**a**re you sick of high public transport fares while pollution causes record levels of asthma in children, and the floodwaters rise?

Public transport is neither affordable nor a high quality service - for passengers or for workers. Meanwhile, scientists say that to stop extreme weather events and catastrophic climate change we have to cut greenhouse gases (the gases that contribute to climate change) by as much as 90%.

Road travel is one of the fastest growing sources of carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas. Getting people off roads and onto a decent and affordable public transport system is more than a nice idea – it's essential for survival.

Tired of hearing government rhetoric over the railways, and seeing no commitment to tackling climate change, people are starting to take action.

"90% for 90%" is a call for a public transport system run in the interests of passengers and workers, not profit, and available to all, regardless of income.

You might refuse to pay more than 10%. You might show the card in support of the call. You might leaflet other passengers.

Of course getting on to public transport doesn't mean that climate change would immediately stop. But it would be a start. Even if just the first step in different ways of living and working - ways that end our dependence on greenhouse-gas-generating fossil fuels, and that stop the floodwaters from taking people's homes, from Yorkshire to Mozambique. Ways that are relevant to how people live, not just economic growth.

International talks on climate change are getting nowhere. Plans include "carbon trading" - setting up a trading system for greenhouse gases, but within a framework of big business continuing to make their profits while the poor stay poor (see <http://www.xs4all.nl/~ceo/greenhouse/index.html> <http://www.xs4all.nl/~ceo/greenhouse/index.html>}}{\fs24 for more info).

Depressing though that is, it shows that it is up to us to define what we want and what we need, to make our lives better.

### GET THE CARD. SHOW THE GUARD.

People have started carrying the 90% for 90% card on trains around the UK:

- \* a great day out in Blackpool was had by all, after a group of 90%ers from Manchester carried the card, showed the guard, and spent the journey talking about the state of the railways and leafleting other passengers, receiving a really positive response
- \* an individual travelled from the north to the south west of England, negotiating with the guard an equivalent ticket for approximately 10% of the fare of her journey
- \* on a journey to Oxford another couple dealt with a very nice but over-officious guard who gave them penalty fare tickets and refused to talk about anything "political"
- \* one 90%er went to speak to a local RMT branch meeting, distributed materials and talked about climate change. She hopes to meet up again with public transport workers in her area



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### VALID FOR TRAVEL

Public transport is neither affordable nor a high quality service – for passengers or for workers. Meanwhile, to stop extreme weather events happening as a result of climate change we have to cut greenhouse gases by as much as 90%.

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You might refuse to pay more than 10%. You might show the card in solidarity. You might leaflet passengers. We cannot ignore climate chaos. Get the card. Show the guard.

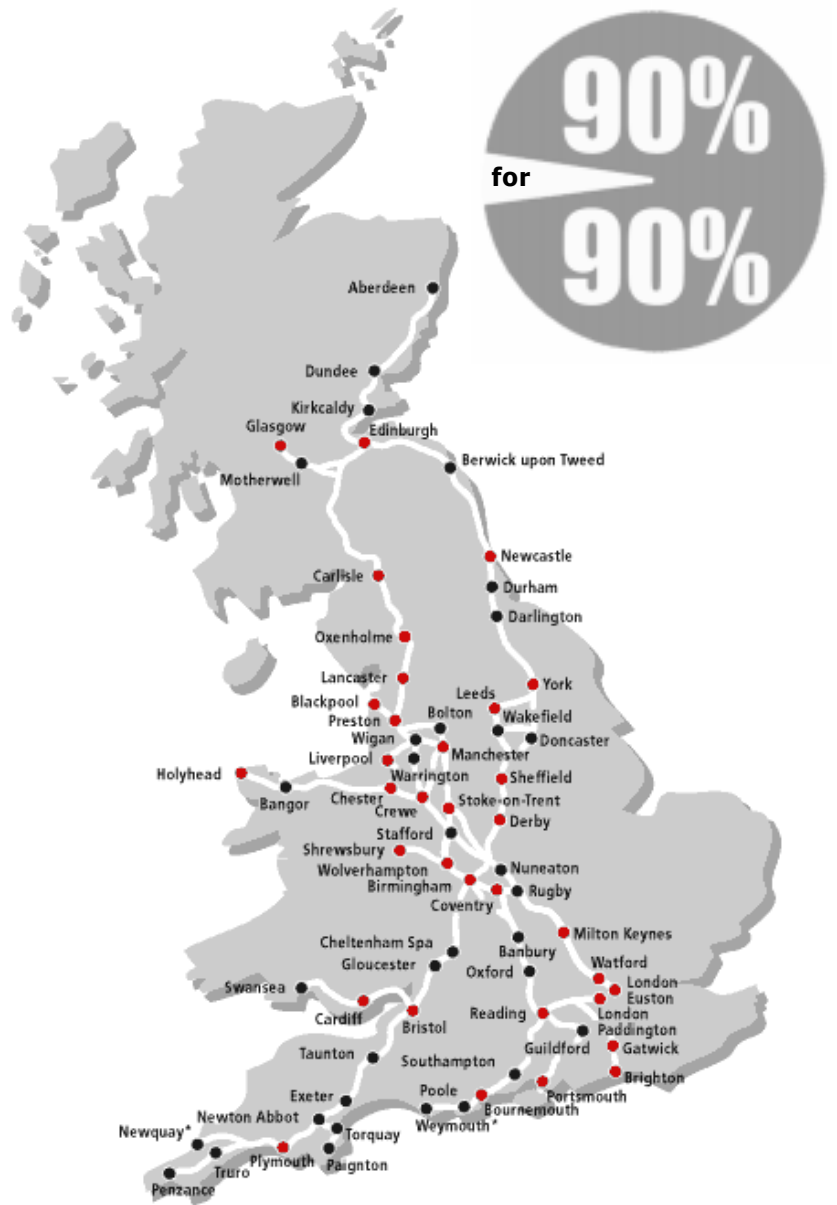
# WE ARE 90%ing IT EVERYWHERE!

national day of action, 16th July 2001

The next UN climate change conference takes place in Bonn, Germany, starting on July 16th. Governments from across the world will again bang their heads together to work out how to disguise a fetish for continued economic growth as a concern to stop the planet burning up, by creating whole new market opportunities.

Legislators don't lead. Join the national day of action on July 16th, the first day of Bonn, and demonstrate that different ways of living and working come from us taking action based in our own lives - that includes finding accessible and affordable ways of moving around.

Join in the national day of action by getting together with a group in your area, speaking to local public transport workers, and planning a 90% for 90% day trip: to the seaside (get there before it gets to you); to the countryside (if it's open); to view your nearest oil refinery - the possibilities are endless.



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