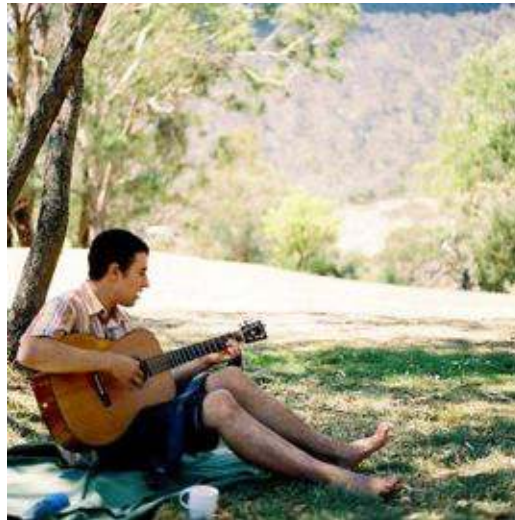




ASEN wins BEST FILM for our documentary

Mining the Truth is awarded Best Film at the Victorian Environmental Film Festival

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SOVEREIGNTY

ASEN recognises that Aboriginal sovereignty was never ceded.



FOSSIL FREE UNIVERSITIES

Universities have become deeply entangled with the coal and gas industries, directly contributing to greenhouse emissions and climate change.

Yet our public institutions are investing in companies whose bottom-line depends upon burning that 80%.

This paradox is unsustainable.

ASEN collectives have joined in the international campaign to get their campuses to divest from fossil fuels.

But divestment is just the starting point. Universities can help prevent climate change by stopping research and course work that supports the fossil fuel industry. ASEN has a role in pushing universities to move beyond coal and gas.

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ON OCTOBER 15
STUDENTS AT
QUT GRIFFITH UTAS UNSW
CURTIN UTS NOTRE DAME
MELBOURNE UNI MONASH
UWA USYD EDITH COWAN
LA TROBE MURDOCH ANU
JAMES COOK UQ FLINDERS
CALL ON THEIR UNIS TO
GO FOSSIL FREE



NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION: OCTOBER 15

www.fossilfreeuniversities.org.au

On October 15th, students joined forces across the country to call on their unis to move beyond coal and gas.

At UQ and QUT, students organized colorful banners and cardboard cutouts and walked around campus talking to their peers.

At Sydney University, ANU and UTS,

student environment collectives launched banner drops, surveyed students on their desire for divestment and disrupted a careers day that featured stalls by some of the world's biggest polluters.

The action spread to Western Australia, where students at Edith Cowan, UWA and Murdoch joined the NDA with posters, banner

painting and discussions. UTas and Flinders University environment collectives used the event to build their campaigns.

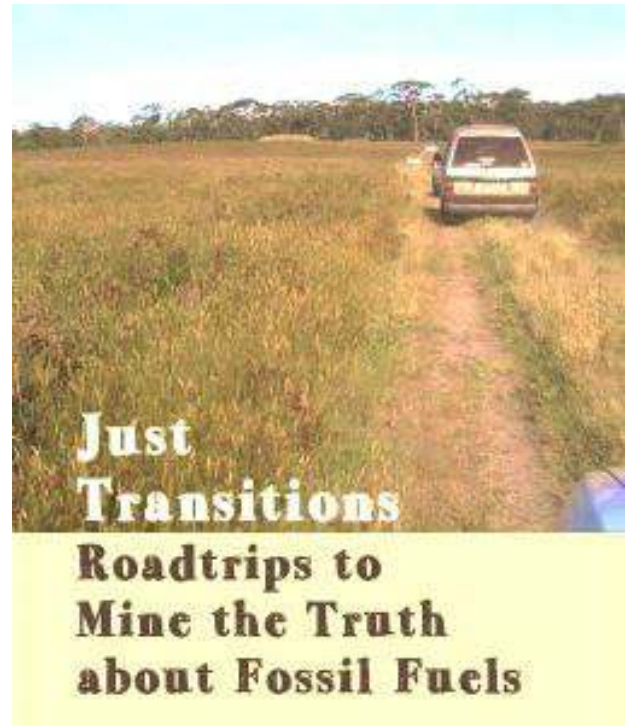
The NDA was a way of bringing together disparate campus collectives. By working together we can strengthen individual actions and push for a national movement beyond fossil fuels.



ANU COLLECTIVE WINS ETHICAL INVESTMENT

Active students at the Australian National University have won a huge milestone in their campaign to go fossil free.

The ANU environment collective has succeeded in pushing their uni to agree to adopt an ethical investment policy. The ANU has investments of over \$1 billion, with millions invested in fossil fuel companies. The new policy could shift that to renewable energy investments.



+ MINING THE TRUTH

JUST TRANSITIONS TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Following on from three hugely successful week-long road trips through NSW, VIC and QLD in late 2012, ASEN will be organising new trips around Australia in December 2013. The Mining the Truth Roadtrips began with a group of 12 members of the NSW/ACT branch in 2011, exploring the coal and gas communities in the Hunter Valley and the Liverpool Plains. The purpose was to get out of the cities, witness the effects of extraction firsthand and speak with affected community members and groups trying to bring about social and

environmental change. For many participants, the experience was life-changing.

This year the trips have a **Just Transitions** theme. We see climate change and the environmental impacts of mining as intimately connected with social and economic injustice. We need to transition away from fossil fuels towards renewable energy. But without a just transition, this necessary change will see

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thousands of workers in the mining and energy sector out of work. Switching off dirty coal shouldn't mean switching off people's livelihoods.

That's why this year, the Mining the Truth trips will focus on listening to workers in the coal and gas industry. We'll be talking with the CFMEU (Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union) about their climate change campaign. We'll also meet with mining workers in the Hunter Valley to hear directly what it is like working in coalmines and **how they envision a just transition beyond coal and gas**. In addition to meeting with workers in the industry, the NSW trip will hear from others in the community who object to fossil fuel expansion in their backyard. We'll hear from farmers, vintners, horse-breeders, community activists and local councilors. At every stage we'll be asking how we can transition to a sustainable future in a way that is also socially just.

The Victorian Mining the Truth trip will build on a fledgling relationship between student environmentalists and coal workers in the La Trobe Valley. ASEN Victorian members have established a Just Transitions coalition that seeks to build an alliance to push for **a socially just solution to climate change**.

ASEN is also working on a trip to the Galilee Basin, the proposed site of no less than **nine massive coalmines** and new infrastructure. The estimated carbon emissions from these projects are equivalent to 12% of the global carbon budget over the next 50 years. This would seriously reduce any chance we have of stopping dangerous climate change.

The Galilee development also threatens Australia's iconic Great Barrier Reef. Although BHP recently cancelled their plans to build Abbot Point coal port, there are still plans to construct up to ten new coal ports and increase ship traffic in the reef from 2000 to 10,000 coal tankers annually.

We're working with Lock the Gate and 350.org to bring city students out to the Galilee Basin before any proposed mines go ahead. We'll meet the local community and hear their thoughts on Australia's biggest coal pit in their backyard. We are planning to film our trip and several interviews to spread the word about the Galilee Basin around the country.

You can find out more about the Mining the Truth road trips on our website:

www.asen.org.au/events/miningthetruthroadtrips/



We're up against companies that have more annual income than whole countries. When you're up against economic power you need to organise with the people who actually do the work that Big Coal needs to make profit.

- 2013 Roadtrip Participant



ASEN stands with JONO MOYLAN



ASEN WINS BEST FILM

'Mining The Truth' was awarded 'Best Film' at the 2013 Melbourne Environmental Film Festival.

The documentary was the result of hundreds of volunteer hours, countless generous donations, three road trips and the efforts of dozens of community activists across the country.

We're thrilled by the award and we would like to thank everybody who contributed.

The documentary runs for half an hour and uses innovative shooting and framing techniques. It presents over a dozen interviews with people directly experiencing the social impacts of Australia's fossil fuel boom. The documentary also tracks the progress of the 2012 Mining the Truth road trips in NSW, Queensland and Victoria.

The documentary has been a fantastic way of connecting campaigns. ASEN is providing copies for free or for a small donation to anyone wanting to screen it in their area. We have passed on nearly three hundred copies. The project has been a great way to start discussions about coal and gas at screenings from Launceston to Broome and everywhere in between.

STAND WITH JONO

Jonathan Moylan is a 25 year old translator from Newcastle who is facing up to ten years in prison and a \$765,000 fine for protesting against a massive new coal development in North West NSW.

Jono sent a press release highlighting ANZ's role in funding the Whitehaven open cut coalmine in north-west NSW. The mine threatens community health and agricultural land at Maules Creek, and the health and survival of Koala populations in the Leard State Forest.

Total greenhouse gas emissions from the coal produced will, when burnt, have a greater total greenhouse impact greater than that of 165 individual nations, including Sweden, Hungary and Finland.

Jono's case has been moved to the Supreme Court on the request of the prosecution. It is set to be heard in June 2014 over three weeks. At each court date, supporters stand out the front of court holding placards and banners showing their support for Jonathan and his actions.

You can support Jono by raising awareness, donating, and coming to his court appearances.

Find out more:

www.standwithjono.org

Training for Change: ASEN Training Camp moves to Melbourne

This January, Training Camp will move to Melbourne for the first time, leaving behind a long history of Camp Caloola in Canberra. Camp Eureka, our new Melbourne venue, is by all accounts a fantastic space. The menu's looking scrumptious and the program is already full of great workshops from Facilitation to Fossil Free.

On January 25th students will travel to the Canberra Aboriginal Tent Embassy to join with Invasion Day ceremonies. Training Camp is five days of skillshares and planning for students who want to step up and take on organising roles.

Where: Camp Eureka, Yarra Junction VIC

When: January 19th to 26th 2014



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