

# **Supplement**

to

**“Protecting your Community”**

Resources and helpful tips

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# Resources

**NOTE:** Website URLs (and organizations) can suddenly change or disappear, or new ones appear. If a link cannot be found, try going to their home page, or search by organization name. Or search by subject. This list is current as of December, 2015.

**If working online:** You can open websites and email in this document by moving your mouse over the address and clicking.

**To download** this supplement (or to use it online), go to [www.miningwatch.ca](http://www.miningwatch.ca), select “publications,” and search for “supplement.” “Protecting your community” will be available there as well.

For copies, write [mining-guide@riseup.net](mailto:mining-guide@riseup.net).

## A. MINING AND ITS IMPACTS

**The Latin American Mining Conflicts Observatory** and **MiningWatch Canada** websites have many accounts of environmental and social impacts:  
[www.conflictosmineros.net/al/html/index.php](http://www.conflictosmineros.net/al/html/index.php) [www.miningwatch.ca](http://www.miningwatch.ca)

A summary of these impacts worldwide can be found in the document “Minería impactos sociales y ambientales”. WRM/ Montevideo, Movimiento Mundial por los Bosques Tropicales, 2004. 180 páginas (Spanish).  
[www.wrm.org.uy/es/files/2013/04/Mineria\\_Impactos\\_sociales\\_y\\_ambientales.pdf](http://www.wrm.org.uy/es/files/2013/04/Mineria_Impactos_sociales_y_ambientales.pdf)

**Details on the mining process and impacts:** **Wikipedia** ([www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)) provides more detailed descriptions of mining and other extractive processes. Some search words could be: *tailings*, *acid mine drainage*, *mine closure*, *mine reclamation*, or *artisanal mining*. It also gives descriptions of mining impacts, such as: *Mount Polley mine disaster* and *Ok Tedi environmental disaster*. (Available in many languages.)

## B. COMPANIES, CONTRACTS, CONCESSIONS AND PROCEDURES

**Latin American Mining Handbook:** Lists required procedures for mining in some Latin American countries: [www.bakermckenzie.com/chile/publications](http://www.bakermckenzie.com/chile/publications) For other countries, search the internet for “procedures for mining in ....”

**Maps of mining concessions:** there are organizations and networks in some countries that provide maps of concessions to help communities get organized in affected areas.

**Ecuador:** Acción Ecológica is an excellent source of strategic and tactical information and inspiration (Spanish): [www.accionecologica.org/mineria/multimedia/1492-mapas-de-mineria](http://www.accionecologica.org/mineria/multimedia/1492-mapas-de-mineria)

**Peru** (detailed and up-to-date). This is the go-to group for more detail about the relationship between a given mining concession and affected communities) (Spanish):

[www.cooperaccion.org.pe/main/mapas](http://www.cooperaccion.org.pe/main/mapas)

**Guatemala:** (see links on the right) (Spanish): [www.resistenciadlp.webcindario.com/mapas.html](http://www.resistenciadlp.webcindario.com/mapas.html)  
**El Salvador and Panama** (in development)

**Ecuador:** official map: [www.geo.controlminero.gob.ec:1026/geo\\_visor](http://www.geo.controlminero.gob.ec:1026/geo_visor)

**Mexico** (in development) (Spanish):

[www.cartografia.economia.gob.mx/cartografia/#](http://www.cartografia.economia.gob.mx/cartografia/#)

**Technical Agreements:** Sample contracts for extraction:  
[contracts.onecle.com/harken/cab.apa.1994.08.01.shtml](http://contracts.onecle.com/harken/cab.apa.1994.08.01.shtml)

Information on companies that are publicly traded in **the U.S.:** [www.secinfo.com](http://www.secinfo.com)  
[www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml](http://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml) [www.tmxmoney.com](http://www.tmxmoney.com): Research + listed company directory

Information on companies that are publicly traded in **Canada: SEDAR** [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com), Toronto Stock Exchange: [www.tsx.com](http://www.tsx.com)

Information on companies that are publicly traded in **the U.K.:** [www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk)

**Mines and Communities (MAC)** - Eng & Spanish ([www.minesandcommunities.org](http://www.minesandcommunities.org))

The **Data Center** ([www.datacenter.org](http://www.datacenter.org))

**Essential Information** ([www.essential.org](http://www.essential.org))

The **Corporate Research Project** ([www.corp-research.org/](http://www.corp-research.org/))

The **Corporate Accountability Project** ([www.corporations.org](http://www.corporations.org))

**Minesite.com** for independent news and commentary on companies:  
[www.minesite.com/companies](http://www.minesite.com/companies)

**Multinational Monitor** [www.multinationalmonitor.org](http://www.multinationalmonitor.org)

**Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean** (this website contains a large number of resources by company and by country): [www.yorku.ca/erlac/mining.htm](http://www.yorku.ca/erlac/mining.htm)

**Corpwatch** is a good source of information on governments and corporate practices.  
[www.corpwatch.org](http://www.corpwatch.org) (details in Section Q)

#### **Information on specific companies:**

When searching for a company, remember that for camouflage, companies usually operate under a local name in each country or ally with a local company. On the Internet, one can search by the local name, but also look for information on the parent company.

Sometimes a mining company has listings of the subsidiaries, history of mergers and useful operation data. Also, the Stock Exchanges of Toronto, London or South Africa contain corporate financial information, operation and projects.

### **C. COMPANY TACTICS**

This important report by Robert Moran is filled with details on company misrepresentation and tactics:

**“The Conga Mine, Peru: Comments on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Related Issues”** (2012)

[www.denjustpeace.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Peru-Conga-REM-Rept-English-March-84.pdf](http://www.denjustpeace.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Peru-Conga-REM-Rept-English-March-84.pdf)  
(English)

[www.scribd.com/doc/84774933/Presentacin-EIA-Conga-Robert-Moran-Ph-Dr](http://www.scribd.com/doc/84774933/Presentacin-EIA-Conga-Robert-Moran-Ph-Dr) (Spanish)

Other reports by Moran that discuss problems with mining:  
[www.pebblescience.org/Pebble-Mine/water-impact.html](http://www.pebblescience.org/Pebble-Mine/water-impact.html)  
[www.cao-ombudsman.org/cases/document-links/documents/CAO-Marlin-assessment-English-7Sep05.pdf](http://www.cao-ombudsman.org/cases/document-links/documents/CAO-Marlin-assessment-English-7Sep05.pdf)  
[www.aida-americas.org/sites/default/files/MARLIN\\_MINE\\_SPANISH\\_FINAL\\_11-05-27\\_LN.pdf](http://www.aida-americas.org/sites/default/files/MARLIN_MINE_SPANISH_FINAL_11-05-27_LN.pdf)  
[www.issuu.com/albedrio/docs/informeprogresovii](http://www.issuu.com/albedrio/docs/informeprogresovii)  
[www.plazapublica.com.gt/content/entrevista-robert-moran-estudio-impacto-ambiental](http://www.plazapublica.com.gt/content/entrevista-robert-moran-estudio-impacto-ambiental)

## D. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

### **Advice on Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA):**

Most environmental groups in each country can help you find expert help to evaluate EIAs. This is a good site to start learning about how to evaluate them:

[www.elaw.org/files/mining-eia-guidebook/Full-Guidebook.pdf](http://www.elaw.org/files/mining-eia-guidebook/Full-Guidebook.pdf) (Eng)

[www.elaw.org/files/mining-eia-guidebook/Guia%20%20para%20Evaluar%20EIAs%20de%20Proyectos%20Mineros.pdf](http://www.elaw.org/files/mining-eia-guidebook/Guia%20%20para%20Evaluar%20EIAs%20de%20Proyectos%20Mineros.pdf) (Spanish)

Keep in mind that in looking for help, the main criteria is that the group, institution or specialist acts independently from the companies and the government. In other words, it's important that they don't have any ties or conflicts of interests with companies or public officials. Also, remember that the EIAs should include the social and cultural impacts on the community. The participation of the community and other defenders of human rights in this process is essential.

**First Nations Environmental Assessment Technical Working Group Toolkit.** The purpose of this toolkit is to assist First Nations in British Columbia (BC), but it is applicable to many places. It focuses on communities whose rights and title and treaty rights may be affected by a project undergoing an EIA.

[www.fneatwg.org/toolkit.html](http://www.fneatwg.org/toolkit.html)

## E. HUMAN RIGHTS

**Business & Human Rights Resource Centre** tracks the human rights policy and performance of over 6000 companies in over 180 countries, making information publicly available. They engage with companies and governments to urge them to share information publicly.

[www.business-humanrights.org](http://www.business-humanrights.org)

**Corpwatch.** CorpWatch investigates and exposes corporate violations of human rights, environmental crimes, fraud and corruption around the world. They work to foster global justice, independent media activism and democratic control over corporations. Web: [www.corpwatch.org](http://www.corpwatch.org)

**Environmental Defender Law Center (EDLC):** For protecting the rights of environmental defenders. EDLC has experienced legal staff who have worked with activists on mining and dam projects. In cases where these environmental defenders need legal assistance, it enlists lawyers from premier law firms to work pro bono on their behalf. They have also worked with communities to pursue the "local vote" option on natural resource development proposals.

Tel: (406) 586-8294 [www.edlc.org](http://www.edlc.org) (Eng & Spanish) Email: [info@edlc.org](mailto:info@edlc.org)

Resources: [www.edlc.org/resources/protecting-rights/](http://www.edlc.org/resources/protecting-rights/)

**FIDH** lists 178 Human Rights organizations worldwide (more in Section Q). [www.fidh.org](http://www.fidh.org)

**Frontline Defenders** provides rapid and practical 24 hour support to at-risk human rights defenders, including grants, training, resource materials, international advocacy, rest and respite, opportunities for networking, an emergency 24 hour phone line, and temporary relocation. Website has an excellent collection of resource material.

81 Main Street, Blackrock, Co Dublin, Ireland

Phone: 353 (0)1 212 3750

E-mail: <mailto:info@frontlinedefenders.org> [www.frontlinedefenders.org](http://www.frontlinedefenders.org) (Eng, Spanish)

In emergency: +353 (0) 1 21 00 489

or go to [www.frontlinedefenders.org/emergency](http://www.frontlinedefenders.org/emergency)

**Peace Brigades International** offers to accompany threatened activists for protection.  
[www.peacebrigades.org](http://www.peacebrigades.org)

**Prodh Center:** Based in Mexico, their mission is to promote and defend the human rights of victims, especially those in situations of vulnerability and poverty.

[www.centroprodh.org.mx/en/?page\\_id=16](http://www.centroprodh.org.mx/en/?page_id=16) (Eng)

[www.centroprodh.org.mx/en/](http://www.centroprodh.org.mx/en/) (Spanish)

**Rights Action** (details in Section Q): PO Box 50887, Washington DC 20091 - 202-783-1123 or Box 552, Toronto ON M5A-1T8 - [info@rightsaction.org](mailto:info@rightsaction.org)

**Amnesty International** and **Human Rights Watch** are also good references.  
Details in Section Q.

## F. BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

**The Bank Information Center** (BIC) can help you get information about banks that may provide loans to the mining company in your community. BIC can also help you pressure the banks to deny loans or to enforce strict environmental and social standards if they do provide loans to the mining company in your community.

1100 H Street NW, Suite 650, Washington D.C. 20005, USA

Phone: (202) 737-7752 email: [info@bicusa.org](mailto:info@bicusa.org) [www.bicusa.org](http://www.bicusa.org)

**CEE Bankwatch Network** works across the central and eastern European region to monitor the activities of international financial institutions and propose constructive environmental and social alternatives to the policies and projects they support.

CEE Bankwatch Network, Na Rozcesti 1434/6, 190 00 Praha 9 – Liben, Czech Republic

Email: [main@bankwatch.org](mailto:main@bankwatch.org) [www.bankwatch.org](http://www.bankwatch.org)

Tel.: +420 274 822 150 +420 274 782 208

**Standard & Poor's** website has a list of companies in the Stock Exchange of the United States:  
[www.tmxmoney.com/en/market\\_access\\_prog/ram/index.html](http://www.tmxmoney.com/en/market_access_prog/ram/index.html)

**Information on specific companies:** Although many companies adopt different names in each country, they usually have a parent company.

As part of their political and financial camouflage strategy, transnational corporations that work in Latin American or the Caribbean usually team with local companies; therefore it is harder to get information on the parent company and its location. You can search for a company in Google or Yahoo by typing its local name, but you should also look for the name and other information of the parent company. You can probably find this information in your country.



Most foreign mining companies and some national ones put their shares on sale in stock markets. Toronto ([www.tsx.com](http://www.tsx.com)), London or South Africa Stock Markets have financial information about their operations and projects (most of this information is available in English). This Canadian site has a list of companies that are on the Toronto Vancouver Stocks Exchange: [www.tsx.com/listings/listing-with-us/listed-company-directory](http://www.tsx.com/listings/listing-with-us/listed-company-directory)

In Yahoo, Google and other similar sites, you can search for information on parent companies [www.finance.yahoo.com](http://www.finance.yahoo.com) (English) [www.es-us.finanzas.yahoo.com](http://www.es-us.finanzas.yahoo.com) (Spanish). Another good source is: [www.olca.cl/oca/mineras.htm](http://www.olca.cl/oca/mineras.htm) (Spanish)

## G. LEGAL ASSISTANCE

The first source of legal assistance might be the human rights groups in each country and locality. Indigenous organizations can also provide guidance in the use of Convention 169 of the International Labor Organization (ILO). An example of directory of these groups in each country, though not all, located at: [www.fidh.org](http://www.fidh.org) (Eng & Spanish) and [www.indigena.nodo50.org/links.htm](http://www.indigena.nodo50.org/links.htm) (Spanish)

Independent environmental law groups can provide legal assistance as well

### **Center for International Environmental Law**

CIEL is a nonprofit organization working to use international law and institutions to protect the environment, promote human health, and ensure a just and sustainable society. CIEL provides a wide range of services including legal counsel, policy research, analysis, advocacy, education, training, and capacity building.

1350 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite #1100, Washington, DC 20036

Phone: (202) 785-8700 [www.ciel.org](http://www.ciel.org) email: [Info@ciel.org](mailto:Info@ciel.org)

### **Environmental Defender Law Center**

EDLC works to protect the human rights of individuals and communities in developing countries who are fighting against harm to their environment. EDLC has experienced legal staff who have worked with activists all over the world on mining and dam projects. EDLC identifies cases where these environmental defenders need and want legal assistance, and then enlists lawyers from premier law firms to work pro bono on their behalf. They have also worked with communities to pursue the “local vote” option on natural resource development proposals.

EDLC, 407 W. Koch St., Bozeman, MT 59715

Tel: (406) 586-8294, [Info@edlc.org](mailto:Info@edlc.org) [www.edlc.org](http://www.edlc.org) (Eng & Spanish)

## H. MEDIA

See also “Media” in this supplement. For assistance on how to write a Press Release: [www.publicityinsider.com/release.asp](http://www.publicityinsider.com/release.asp)

“**Preparing the Press Packet,**” published by EE and Media Gazette: This is an excellent resource that will help you provide the media with concise, timely and compelling newsworthy documents and information concerning your organization, its issues and the events about which you want to receive news coverage.

[www.uwsp.edu/cnr/neeap/Media/preparing\\_the\\_press\\_packet.htm](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/neeap/Media/preparing_the_press_packet.htm).

**Indy Media** This is a great site for alternative media and for how to connect your local struggle to the work of others around the world, and for how to publicize your work. [www.indymedia.org](http://www.indymedia.org)

“NGO Media Outreach: Using the Media as an Advocacy Tool”  
[www.amicc.org/docs/NGO-media\\_training.pdf](http://www.amicc.org/docs/NGO-media_training.pdf)

David Whiteman. “Using Grassroots Documentary Films for Political Change.” June 26, 2001:  
[www.pantherfile.uwm.edu/type/www/FilmDept/Events/DanielsonFGU\\_White/UsingGrassRootsDocs.html](http://www.pantherfile.uwm.edu/type/www/FilmDept/Events/DanielsonFGU_White/UsingGrassRootsDocs.html)

## I. HOLDING A LOCAL REFERENDUM

A general description on consultations can be found at [www.edlc.org/es/resources/local-votes/](http://www.edlc.org/es/resources/local-votes/)  
(Eng & Spanish)

Community consultation and democratic participation: [www.redlar.org](http://www.redlar.org) (Spanish)

**Red Muqui** (Muqui Network) [www.muqui.org](http://www.muqui.org): A Peruvian network very involved in local consultations on mining (Spanish)

[www.muqui.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=blogsection&id=0&Itemid=12](http://www.muqui.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogsection&id=0&Itemid=12)

Videos about the process and its organization are available on You Tube, for example:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-hmX942t14](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-hmX942t14)

## J. NON-VIOLENT RESISTANCE AND DIRECT ACTION

**Campaign Strategy:** how to launch winning campaigns for social change:  
[www.campaignstrategy.org](http://www.campaignstrategy.org)

**Database of Successful Strategies and Tactics for the Common Good:** [www.dbsst.org](http://www.dbsst.org) (Look especially on the “ideas” page.)

**Direct Action Handbook.** This is a basic guide for nonviolent direct actions and for how to stay safe, how to handle policing, and how to maintain high impact and effective activism:  
[www.gipfelsoli.org/rcms\\_repos/Tools/DA\\_Handbook.pdf](http://www.gipfelsoli.org/rcms_repos/Tools/DA_Handbook.pdf)

**Earth First!** Direct Action Manual: Uncompromising Nonviolent Resistance in Defense of Mother Earth! (the “Road Occupations/Free States” section is particularly informative) First edition:  
[www.wildidahorisingtidedotcom.files.wordpress.com/2011/03/earth-first-direct-action-manual3.pdf](http://www.wildidahorisingtidedotcom.files.wordpress.com/2011/03/earth-first-direct-action-manual3.pdf)  
3d Edition available to buy at [www.earthfirstjournal.org](http://www.earthfirstjournal.org)

**Gandhi** writing about his strategy (Spanish)  
[www.uaem.mx/sites/default/files/2-programa\\_constructivo\\_de\\_la\\_india.pdf](http://www.uaem.mx/sites/default/files/2-programa_constructivo_de_la_india.pdf)

Gene Sharp's "**198 Methods of Nonviolent Action**"  
[www.peacemagazine.org/198.htm](http://www.peacemagazine.org/198.htm)

**Global Non-Violent Action Database**  
non-violent ways of promoting progressive change in your communities:  
[www.nvdatabase.swarthmore.edu/](http://www.nvdatabase.swarthmore.edu/)

**Handbook for Non Violent Action**, by Sanderson Beck  
Goleta, California, World Peace Communications, 2002

[www.san.beck.org/NAH1-Nonviolence.html](http://www.san.beck.org/NAH1-Nonviolence.html)

**Nonviolence (website):** Much good information here – three are listed below (Spanish)  
[www.noviolencia.org](http://www.noviolencia.org)

**Direct nonviolent action:** Como preparar y organizar campañas y acciones (How to prepare and organize campaigns and actions) - article:  
[www.noviolencia.org/publicaciones/accion\\_directa.pdf](http://www.noviolencia.org/publicaciones/accion_directa.pdf) (Spanish)

**20 Puntos para la preparación de la acción directa Noviolenta.** (Spanish)  
[www.noviolencia.org/publicaciones/20puntos.pdf](http://www.noviolencia.org/publicaciones/20puntos.pdf)

**Métodos de acción Noviolenta.** Gene Sharp.(Spanish)  
[www.noviolencia.org/publicaciones/metodos\\_sharp.pdf](http://www.noviolencia.org/publicaciones/metodos_sharp.pdf)

**On the Use of Aggressive Direct Action** by Carlos Zorrilla. It can be found on  
[www.miningwatch.ca](http://www.miningwatch.ca).

**Road Raging:** A guide for opposing invasions by corporate and government actors into your communities via road building, which is the primary access route for most resource extraction activities. Includes legal, media information as well. [www.eco-action.org/rr/](http://www.eco-action.org/rr/)

**The Ruckus Society.** The Ruckus Society offers trainings and other resources for organizations planning direct actions. Ruckus Society trainers have years of experience successfully teaching, planning, and carrying out such actions.  
P.O. Box 28741, Oakland, CA 94604  
Phone: 510-763-7078 [www.ruckus.org](http://www.ruckus.org)

**SERAPAZ** – services and advice for peace - Mexico - important materials (Spanish):  
[www.serapaz.org.mx](http://www.serapaz.org.mx)

**SERPAJ:** Theory and method for nonviolent action for human rights. (Spanish)  
[www.serpajamericalatina.org](http://www.serpajamericalatina.org)

**Examples:** You can find many examples at the Latin American Mining Conflicts Observatory  
[www.conflictosmineros.net/al/html/index.php](http://www.conflictosmineros.net/al/html/index.php)

You can also find **Latin American examples** (specially from Argentina) at the “No a la Mina” website: [www.noalamina.org](http://www.noalamina.org) (NOTE: this URL is intermittent.)

## K. SECURITY

**Encryption:** A great site that offers free and highly effective software to encrypt your computer and email: [www.pgpi.org](http://www.pgpi.org). Another good site is [www.hushmail.com](http://www.hushmail.com). And search the Internet for PDF encryption.

**Privnote - Secure email:** If email surveillance is suspected, this program lets you send messages without creating a data trail. The recipient is sent a URL where your message can be read and copied if desired, then both message and URL vanish. But no attachments are allowed.  
[www.privnote.com/info/about](http://www.privnote.com/info/about)

**Security Tips & Resources** from the Ruckus society: [www.ruckus.org/training-manuals/security-tips-resources/](http://www.ruckus.org/training-manuals/security-tips-resources/)

## L. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RESEARCH

**The Canary Institute** for Mining, Environment and Health. The Canary Institute's mission is to promote the advancement of education and the reduction of poverty in Canada and elsewhere relating to and resulting from the impacts of mineral development on the physical, cultural, social and emotional health of humans and human communities, and on the health of terrestrial and aquatic environments. They do research and education projects on mining and human health and are a good source of information on the health effects of mining operations.

Suite 508, City Centre Building, 250 City Centre Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K1R 6K7, Canada  
tel. (613) 569-3439 e-mail: [info@canaryinstitute.ca](mailto:info@canaryinstitute.ca) [www.canaryinstitute.ca](http://www.canaryinstitute.ca)

### **The Center for Science in Public Participation**

CSP2 provides training and technical advice to grassroots groups on water pollution and natural resource issues, especially those related to mining. CSP2 seeks to focus the debate on factual issues, as brought to light by its technical analyses, and whenever possible to seek consensus and win-win solutions. CSP2 also performs policy related work with federal, state and tribal regulatory agencies on the implementation of water quality, waste disposal, and mining reclamation regulations. 224 North Church Avenue, Bozeman, Montana, USA 59715 [www.csp2.org](http://www.csp2.org) email [Csp2@csp2.org](mailto:Csp2@csp2.org)

**Rights Action** (*details in Section Q*): PO Box 50887, Washington DC 20091 - 202-783-1123 or Box 552, Toronto ON M5A-1T8 - [info@rightsaction.org](mailto:info@rightsaction.org)

## M. TEST EQUIPMENT

**Cole-Parmer:** Phone: 1-800-323-4340 Fax: 1-847-247-2929 E-mail: [SALES@COLEPARMER.COM](mailto:SALES@COLEPARMER.COM)

[www.coleparmer.com/Category/Water\\_Quality\\_Test\\_Kits/7340](http://www.coleparmer.com/Category/Water_Quality_Test_Kits/7340)

PH Testing Kit S-35634-80 PHTESTR 20 \$156

Electrical Conductivity tester S-35662-30 ECTESTER11 \$87

(Instructions available in Spanish)

Other suppliers of water quality test equipment:

**CHEMetrics** [www.chemetrics.com](http://www.chemetrics.com)

800 356 3072 (U.S., toll-free), +1 540 788 9026

**Hach Company** [www.hach.com](http://www.hach.com)

800 227 4224 (U.S., toll-free), +1 970 669 3050

**Hanna Instruments** [www.hannainst.com](http://www.hannainst.com)

800 426 6287 (U.S., toll-free), consult Web site for orders outside U.S.

**Industrial Test Systems, Inc.** [www.sensafe.com](http://www.sensafe.com)

800 861 9712 (U.S., toll-free), +44 1722 329502 (Europe)

**LaMotte Company** [www.lamotte.com](http://www.lamotte.com)

800 344 3100 (U.S., toll-free), +1 410 778 3100

**Orbeco-Hellige** [www.orbeco.com](http://www.orbeco.com)

800 922 5242 (U.S., toll-free), +1 631 293 4110

**Tintometer/Lovibond** [www.tintometer.com](http://www.tintometer.com)

+44 1980 664800

**Water Monitoring Equipment & Supply**

[www.watermonitoringequip.com](http://www.watermonitoringequip.com) +1 207 276 5746

Possible free donation of test kit: [www.monitorwater.org/Kit\\_Donations.aspx](http://www.monitorwater.org/Kit_Donations.aspx)

### **Air Quality Testing**

**The Bucket Brigade** is a scientifically valid method of air quality testing that allows communities to produce data that enables them to demand clean air. It utilizes the extensive knowledge of pollution-affected communities and puts scientific data back in the hands of citizens. Communities no longer have to rely on outsiders to tell them what they're breathing.

The Bucket Brigade allows industrial neighbors to collect valid scientific data which can then be used to win impressive reductions of pollution, safety improvements and increased enforcement of environmental laws. [www.gcmonitor.org/communities/start-a-bucket-brigade/](http://www.gcmonitor.org/communities/start-a-bucket-brigade/)

## **N. IMAGING**

**Google Earth:** Open "Google Earth" and click on "view," then "historical imagery."

**Satellite imaging: Skytruth** (Ask them to help you assemble the most persuasive imagery.)  
[www.skytruth.org/](http://www.skytruth.org/)

## **O. BOOKS, ARTICLES, REPORTS, AND FILMS**

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**Economic Emergency Kit – EXCELLENT!** A very helpful guide for building power and achieving change. Provides guidance for organizing, defining goals, strategy, tactics, framing, and publicity. Produced in Oregon, USA.  
[www.portlandsolidarity.org/economic-emergency-kit](http://www.portlandsolidarity.org/economic-emergency-kit)

**Guide for the protection of human rights** (Many languages) by Front Line Defenders. An excellent and detailed guide for staying alive and safe in high-risk situations.  
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or:  
[www.source-international.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Guia-de-las-Resistencias.pdf](http://www.source-international.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Guia-de-las-Resistencias.pdf)

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## Films

### "From the Ground Up"

An excellent documentary film on the impact of copper-zinc mining by Noranda Minerals in northern Wisconsin. Also focuses on what ordinary people can do to fight back. Director: Rob Danielson. Year: 1993. Length: 40 minutes. Language: English.

To obtain a copy, send a check or money order for \$9.00 payable to From the Ground Up, P. O. Box 16471, Milwaukee, WI 53216.

### "Mountain Top Removal"

[hawriverfilms.com/id10.html](http://hawriverfilms.com/id10.html)



A new award winning film about the controversial practice of mountain top removal for coal mining and electricity production in the Appalachian region of the United States.  
Director: Michael C. O'Connell. Year: 2007. Language: English  
To order the film, see [hawriverfilms.com/id10.html](http://hawriverfilms.com/id10.html) or send a check or money order payable to Haw River Films P.O. Box 1658 Pittsboro, NC 27312. Cost is \$21.50 U.S

**“Sipakapa is Not for Sale”**

Award winning film about the indigenous population of Sipakapa, Guatemala and their efforts to use ILO Convention 169 to reject a proposed open-pit gold mine by a subsidiary of Glamis Gold corporation. The community sent a resounding “no” to the company and defended its right to make autonomous decisions about economic development and natural resource usage.

Director: Alvaro Revenga. Year: 2005. Length: 55 minutes. Language: Spanish with English subtitles.

[mdistribution@twm.org](mailto:mdistribution@twm.org)

**“Under Rich Earth” or “Bajo Suelos Ricos”**

[underrichearth.ryecinema.com/?page\\_id=3](http://underrichearth.ryecinema.com/?page_id=3)

This film tells the story of the struggle between family farmers in Ecuador’s cloud forest and Ascendant Copper--a powerful global mining company—and its supporting paramilitary forces.

Director: Malcolm Rogge. Year: 2008. Language: Spanish & English. 92 minutes.

There are numerous excellent documentary films on mining and related issues available at the following two sites: [www.topdocumentaryfilms.com/](http://www.topdocumentaryfilms.com/) and [www.cultureunplugged.com](http://www.cultureunplugged.com)

## P. POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES

**Aveda Foundation.** Through the Earth Fund, Aveda directs a significant portion of its grant making to indigenous cultures and community groups. Grants are offered to programs that create sustainable economic activity and support the protection of cultural traditions, environmental quality and community health.

[www.aveda.com/cms/discover\\_aveda/acting\\_responsibly/popup\\_earthfund.tmpl](http://www.aveda.com/cms/discover_aveda/acting_responsibly/popup_earthfund.tmpl)Aveda Earth Fund Program, 4000 Pheasant Ridge Drive, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55449-7106, USA.  
[avedaeearthfund@aveda.com](mailto:avedaeearthfund@aveda.com)

**Caritas Latin America.** President: Obispo Fernando Bargalló

Sabana Sur, San José, 5160-1000, Costa Rica.

Phone: +506 291 0154/ 506 291 4286 Email: [caritaslac@caritas.org.ar](mailto:caritaslac@caritas.org.ar)

[www.caritaslac.org/](http://www.caritaslac.org/)

Regional Coordinator: Fr José Antonio Sandoval, Phone: +52 (777) 31 78 824

Email: [selacc@gmail.com](mailto:selacc@gmail.com) [www.caritas.org/worldmap/latin\\_america/index.html](http://www.caritas.org/worldmap/latin_america/index.html)

**Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.** The mission of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation is to support efforts that promote a just, equitable and sustainable society. This foundation has funded environmental justice projects around the world.

[www.mott.org](http://www.mott.org)

Address: Columbia Center, 201 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 900, Troy, Michigan 48084 USA

Telephone: +1 248-519-2011 [Info@mott.org](mailto:Info@mott.org)

**The Christensen Fund.** The Fund’s mission is to buttress the efforts of people and institutions who believe in a biodiverse world infused with artistic expression and work to secure ways of life and landscapes that are beautiful, bountiful and resilient. The Fund pursues this mission through place-based work in regions chosen for their potential to withstand and recover from the global erosion of

diversity. They focus on backing the efforts of locally recognized community custodians of this heritage, and their alliances with scholars, artists, advocates and others. They also fund international efforts to build global understanding of these issues.

Address: 394 University Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, USA

Tel: 650-323 8700 [www.christensenfund.org](http://www.christensenfund.org) email: [info@christensenfund.org](mailto:info@christensenfund.org)

**Ford Foundation** supports work in communities around the world that are threatened with environmental injustice that results from patterns of pollution, unsustainable development, and overconsumption. Ford works to support natural resource management and environmental justice strategies that help poor communities overcome these challenges, as well as the economic exclusion and social marginalization that underlie them. Their grantees promote integrated approaches that combine environmental protection, sustainable resource use, enforcement of legal rights and the creation of environment-friendly rural enterprises.

Address: 320 East 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10017 USA

Tel: 212-573-5000 [office-of-communications@fordfound.org](mailto:office-of-communications@fordfound.org) [www.fordfound.org](http://www.fordfound.org)

**Global Greengrants Fund** is the world's leader in providing small grants to grassroots environmental groups around the world. GGF has provided over 3,000 grants in 120 different countries. GGF believes that grassroots groups are a key to solving the intractable problems of poverty, powerlessness and environmental destruction.

Address: 2840 Wilderness Place, Suite A, Boulder, CO 80301 USA

Phone: 303.939.9866 [info@greengrants.org](mailto:info@greengrants.org) [www.greengrants.org](http://www.greengrants.org)

**The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** is perhaps the largest private funder of conservation in the Amazon rainforest.

[www.moore.org](http://www.moore.org)

#### **International Development Research Centre**

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) is a Crown corporation created by the Parliament of Canada in 1970 to help developing countries use science and technology to find practical, long-term solutions to the social, economic, and environmental problems they face. IDRC support is directed toward creating a local research community whose work will build healthier, more equitable, and more prosperous societies.

[www.idrc.ca](http://www.idrc.ca)

IDRC, PO Box 8500, Ottawa, ON, Canada K1G 3H9. Web: [Info@idrc.ca](mailto:Info@idrc.ca)

**InterPares.** Inter Pares works with social change organizations around the world who share the analysis that poverty and injustice are caused by structural inequalities within and between nations, and who are working to promote social and economic justice in their communities.

InterPares, 221 Laurier Avenue East, Ottawa ON, Canada K1N 6P1

Tel: (613) 563-4801, Toll-free: (866) 563-4801 E-mail: [info@interpares.ca](mailto:info@interpares.ca) [www.interpares.ca](http://www.interpares.ca)

**Laidlaw Foundation.** The Laidlaw Foundation has a vision of an inclusive society that values and supports its young people in becoming fully engaged in the civic, social, economic and cultural life of diverse and environmentally healthy communities. The foundation invests in innovative ideas, convenes interested parties, shares its learning and advocates for change in support of young people becoming healthy, creative and fully engaged citizens. Although mainly focused on Canada, the foundation supports a lot of work in First Nation communities.

[www.laidlawfdn.org](http://www.laidlawfdn.org)

365 Bloor Street East Suite 2000, Toronto ON M4W 3L4

Tel: (416) 964-3614 E-mail:

[mail@laidlawfdn.org](mailto:mail@laidlawfdn.org)

**Misereor:** development organization from the German Catholic Church  
Postfach 10 15 45, 52015 Aachen, Germany  
Ph: +49 (0)241-4420 E-Mail: postmaster@misereor.de  
Guide for the presentation of projects can be downloaded at:  
[www.misereor.org/fileadmin/redaktion/Guia\\_para\\_la\\_presentacion\\_de\\_proyectos\\_a\\_MISEREOR.pdf](http://www.misereor.org/fileadmin/redaktion/Guia_para_la_presentacion_de_proyectos_a_MISEREOR.pdf)

**Network for Social Change.** The Network for Social Change seeks to fund projects that aim to change things - tackling causes rather than symptoms. They do not have a formal set of funding criteria, but a list of objectives from a recent brainstorming session included: reducing the gap between rich and poor; preserving cultural diversity and tolerance; devolution of power; changing attitudes to money and consumerism; redressing human rights abuses; restoring reverence to the diversity of all life.

Network For Social Change, BM 2063, London, UK, WC1N 3XX  
[www.thenetworkforsocialchange.org.uk/](http://www.thenetworkforsocialchange.org.uk/)

**OXFAM.** An international NGO committed to supporting communities to secure clean water, climate change resilience, women's rights, human rights, and pathways out of poverty.

Work in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru  
[www.Oxfam.org.uk](http://www.Oxfam.org.uk)  
+44 (0) 1865 47 3727 email [sudamerica@oxfam.org.pe](mailto:sudamerica@oxfam.org.pe)

**The Polden Puckham Charitable Trust**

PPCF aims to support projects that change values and attitudes, that promote equity and social justice, and that develop radical alternatives to current economic and social structures. They fund human rights work, environmental sustainability projects, and efforts to protect women's rights.

[www.polden-puckham.org.uk/](http://www.polden-puckham.org.uk/)

Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation, BM PPCF, London WC1N 3XX UK  
Email: [ppcf@polden-puckham.org.uk](mailto:ppcf@polden-puckham.org.uk)

**Rights Action** (details in Section Q): PO Box 50887, Washington DC 20091 - 202-783-1123 or Box 552, Toronto ON M5A-1T8 - [info@rightsaction.org](mailto:info@rightsaction.org)

**Rockefeller Brothers Fund.** This foundation funds a variety of projects around the world that are focused on building a more socially just, ecologically sustainable, and peaceful world.

[www.rbf.org/about/](http://www.rbf.org/about/)

437 Madison Avenue 37th floor, New York, New York 10022-7001, USA  
Tel: 212.812.4200 EMAIL: [grants@rbf.org](mailto:grants@rbf.org)

**The Ryklow Charitable Trust.** The trust makes grants to organizations working on the Conservation of natural species, landscape and resources.

[www.charitychoice.co.uk/ryklow-charitable-trust-1992-111042](http://www.charitychoice.co.uk/ryklow-charitable-trust-1992-111042)

Address: Mr. Stephen Marshall. Robinsons Solicitors, 10-11 St. James Court, Friar Gate, Derby DE1 1BT, UK

Tel (01332) 291431

**The Sigrid Rausing Trust.** This foundation was founded in order to support the international human rights movement. They have programs and funding for women's rights, minority rights, civil and political rights, and social and environmental justice.

Address: Eardley House, 4 Uxbridge Street, London W8 7SY, UK

Tel: +44(0)207 908 9870 [www.sigrid-rausing-trust.org](http://www.sigrid-rausing-trust.org) Email: [info@srtrust.org](mailto:info@srtrust.org)

**Tides Foundation.** Tides Center is a founding organization of Tides Network. Tides Center partners with individuals, groups, and funders to implement programs that accelerate positive social change.

It provides back-office services, a legal framework, and capacity-building support for projects that share its vision of a just, healthy, and sustainable world. [www.tides.org](http://www.tides.org)  
Address: Tides, P.O. Box 29198, San Francisco, CA 94129-0198 USA  
Tel: 415.561.6400 email: [info@tides.org](mailto:info@tides.org)

**The Tula Foundation** tries to use its financial resources to promote the health, productivity and diversity of communities, including both people and the natural environment. It supports initiatives in British Columbia, but it is also active in Central America.  
Address: P.O. Box 309, Heriot Bay, Quadra Island, British Columbia Canada V0P 1H0  
[www.tula.ca](http://www.tula.ca)

**Wallace Global Fund.** WGF's mission is to promote an informed and engaged citizenry, to fight injustice, and to protect the diversity of nature and the natural systems upon which all life depends. Program areas include: women's human rights, justice, media and leadership, and natural resources.  
Address: Wallace Global Fund, 1990 M Street, NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20036 USA  
tel (202)452-1530 email: [tkroll@wgf.org](mailto:tkroll@wgf.org) [www.wgf.org](http://www.wgf.org)

## Q. NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

NOTE: These NGOs are particularly worth checking out: Acción Ecológica, Earthworks, Grufides, MiningWatch Canada, and Yes to Life, No to Mining.

**Acción Ecológica.** is one of the main environmental organizations in Ecuador. They campaign on a range of issues including oil extraction, exploration and pipeline transport, Amazon Rainforest protection, food sovereignty, biofuels and plantations for carbon offsets. They are a good source of strategic and tactical information and inspiration in the fight against extractive industries. (Spanish)  
[www.accioneologica.org](http://www.accioneologica.org)  
Address: Alejandro de Valdez N24 33 y Av. La Gasca, Quito, Pichincha, Ecuador  
Tel: 593 - (2) 254 - 7516

**Action for Peace and Development in the Philippines (APDP):** Up-to-date news about mining problems and protests in the Philippines. [www.apdp.org.au/](http://www.apdp.org.au/), search for "mining."

**Amazon Watch** works with indigenous communities to build local capacity and advance the long-term protection of their lands. They educate and lobby corporate, financial, and government decision-makers and train local communities in legal skills, advocacy, media and technology.  
[www.amazonwatch.org/](http://www.amazonwatch.org/)

**Amnesty International.** This organization works with a global network of individuals and groups to safeguard and defend human rights for prisoners and vulnerable persons around the world.  
[www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org)  
[contactus@amnesty.org](mailto:contactus@amnesty.org)  
phone: +44-20-74135500

Amnesty International's Regional Program for Latin America:  
International Secretariat, 1 Easton St, London, WC1X 0DW UK  
Phone:  
+44 (0)20 74135855; +44 (0)20 74135699; +44 (0)20 79561157  
[www.amnesty.org/es](http://www.amnesty.org/es) (Eng, Spanish, Fr, Arabic) email: [ngarcia@amnesty.org](mailto:ngarcia@amnesty.org)

**Bank on Human Rights** is a global coalition of social movements, civil society organizations, and grassroots groups working to ensure that development finance institutions respect human rights. [www.bankonhumanrights.org](http://www.bankonhumanrights.org) (many languages)

**Business & Human Rights Resource Centre** tracks the human rights policy and performance of over 6000 companies in over 180 countries, making information publicly available. We engage with companies and governments to urge them to share information publicly. [www.business-humanrights.org](http://www.business-humanrights.org) (many languages)

**Conservation International (CI)** is a large American nonprofit that focuses on science, policy, and partnership with businesses and communities. They have helped establish 1,000 protected areas across 77 countries and protected more than 612 million hectares of land, marine and coastal areas. [www.conservation.org](http://www.conservation.org)

**Corpwatch** investigates and exposes corporate violations of human rights, environmental crimes, fraud and corruption around the world. They work to foster global justice, independent media activism and democratic control over corporations and are a good source of information on governments and corporate practices.

[www.corpwatch.org](http://www.corpwatch.org)

1611 Telegraph Avenue, #720, Oakland, CA 94612 USA

Tel: 510-271-8080

**Cultural Survival** advocates for indigenous peoples' rights and supports Indigenous communities' self-determination, cultures and political resilience. We publicize Indigenous Peoples' issues through our publications; we mount letter-writing campaigns and other advocacy efforts to stop environmental destruction and abuses of Native Peoples' rights; and we work on the ground in Indigenous communities, always at their invitation. Our work is based on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

[www.culturalsurvival.org](http://www.culturalsurvival.org)

2067 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140 USA

Email: [culturalsurvival@culturalsurvival.org](mailto:culturalsurvival@culturalsurvival.org) Phone: (617) 441-5400

**DECOIN** (Defensa y Conservacion Ecologica de Intag). DECOIN works to protect the people and ecosystems of Intag, Ecuador, against mining and other threats. Working with local and international allies, this organization has been very successful at fighting multinational corporations and offering sustainable economic alternatives to the local population. DECOIN is connected with many other NGOs around the world and is a great source of information on defending communities against large mining companies.

[www.decoin.org](http://www.decoin.org)

Address: DECOIN, PO Box 144, Otavalo, Imbabura, Ecuador

Phone/Fax: (593 6 648 593) Email: [decoin@hoy.net](mailto:decoin@hoy.net)

**Development and Peace:** The development organization of the Canadian Catholic Church. Supports partners in the Global South in pursuing alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures. Educates Canadians and mobilizes actions for change. Supports women in their search for social and economic justice.

10 St. Mary Street, Suite 420, Toronto, Ontario CANADA M4Y 1P9

Phone: +416922-1592 Email: [ccodp@devp.org](mailto:ccodp@devp.org) [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org) [www.devp.org/en](http://www.devp.org/en) (Eng & Fr)

**EarthWorks** is dedicated to protecting communities and the environment from the destructive impacts of mineral development, in the U.S. and worldwide. Earth Works can help you work to reform government natural resource development policies and help you influence corporate investment decisions.

Address: 1612 K St., NW, Suite 808, Washington, D.C., USA 20006  
Tel: 202.887.1872 info@earthworksaction.org www.earthworksaction.org

**Environmental Justice, Organizations, Liability and Trade (EJOLT).** This is a global research project bringing science and society together to catalogue and analyze ecological distribution conflicts and confront environmental injustice. www.ejolt.org. They also publish a detailed atlas describing environmental conflicts worldwide: [wejatlas.org](http://wejatlas.org).

The **Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide (ELAW)** helps communities speak out for clean air, clean water, and a healthy planet by providing legal and scientific support to challenge environmental abuses. www.elaw.org

**Friends of the Earth.** FOE fights for a healthy and just world. FOE works to protect the rights of all people to live in a safe and healthy environment. FOE has stopped large dams, successfully pushed for regulations against strip mining, and forced the World Bank to address human rights and environmental concerns. FOE does work in 77 countries and is a great source for assistance in whatever struggles you may be involved in concerning extractive industries.  
FOE, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036 USA www.foe.org

**Friends of the Earth International.** The world's largest grassroots environmental network, uniting 75 national member groups and some 5,000 local activist groups on every continent. With over 2 million members and supporters around the world, they campaign on today's most urgent environmental and social issues. They challenge the current model of economic and corporate globalization, and promote solutions that will help to create environmentally sustainable and socially just societies. They focus on human rights, food justice, climate justice, economic justice, forests and biodiversity.

**Friends of the Earth Secretariat,** PO Box 19199, 1000 gd, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Phone: +31 20 622 1369; www.foei.org (English, Spanish, French)  
To locate and contact this organization in various countries: www.foei.org – "member groups"

**Global Witness.** For more than two decades, Global Witness has worked to expose the hidden links between demand for natural resources, corruption, armed conflict, and environmental destruction. They have campaigned for full transparency in the mining, logging, oil and gas sectors, so that citizens who own those resources can benefit fairly from them, now and in future.  
Lloyds Chambers, 1 Portsoken Street, London, E1 8BT UK  
Phone: +44 (0)207 4925820 www.globalwitness.org

**GRR – Grupo de Reflexión Rural – Argentina:** An ecologist organization devoted to fighting the agro industrial exporting model in Argentina and rainforest destruction for soy plantations. www.grr.org.ar/

**Grufides** is a group that advocates sustainable economic development and human rights from its base in Cajamarca, Peru. They integrate their work with a focus on religious and cultural tolerance and social justice from a macroregional perspective (Spanish) www.grufides.org/

**Human Rights Watch** is known for its accurate fact-finding, impartial reporting, effective use of media, and targeted advocacy, often in partnership with local human rights groups. They publish reports and briefings on human rights conditions, generating extensive coverage in local and international media. They meet with governments, the United Nations, regional groups like the African Union and the European Union, financial institutions, and corporations to press for changes in policy and practice that promote human rights and justice around the world.  
350 Fifth Avenue, 34th Floor, New York, NY 10118-3299 USA  
Phone: +1(212) 290-4700; email: hrwnyc@hrw.org www.hrw.org (many languages)

### **Indigenous Environmental Network**

IEN is an international network of Indigenous Peoples empowering Indigenous Nations and communities towards sustainable livelihoods and demanding environmental justice. IEN helps to build political and technical capacities in indigenous communities throughout North America and internationally, so that these communities can become economically, culturally, and ecologically sustainable. IEN is an excellent source for news and information on mining companies and NGO campaigns.

Address: PO Box 485, Bemidji, MN 56619 USA; Tel: (218) 751-4967 [www.ienearth.org](http://www.ienearth.org)

### **Inter-American Commission on Human Rights**

The IACHR is a principal and autonomous organ of the Organization of American States (“OAS”) whose mission is to promote and protect human rights in the American hemisphere. It is composed of seven independent members who serve in a personal capacity. Created by the OAS in 1959, the Commission has its headquarters in Washington, D.C. Together with the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (“the Court” or “the I/A Court H.R.”), installed in 1979, the Commission is one of the institutions within the inter-American system for the protection of human rights (“IAHRS”).

IACHR, OAS, 1889 F St NW, Washington, D.C., 20006, USA

Telephone: 202 370 9000; E-mail: [cidhoea@oas.org](mailto:cidhoea@oas.org) [www.oas.org](http://www.oas.org) (Eng, Spanish, Fr, Port)

**International Federation on Human Rights (FIDH)** is an international human rights NGO federating 178 organizations from 120 countries.

17 passage de la main d'or, 75011, Paris-France

Phone: +33 (0) 1 43 55 25 18; [www.fidh.org](http://www.fidh.org) (Eng, Spanish, Fr, Arabic)

**JATAM** (Mining Advocacy Network) is a network of non-governmental organizations (NGO) and community-based organizations working on issues concerning human rights, gender, the environment, indigenous people and social justice in relation to the mining, oil, and gas industries. JATAM is based in Indonesia and focuses on communities in that nation, but is an excellent source of news and information on multinational mining companies and strategies for confronting them.

Address: J I. Mampang Prapatan II/ 30, South Jakarta, Indonesia 12790

Phone: +62 21 7941559 [www.english.jatam.org](http://www.english.jatam.org) (other languages also available)

email: [jatam@jatam.org](mailto:jatam@jatam.org) (This email address is being protected from spam bots, you need Javascript enabled to view it)

**Latin American Observatory of Environmental Conflicts (OLCA):** advises communities in conflict, to enhance their skills in fighting for their environmental rights. Provide technical and legal assistance to communities in environmental conflict. (Spanish)

[www.olca.cl/oca/](http://www.olca.cl/oca/)

**Life Mosaic** supports indigenous peoples to defend their rights. An excellent resource - produces and distributes educational resources for indigenous peoples. They present complex issues in an accessible and engaging way, support indigenous peoples right to free, prior and informed consent, and train practitioners in movement-building to protect their lands, cultures and forests.

<http://www.lifemosaic.net/eng> (Eng) <http://www.lifemosaic.net/esp/> (Spanish) – also in French and Bahasa. They have an excellent series of videos on their website: “Territories of Life,” a video toolkit for indigenous peoples, about land and rights.

**London Mining Network:** is an alliance of human rights, development, environmental and solidarity groups, that works to support communities affected by mining. They research, monitor abuses, and publish newsletters and reports.

London Mining Network, 225-229 Seven Sisters Road, London N4 2DA.

phone 07903 851695 [www.londonminingnetwork.org](http://www.londonminingnetwork.org)

### **Mesoamerican Movement against the Extractive Mining Model (M4)**

This is an excellent site and resource for finding information about struggles against resource extraction in Latin America (Spanish)  
[www.movimientom4.org/](http://www.movimientom4.org/)

Mexican Network of People Affected by Mining (**REMA**) is a network of communities, organizations, and individuals concerned about the impacts of mining in Mexico (Red Mexicana de Afectados por la Minería).

[www.remamx.org](http://www.remamx.org) (Spanish)

### **Midwest Treaty Network**

The MTN is an alliance of Indian and non-Indian groups supporting Native American sovereignty. The MTN is an excellent example of coalition building across cultures and offers public education on protection against mining and other environmentally and culturally destructive practices.

[www.treaty.indigenousnative.org](http://www.treaty.indigenousnative.org), or [www.treatyland.com](http://www.treatyland.com)

Address: MTN, P.O. Box 43, Oneida, WI 54155 USA

Tel. 920-496-5360 or 715-295-0018 E-mail: [mtn@igc.org](mailto:mtn@igc.org)

**Mineral Policy Institute (MPI)**, an Australia-based organization, provides expertise and assistance for communities and civil society impacted by mining issues, especially where Australian companies are involved.

Charles Roche, Executive Director, MPI, PO Box 6043, Girrawheen WA 6064, AUSTRALIA

T: +61 [0]8 9343 0151 email: [charles.roche@mpi.org.au](mailto:charles.roche@mpi.org.au) web: [www.mpi.org.au](http://www.mpi.org.au)

**Mines and Communities (MAC)** - Eng & Spanish ([www.minesandcommunities.org](http://www.minesandcommunities.org))

**MiningWatch Canada** MiningWatch Canada (MWC) is a Canadian initiative supported by environmental, social justice, Aboriginal and labour organisations from across the country. MWC can help ensure that development projects in your country embrace ecological and cultural sustainability, and can also help stop such projects if they do not meet these standards. MWC also provides technical and strategic skills for communities facing mineral development in Canada and around the world.

Suite 508, City Centre Building, 250 City Centre Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K1R 6K7 Canada

tel. (613) 569-3439 e-mail: [info@miningwatch.ca](mailto:info@miningwatch.ca) [www.miningwatch.ca](http://www.miningwatch.ca) (Eng, Spanish, Fr)

**No a la Mina** is a good news and networking site. (Note: sometimes it is necessary to copy and paste the URL into your browser.) Spanish [www.noalamina.org](http://www.noalamina.org)

**Observatory of Mining conflicts in Latin America (OCMAL)** Includes detailed searchable map. (Spanish): [www.conflictosmineros.net](http://www.conflictosmineros.net)

**OXFAM America** works with communities, governments, and corporations to ensure that oil, gas, and mining projects move forward only when citizens have a voice in the decision making process for natural resource development.

Tel: 800-776-9326 [www.oxfamamerica.org](http://www.oxfamamerica.org)

Oxfam America, Policy and Advocacy Office, 1100 15th St., NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005

**OXFAM INTERNATIONAL:** Oxfam House, John Smith Drive, Oxford OX4 2JY, United Kingdom

**Phone:** +44 1865 780 100 [www.oxfam.org](http://www.oxfam.org)



**PopularResistance** offers a superb, comprehensive collection of resources for organizing, educating, and resisting. Its focus is on the U.S., but good worldwide news is included. More can be accessed by entering “international” or “mining” into the search box.

This site “seeks to aid in bringing movements for peace, justice, economic fairness and environmental protection together into an independent, nonviolent and diverse movement that can end the power of concentrated wealth, shift power to the people and put human needs before corporate greed.” [www.popularresistance.org](http://www.popularresistance.org)

**Rainforest Alliance** supports sustainable farming, forestry and tourism enterprises, and connects them to markets worldwide.  
[www.rainforest-alliance.org](http://www.rainforest-alliance.org)

**Rainforest Information Centre** is based in Australia. [www.rainforestinfo.org.au/](http://www.rainforestinfo.org.au/)

**Rainforest Rescue** supports local partners and communities to protect, sustain and restore tropical rain forests. [www.rainforestrescue.org.au/](http://www.rainforestrescue.org.au/)

**Red Muqui** (Muqui Network): a Peruvian network that is very involved in local consultations on mining (Spanish). [www.muqui.org/](http://www.muqui.org/)

They offer an excellent assortment of publications at:

[www.muqui.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=blogsection&id=0&Itemid=12](http://www.muqui.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogsection&id=0&Itemid=12)

**REMA** (Mexican Network of People Affected by Mining): a network of communities, movements, organizations, networks, and individuals concerned about the social and environmental impacts of mining in Mexico. (Spanish)

**[www.remamx.org](http://www.remamx.org)** (some pages are not yet filled)

To search for articles on a topic (example: victory): **[www.remamx.org/?s=triunfo&submit=Search](http://www.remamx.org/?s=triunfo&submit=Search)**

**Rights Action:** Provides funding and technical support to community organizations, accompanies at-risk activists, encouraging activism against the corporations responsible, and builds alliances between organizations. PO Box 50887, Washington DC 20091 - 202-783-1123 or Box 552, Toronto ON M5A-1T8 - [info@rightsaction.org](mailto:info@rightsaction.org). Web: [www.rightsaction.org](http://www.rightsaction.org)

**Samataindia:** A good site on mining in India. They have several helpful publications.  
[www.samataindia.org.in/publications.html](http://www.samataindia.org.in/publications.html)

#### **Western Mining Action Network:**

Nearly 100 organizations, from racially and economically diverse communities, participate in WMAN- the Western Mining Action Network. WMAN provides opportunities for locally-based citizen groups in the US and Canada to educate themselves, influence decision making, and cooperate to create positive social change that goes beyond the boundaries of any one location or issue.

220 South 27th Street, Suite B, Billings, Montana 59101

Phone: (360) 969-2028 Email: [Infom@wman-info.org](mailto:Infom@wman-info.org) [www.wman-info.org/](http://www.wman-info.org/)

#### **Western Shoshone Defense Project**

WSDP’s mission is to affirm Newe (Western Shoshone) jurisdiction over Newe Sogobia (Western Shoshone homelands) by protecting, preserving, and restoring Newe rights and lands for present and future generations based on cultural and spiritual traditions. WSDP also works to highlight similar struggles of native peoples around the Americas.

Address: WSDP, P.O. Box 211308, Crescent Valley, NV 89821

Ph: 775-468-0230 email: [wmdp@igc.org](mailto:wmdp@igc.org) [www.wmdp.indigenousnative.org/](http://www.wmdp.indigenousnative.org/)

**Wildlife Conservation Society** works to protect wildlife within their most important strongholds and the corridors that connect them. [www.wcs.org](http://www.wcs.org)

**Yes to Life, No to Mining** is a global web-based movement that encourages communities saying NO to mining to connect, to collaborate, to build their confidence through mutual solidarity, and to support one another in standing firm. The “toolkits” section of the website offers an excellent collection of useful material, and the “stories” section offers a space through which to share stories of resistance, of success and of struggle. (Eng & Spanish) [www.yestolifenotomining.org](http://www.yestolifenotomining.org)

## R. IF MINING OPERATIONS MOVE FORWARD

For information about mining struggles and successful strategies for challenging corporations see Jeff Conant and Pam Fadem. 2008 “A Community Guide to Environmental Health” Hesperian Foundation, Berkeley, California. [www.hesperian.org/publications\\_download\\_EHB.php](http://www.hesperian.org/publications_download_EHB.php). Chapter 21 contains helpful information on how to protect and restore the health of people and ecosystems after a mine operation has begun in your community and after such operations close down.

For excellent information on understanding the economic costs and benefits of mining see Oxfam America. 2009, “Metals Mining and Sustainable Development in Central America: An Assessment of Benefits and Costs.” [www.oxfamamerica.org/static/media/files/metals-mining-and-sustainable-development-in-central-america.pdf](http://www.oxfamamerica.org/static/media/files/metals-mining-and-sustainable-development-in-central-america.pdf)

## S. ADDITIONAL USEFUL RESOURCES

**Free Prior and Informed consent (FPIC):** a downloadable guide for using this principle to protect your community. [www.culturalsurvival.org/news/oxfam-guide-free-prior-and-informed-consent](http://www.culturalsurvival.org/news/oxfam-guide-free-prior-and-informed-consent)

**www.change.org.** From this site you can launch your own petitions and get support from people around the globe!

**Cornstarch:** A cheap, non-toxic new substitute for cyanide in gold mines. [www.gizmag.com/cornstarch-gold-sequestration/27504/](http://www.gizmag.com/cornstarch-gold-sequestration/27504/) [www.popsci.com/science/article/2013-05/cornstarch-replaces-cyanide-clean-new-gold-extraction-method](http://www.popsci.com/science/article/2013-05/cornstarch-replaces-cyanide-clean-new-gold-extraction-method)

**EJ Atlas:** A detailed atlas describing environmental conflicts worldwide: [www.ejatlus.org](http://www.ejatlus.org)

**Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature** (the “Alliance”) is a network of organizations and individuals committed to the implementation of legal systems that recognize, respect and enforce “Rights of Nature.” Humans must reorient themselves from an exploitative and self-destructive relationship with nature to one that honors the deep interrelation of all life. An essential step in achieving this is to create a system of jurisprudence that treats nature as a fundamental, rights bearing entity and not as mere property to be exploited at will. [www.therightsofnature.org](http://www.therightsofnature.org)

**www.organizingforpower.org** This website provides a wide variety of planning and implementing tools for organizing an action. Includes resources in Spanish.

# Organizing Tips

To be effective, a struggle requires good organizing. It requires attention to the broad overview and to small details. It requires strategic thinking, people skills, and persistence. Here are some useful tips:

1. Define one or two goals that are based on what people say they want. Then determine a first step that is small enough that it can be accomplished in a reasonably short time period.

2. Spread the work out to as many reliable people as possible. Learn to delegate.

3. Avoid stereotyping or dismissing people based on their lifestyle or any first impression you may have. Get outside of your comfort zone and engage with people as individuals. You can't have productive conversations if you demand that everyone agree with you.

4. One reliable solid person is worth a dozen who don't follow through on their commitments.

5. Always be on a lookout for young people to carry on the fight

6. Humility, respect, and appreciation for others are the foundation of relationships. Shared hardship, struggle, and joy are the mortar that cements these bonds. Build friendships and caring relationships with the people you organize with.

7. Ask for help when you need it. People usually respond well to individual requests. For example: "I've noticed that you're really skilled at .... Can you help us with ....?"

8. Details matter. Small problems can into major ones. Pay close attention to what is happening in and around your community. But don't let yourself get bogged down by the small stuff.

9. Build coalitions and relationships with a \*wide variety of people and communities. You may be surprised at who is willing to lend support. Emphasize linkages between different struggles and focus on the shared visions and overlaps in thinking.

10. Follow up on commitments and responsibilities. Don't give your word lightly.

11. Make time to recharge. Burned out and overworked activists are of no use to the movement. Allow time for relaxation and self-healing after intense periods, for yourself and for others.

12. Focus on the long-term struggle. Make sure that each action, event, and campaign you engage in leaves your group stronger and more engaged than before. Try to maintain positive momentum, while at the same time understanding that the struggle is valuable regardless of wins or losses. We struggle because it is the right thing to do. Justice is on our side. Be heartened by the good energy and community that comes from battling injustice

13. Be so stubborn that they will never stop you. **Never give up!**

# Avoiding Burnout

Burnout can result from working too hard or from experiencing too much stress. Symptoms include fatigue, irritability, disillusionment, difficulty in making decisions, inability to stay focused, negative attitudes towards self, work, people, and life itself. Here are some ways you and others can prevent or deal with burnout:

**Be kind to yourself.** Get adequate rest, eat a healthy diet, and take time to do things that are nourishing. And encourage the others to do the same.

**Give yourself down-time** and feed your soul: meditation, a walk, exercise, music, time with a friend, a short vacation, etc. Laugh. Indulge in a hobby. Anything that takes your mind away from the grueling, often anguishing activist work. Spend time with children - rediscover your spontaneity, and learn to be in the moment like them. Self-renewal is essential to your work.

**Reduce your workload and commitments where possible** – prioritize them and eliminate less essential activities/projects. And learn to delegate!!

**Notice what has worked** - even a little. What has energized the community and supporters? What might have made the company uneasy? What building blocks have been put in place that can lead to future success? Who might you have inspired who will take future action? These are reasons for hope and confidence.

**Celebrate the victories.** Also, reward yourself and others for the work you are doing, regardless of outcome.

**Maintain good relationships** with fellow activists, and have people with whom you can talk and release your feelings.

**Detach yourself from the results of your efforts.** Make the commitment, do the work, follow through as needed, then let events fall where they may. Do it because it's the right

thing to do. This is a lighter, freer, and more effective way. Whether or not you see immediate success, your work may also inspire others, and it will almost certainly expand your own capabilities and wisdom.

**Take the long view.** Humans may make a mess of things and cause tremendous suffering and destruction, but the Earth will eventually recover from whatever we do to it, and life will go on.

**Keep going.** Even when it seems hopeless, persistence often pays off in the end - sometimes when least expected, and sometimes in surprising ways. Patiently keep tapping away. Remember that major changes often develop as undercurrents with little visible indication. Our actions may seem to be futile, but if one keeps pushing, things can abruptly shift, seemingly out of nowhere. Examples: the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the transformation of Nelson Mandela from prisoner to President.

**Keep despair at bay.** As we encounter corruption, greed, and destruction, it's easy to become discouraged and slip into despair. Despair can turn into rage, which can damage relationships and your effectiveness. Or it can lead to depression, undermining action, and leading to more despair. Here are some antidotes:

*Allow yourself to grieve.* Accept the pain, anger, and despair you feel about what is happening. It is a necessary step for healing and moving on. But don't get stuck there - maintain hope by recalling successes and by acknowledging the long term impact you may be making.

*Act.* Action is the best antidote to despair. Do something. Choose actions that will advance the struggle, that use your best skills, and that you enjoy doing.

# Using Media

Media, especially local and regional, are vital to successful campaigning. They are too influential to be ignored. Local activists can make a big difference by having a coherent strategy for approaching the media in their area. Don't worry if you've not worked with the media before — here are some tips to start you on your way. (See also Resources H: Media)

**Make media a priority.** By making it central from the start, you can be much more effective.

**Offer news.** Something is only news if it is new. Discussions of opinions, no matter how important, are not news, but you can make them into news. Be imaginative! Remember always to be truthful and don't exaggerate. The media is much more likely to carry your story if they can be 100% sure that it is factual.

**Keep your message simple and focused.** Decide what you want to say and say it as simply as possible. Stick to your point and keep repeating it. Ensure that members of your group are all giving the same message. Focus on only one or two main points - don't dilute it by adding weak ones.

**Choose an angle that grabs.** Play up drama and conflict - that's the stuff news feeds off. Battles between oppressors and oppressed can give a 'David vs Goliath' excitement to the text. Draw out quirky or unusual angles to appeal to the reader's imagination. Get them to think: "That's interesting – I haven't heard of anything like that before." Use suspense - things that could have happened but didn't. Avoid unimportant details. Develop an angle relevant to readers, for instance, how it could affect them directly. Use photographs that will engage readers.

**Make it local for local media.** Most local newspapers are unconcerned about anything beyond their own area.

**Keep it human.** Finding a human angle is well worth the effort. Is an unlikely person involved? Has a celebrity endorsed your

campaign? Bring out the voices and experiences of people by using direct quotes. Describe settings and surroundings.

**Keep control of your message.** Don't allow anyone to lead you into tangents or trivialities. Be calm and concise. Rehearse for interviews beforehand, and have answers for expected tough questions.

**Use press releases but don't rely on them.** Issue a press release whenever your group acts or responds to events. It must be about something that has happened, not just an opinion. ("The group stated that it was outrageous..." rather than "It is outrageous..."). See resources for more on press releases.

**Talk to journalists.** Emails don't build connection as well as conversation does. After sending a release, follow up with a phone call to each journalist, but brace yourself for disappointments. Some may claim not to have received it and most of the others won't be interested. Keep going. Chances are that you will eventually find someone who wants to know more. And if you phone after every release they'll get used to you.

**Build contacts.** Stay in touch especially with those who are interested. They're more likely to give you coverage once you've spoken a few times. Eventually, you will find them phoning you for comments. A good relationship with one or two journalists is worth a hundred press releases.

**Be concise.** Editing long pieces down takes time that most journalists and editors don't have. The word length should roughly fit into the space where will appear.

**Be available.** Journalists often need a quote on short notice. If they can rely on you to give that quote, they will keep coming back. Try to ensure that a campaign spokesperson is available at short notice as often as possible.

This doesn't always have to be the same person. A good solution often involves a cell phone for media calls.

**Keep going.** Acting as media liaison is hard work, especially when you're new to it. Don't give up! The more you persist, the more contacts you will acquire and the easier it will become. Keep up your press releases and phone calls.

**FILM/VIDEO:** Tips for how to use films for social change include:

1) use films to educate members of your organization and to increase membership and other forms of support;

2) be innovative in creating or finding public spaces to show films, including restaurants and bars, churches, community centers, market places and malls, and libraries;

3) collaborate with other groups and organizations to show films and build coalitional support;

4) involve educational and cultural institutions like schools, museums, libraries, cultural centers whose directors may be happy to show films and, in the process, increase public visibility for their own work;

5) use films as an opportunity to gain greater media attention; and

6) use films to lay the groundwork for future activist opportunities and networkin

