



Get Involved

Our work takes time, energy and resources. We're almost entirely made up of people giving us their spare time, save for one administrator who keeps on top of the less-exciting tasks that might otherwise distract us from spending time on the streets.

[Attend one of our workshops](#)

The preferred way of getting involved with Green and Black Cross is by getting trained as a [legal observer](#) or [action medic](#). These 'on the ground' support roles form the lifeblood of GBC, and are often a first step towards more involvement in the group.

» [Find out how to get trained](#)

[Attend a local group meeting](#)

If you're unable to attend a workshop but have something useful to bring to GBC, you might want to attend your local group meeting.

» [Find out about local groups](#)

[Give a donation](#)

We appreciate that many people can only give us very little, if any time at all. We do have operational costs to cover, so giving us a donation is also a gesture of solidarity.

» [Find out how to give us a donation](#)

Local Groups

Green and Black Cross started out in London, but as flash points of protest move around the country, so do local GBC groups.

We have a lot of activity behind the scenes to co-ordinate our projects – including that of supporting arrestees. Everything that we talk about in our '[What We Do](#)' section is co-ordinated by local groups, with London providing support across the network.

We always invite anyone we've trained at one of our [workshops](#) to attend a local group meeting, and see this as the preferred way for people to get involved. But in case you've been unable to attend a recent training and are itching to get involved, we would love you to [come along to one of our meetings](#) so we can start getting to know you. If you're in London, the London group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. You can email us for the exact details.

We are a non-hierarchical organisation, but have mechanisms in place to protect sensitive information. The more you're able to get involved with, the more trust we can build up and the more work you can help us with!

» [Find out when your next local group meeting is](#)

» [Contact your local group](#)

Workshops

We run regular workshops throughout the year. These usually take place in areas that have a regional GBC group, but we also train people in radical spaces such as direct action camps and occupations. We also run a training for trainers programme to help share our knowledge far and wide.

If you would like to get involved but aren't sure how you can best use your skills, have a read of our '[What we do](#)' section to learn



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more about what we do.

Attending any of our trainings will help you get a feel for what Green and Black Cross is all about and is the preferred way of getting involved.

Our workshops include:

- [How to become a Legal Observer](#)
- [How to become an Action Medic](#)
- [Know Your Rights](#)

We also offer training for [police station](#) and [court support](#).

» [Find out about and sign up for upcoming workshops](#)

If you're part of a group who would like us to run a workshop for you, [get in touch](#).

Our trainings are always free to the public and open to all, subject to a safer spaces policy.

Donate

We work hard in solidarity with as many social justice struggles as we can. This has included supporting action against environmental destruction, street fascism, austerity and cuts. All of our work directly confronts attempts to punish and deter protest by the police and prosecutors.

This work takes time, energy and resources. It is driven first and foremost by the time and energy of people involved in the group, but we do have costs: bust cards and legal observer bibs, phone credit and computer hardware, our website and email servers, travel and venue costs for trainings. We cover these with personal donations received through this page. We employ one person part-time to do some of our admin work; we seek grant funding from elsewhere to cover the cost of this.

Giving to us is a gesture of solidarity, supporting a broad movement for radical social change.

Regular donations let us plan our work more effectively.

Give a monthly donation using direct debit

[£3 a month](#)
[£5 a month](#)
[£8 a month](#)
[£13 a month](#)
[£21 a month](#)
[£34 a month](#)
[£55 a month](#)

If you would like to make a one-off donation, or give quarterly, fill in this [direct debit authorisation form](#) and email us (gbclegal@riseup.net) to let us know how much you'd like to donate and how often. You'll be protected by the direct debit guarantee at all times.

[Pre-authorise a donation via direct debit](#)

Donate via bank transfer

We appreciate that direct debit isn't for everyone, so we're happy to accept donations via standing order or bank transfer. If you



would like to set up a manual transfer, email us for our bank details.

Urgent Appeals for Witnesses

If you were at any of the events below and are able to give a witness statement, please [contact us](#).

If you have been a witness to arrests or police violence, please write a statement ASAP. You can learn more about this in our [guide to being a witness](#).

Anti-austerity demo, London, 9th May 2015

Were you at the anti-austerity demo on Whitehall? Did you witness any arrests or police violence? Please get in touch.

UK Uncut, London, January 2011

A number of people on a UK Uncut demo on Oxford Street were assaulted with CS spray by an officer from the Met Police in January 2011. Seven people have now made successful claims against the police. If you were also assaulted, and can find evidence of it from videos or photos, then it's not too late to hold the police to account – get in touch.

Time to Act Climate March, London, 7th March 2015

Did you witness the police violence against activists by the detention van on the bridge opposite Parliament on 7th March, after the Time To Act March? We're urgently seeking witnesses.

Critical Mass Cycle Ride, London, 27th July 2012

We are looking for cyclists who attended Critical Mass that coincided with the opening ceremony of the London Olympics, and were not arrested.