

# Movement for the Abolition of War

## **ASSISTANCE SOUGHT FOR A NEW MAW FILM ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GLOBAL WARMING AND CONFLICT**

The film is designed to be used in schools as a basis for discussion about how global warming is likely to affect the lives of people in the British Isles, and lead to possible conflict. Associated educational material will also be provided on the web to assist teachers and class discussions.

The film is being directed by Colin Stevens of Theatrix who has considerable experience in working with young people.

It is set in 2035 when the effects of climate change are clearly affecting the way people live and their attitudes to life. In particular, it will be about how they cope with flooding and displacement from homes, food and fuel rationing, uncertain employment, periodic rioting in urban areas and concern about the influx of refugees from other countries. At this time, the Government has become more controlling because of security concern at home and the need to maintain supplies of resources from overseas; and causing social tensions.

The storyline is built around a breakfast television programme which is typically “fluffy” but also includes items with a serious edge dealing with the way violent conflicts are beginning to emerge locally, regionally and nationally and how these are related to the global scene and possibly international wars. The breakfast television show, which will be filmed in a commercial studio, will be as realistic as possible and include short outside broadcasts on current news and have on screen headlines.

In addition, there are two film sets: (1) inside the home of a privileged family (sharers in power) living in a protected community in the countryside and well away from any of the problems created by climate change; and (2) inside the home of a typical working class family who are experiencing the problem. The film shows the two families commenting on what is being said in the TV programme.

The script has been written by a group of students from Southampton University with a special interest in the effects of climate change. The group was convened by Dr Mark Levene, lecturer at the university and an expert on the likely effects of climate change.

MAW is now seeking people, professionals or amateurs, to act parts in the film and groups of young people to take part as extras in the outside broadcasts.

We would also like to hear from other people who feel they can contribute in any way to the project. This may, for example, be in giving practical advice on the acting, assisting with the sets and costumes or writing the associated educational material. This is an expensive project and we are also seeking extra money to ensure the film is of high quality and has maximum impact.

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