



Ideas For Action

Below are some ideas for resisting ID cards. These ideas came out of a 'brainstorm' at the Defy-ID Gathering in September 2004 – so no value judgements included in the following – everyone was not necessarily in agreement with all the ideas

- Mass card burnings
- Occupations
- Targeting companies
- Electronic disruption / hacking

- Education / public info
- Public meetings
- Non-registration campaign
- Mass forgery
- Sabotage
- Fake checkpoints (to raise awareness of big brother state)
- Target dole offices / schools to raise awareness
- Mobbing Blunkett
- Mass letters to newspaper / tv / radio editors
- Find doctors who will commit to treat cardless people
- Find support within unions / teachers unions also / other service providers
- Support networks for card resisters
- Street theatre
- Flyposting
- Stickers
- Squats
- Pickets
- Counter publicity / fact sheet
- Harass key individuals
- Billboard subvertising
- Lobbying
- Pirate radio
- Mock-up cards
- Websites and emails
- Links with campaigns in other countries especially Australia where they won
- Email signature
- Write on money and envelopes e.g. No Id cards etc
- Graffiti
- Text messaging
- Links with asylum seekers
- Banner drops

- Try to get employees inside
- Form networks of cardless people, and networks of employees (of things like dole offices / GP's / nurses) who are against them
- Mock-up ID cards exposing the corruption of the companies involved
- Try and raise profile in media

- Make campaigning video
- Do film showings of documentaries / activist films / also films like 1984, etc
- New leaflet (maybe along theme of 1984 (20 years ago) and what will life be like in 20 years time
- Explode myths around terrorism, security and crime
- Focus on raising awareness of database as well as card
- Do a cost analysis to show how it will affect middle England
- Point out inaccuracies and how innocent people could find themselves targeted – misuse of data
- Fundraising

Collate info on key players

Info stalls, outside GP's surgeries, job centres etc

Targeting companies and politicians, disrupting press conferences etc, become shareholders of e.g. Atos Origin

Create a pledge not to carry ID cards

National day of action – possibly close to election

Giving out fake cards at point of use

Alternative point of view – education, in schools

Leaflet different groups e.g. in churches

Dirty the database.

Target venues where the ID interview will be held

Infiltration, getting info on companies

Plastic surgery

Opting out and misinformation – multiple IDs

Solidarity actions with refugees

Legal challenges and loopholes

Do research (ask Corporate Watch)

Making links with those most likely to be detrimentally affected

Workshops in schools as part of citizenship classes

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