

**WHAT WOULD OUR STREETS LOOK LIKE
IF THEY WERE BUILT FOR
PEOPLE NOT PRIVATE CARS?**



*Together we can
reimagine and
reclaim our streets!*



**Friends of
the Earth
Scotland**

THE LEGAL STUFF

If you do decide to run a DIY parking meter pop up park, you should be aware that you may be asked to move on by police or by motorists. Remain polite and don't take any risks.

For more formal events, you should apply in good time to your local council for either a parking bay suspension, a temporary traffic regulation order, and you may need to inform your council's events team. Contact ehanna@foe.scot for advice.

As you will technically be putting yourself in the road, we must caution against this being a child-friendly event. There is an element of risk involved in making use of a space which is usually occupied by traffic. Think carefully about everybody's safety in designing your pop up park. We would discourage you bringing children under 16 to your pop up park.

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16-24 JUNE

POP-UP PARKS

**URBAN AIR POLLUTION
CAUSES OVER 2,500 EARLY
DEATHS IN SCOTLAND
EACH YEAR**

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**This June, let's reclaim parking
spaces to celebrate our urban
space and paint a vision for a
future beyond the private car!**
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**This Action Guide
will help you:**

- ⦿ Get involved with pop-up park events happening in Edinburgh and Glasgow.
- ⦿ Get support to run your own DIY parking meter party.
- ⦿ Share your photos and story in the media.

*What's your
vision?*

Wherever you are, why not set up a pop-up park with deck chairs, tea sets, books, rugs, hammocks, bikes, fake grass, planters, bunting, face painting, picnics, yoga...

Imagine...

how many bike racks you could fit in a parking space!

CONFIRMED EVENTS

Pop-Up Park Edinburgh

Saturday 16 June, 11am – 2pm, George Street

Join us on George Street, where we'll be taking over 20 suspended parking spaces between Castle Street and Frederick Street to create our very own pop-up park. Bring props if you can (cushions, plants, tea cups), or just yourself for a day of fun in the sun.

Free drop-in sessions include (more tba):

- * Pop-up yoga with Still Flow Yoga
- * Singing workshop with Caro Bridges
- * Design your street' session with Young FoES
- * Juggling and hula-hooping



Pop-Up Park & Play Out Glasgow

Friday 22 June, 3-7pm, Braeside Street

Join Glasgow's pop-up park, part of Street Play, a nationwide initiative run by Play Scotland and supported by the city council and Glasgow Life. It aims to bring communities closer together by providing local groups and residents the opportunity to take back their street and enjoy a traffic free environment with free road closures this weekend.



DIY PARK(ING) PARTY

WANT TO ORGANISE YOUR OWN TAKEOVER? HERE ARE 4 EASY STEPS TO HOSTING A DIY PARKING METER PARTY THIS JUNE:

- 🕒 Find a parking space where you'd like to hang out for a few hours...
- 🕒 "Park" your non-motorised vehicle (e.g. bicycle).
- 🕒 Feed the meter or buy yourself a parking ticket - don't forget to display it.
- 🕒 Unleash your imagination in your car parking spot!

#PopUpParks
#CleanAirDay

picture perfect

Whatever you get up to, please take some photos and share, share, share on social media! You can also email the best ones with a press release to your local paper, as well as to us on ehanna@foe.scot

Contact Emilia on ehanna@foe.scot for financial support & tips.

FROM PROBLEM...

**AIR POLLUTION IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN SCOTLAND,
WORSENING HEALTH INJUSTICES. TRAFFIC IS THE KEY CULPRIT.**

Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Aberdeen and Perth as well as other towns all have illegal levels of air pollution, eight years after a binding European legal deadline.

Air pollution can damage children's lung development and therefore kids' life prospects.

We have a duty to protect future generations from the harms we have caused via poor urban design and an overreliance on cars.

Cars take up way too much space in our urban areas. They cause pollution, congestion, and can make us feel unsafe to walk or cycle in some areas.



TO SOLUTION...

Live on a street but are afraid to let your kids cross to casually cross to the other side? Then you'll understand how parking literally divides communities.

Imagine space being instead made available as parks, or as cycle lanes, or pavements. The whole feel of a city would change, but so too would the air quality, as the smarter travel choice would be to walk and cycle instead of to drive.

How many?

In Edinburgh, the Council has provided over 30,000 parking spaces, which take up 300,000m², a surface area larger than the entirety of the iconic Meadows Park! This doesn't even factor in multi-storey car parks or car parks at private leisure centres, supermarkets and workplaces. Boo.

The London Marathon 2018 saw an 89% drop in air pollution!

ABOUT US

Friends of the Earth Scotland is Scotland's leading environmental campaigning group. Our vision is of a world where everyone can enjoy a healthy environment and a fair share of the earth's resources. We think globally and act locally in Scotland, delivering solutions to climate change by enabling and empowering people to take collective action.