

1ST NEWSLETTER



Reclaim Conservation is now set up and ready for action; we are officially registered as a company in England. We have a [new website](#) and a [Facebook Page](#).

Our short and long-term plans are taking shape and currently we are concentrating our main efforts on finding more individuals, groups, and organizations to join us. The idea of Reclaim Conservation is to become a virtual space for activists and local conservationists from around the world to meet and support each other, creating a united front in order to shift the reality produced by mainstream conservation. We aim to create and promote a more equal, just and effective form of conservation. These newsletters will give updates of Reclaim Conservation's and our allies' achievements, but most of all will be used to let you all know of our current activities and plans so you can join the projects you like.

Current plans and ongoing projects

Help write our Conservation Activism Manifesto - We are working on document which will encompass many ideological, philosophical and practical ideas on activism and conservation. We are hoping for it to be a living document, meaning open for suggestions, edits and debates in order to make it as precise and inclusive as possible. There are many issues that will be included and will be part of our website. We have started writing about several topics which are ready for commentary and have many more topics that need to be written. Please contact us if you are interested in joining the discussion for more details.

Anti-corruption campaign in Peru - Peru's environmental sector, especially the regional governments suffer very high levels of corruption. Together with our allies at Neotropical Primate Conservation we have been running activism campaigns through social and popular media as well as protests to inform the public of the problems and to pressure the regional governments towards more responsible, efficient and legal behaviour. Please let us know if you want to help translating or sharing the campaign, or have information on other areas where we should run similar campaigns together with local organizations.

Support for Environmental Defenders - Many people working on the front-lines of conservation and environmental protection are indigenous people and farmers who protect their local forests against environmental criminals or extraction companies. These people give their few economic resources, their energy and often their lives to do what government and NGOs fail to do. Globally, [The Guardian recorded 188 murders in](#)

[2017](#), 4 a week. Tragically, the first local conservationist to be murdered in 2018 died on the 1st of January. His name was Jose Napoleon Tarrillo, you can read about his work and his family's response to his death [here](#).

We would like to establish a system of support for the families who have experienced the loss of a loved one. In many cases, their lives are also in danger and they face significant financial hardship. We are looking for people who would like to be involved in the design and implementation of this program.

Reclaim Conservation Podcasts - To make our messages more accessible for people and to introduce our conservationist allies to the public, we would like to make a series of interview podcasts. We are looking for journalists who would be interested in producing these podcasts.

Conservation Reality School – This project aims to create courses of varying length for environmental activism which will be open for students and practising environmentalists from the around the world. The main issues covered would be: community led conservation, investigation of environmental crime and corruption, the problems of mainstream conservation, how to run an efficient, clean and transparent organization, etc. Participants will return to their work place with another view on conservation, and will be part of a network which will help to destabilize and shift mainstream conservation. The courses will take place both in countries where major conservation initiatives exist like many African or South American countries and in western countries such as England or the US. This is still in the ideas phase so we are looking for suggestions of how and where to arrange these courses as well as help in organizing them.

Zoom meetings

Reclaim Conservation's monthly Zoom meetings are a space where we can all meet, socialize, learn more about each other's work and most important decide on ways to cooperate and support one another's work. Our first meeting will be on the 25 of January 2018, 7pm UK time.

To join the meeting you need to:

1. Open a free account and download zoom at: <https://zoom.us/>
2. Go to this link at the time of the meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/4862086984>

Everyone is invited!

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Thank you and we look forward to fruitful collaboration.