

# Just Forests RACE NEWSLETTER

Awareness - Education - Activism

Since 1989

## JUNE 2025: Welcome to the first issue of Just Forests RACE Newsletter

After more than 35 years in existence, Just Forests has finally produced a newsletter. This bi-monthly newsletter will endeavour to connect communities across Ireland through development education (DE) and on-the-ground activism.

Just Forests produces education resources for communities to help them to challenge the subtle, but seriously damaging, undercurrent of injustices and associated human rights issues that permeates family home repossessions, earthly home (environmental) destruction, climate-denial, unsustainable international trade, out-of-control consumerism and disappearing biological diversity.

[Read more about Just Forests.](#)

### Top Stories

#### Hunger Strike and VIGIL planned for Tullamore Courthouse

Just Forests founder/campaigner/activist will undertake a 24-hour hunger strike and vigil to highlight the injustice of home repossession on Sunday 15 June 2025...



"In ancient Ireland, going on hunger strike was a form of "distress" called "troscud" (or "fasting"). This practice was socially significant and had legal support as an act of due process and fairness."

Tom Roche outside The Courthouse in Tullamore...

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### Don't be silenced by the fossil fuel industry!



## FREE DONZIGER

PHOTO above: New York Attorney and human rights defender Steven Donziger, embraces his son Matthew before being led away to prison. Donziger is the first person in history to have been prosecuted by the fossil fuel industry - namely TEXACO and their owner CHEVRON...

GREENPEACE also have being SLAPP'ed and sued for hundreds of millions by big oil...

[What is a SLAPP?](#)

"I don't like Cox - he comes from the same rapacious law firm (Gibson Dunn) that Chevron [Texaco] hired to lock me up for almost three years in the nation's first corporate criminal prosecution after we won the \$10 billion Ecuador case. Cox is making millions in legal fees by manipulating the law to try to silence me and organisations like Greenpeace." Steven Donziger

### FREE Donziger and the Irish Link

To help support Steven as he and the Ecuadorian communities he represents continue their fight for corporate accountability, environmental justice, Indigenous rights, and Free Speech, Just Forests has an active campaign in operation.

For more on the Irish-leg of the FREE Donziger campaign please visit: [SocArts WASH](#)

### Resources for distressed mortgage holders

#### WHAT WE DO

Save Our Family Homes

Save Our Earthly Homes

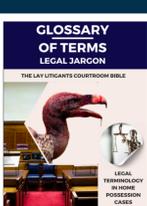
SMART education resources for SMART Educators



#### Debts of Despair.

By Teresa Clyne BA. MSC. Stemming the tide of evictions in Ireland requires a holistic and coordinated approach involving the government, the legal profession, community organisations...

[DOWNLOAD Debts of Despair...](#)



#### The 'legal jargon'

By Teresa Clyne BA. MSC. Home ownership is more than just a financial transaction; it is a cornerstone of stability, security, and community. It is a fundamental human right that should be accessible to all...

[DOWNLOAD Glossary of Terms...](#)



#### Rebuked

By Tom Roche For decades Ireland's banks have operated in a world where rules were there to be circumvented; where officialdom turned a blind eye to breaches of codes...

[DOWNLOAD Rebuked-Anatomy of a Broken Promise...](#)

## ...will you enter the race to save FAMILY HOMES?

**SMART** education resources for smart

**Radical Active Community Educators**

**WHAT IF WE SAW LOCAL COMMUNITIES AS RADICAL CHANGE MAKERS?**

**RIO - Race Is On...** ...will you enter the race to save our **FAMILY HOMES**?

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**RACE to Save Family Homes** [Enter the race...](#)

**RACE to Save Earthly Homes** [Enter the race...](#)

**RACE time to Fight Back** [Enter the race...](#)

## ...will you enter the race to save our EARTHLY HOMES?

### Coming in our next issue

But, you might ask, "who are Just Forests education resources geared towards - what age group?"

The answer to that is very simple my friend.

If you breath air, drink water, work the soil, use nature's resources for your livelihood and eat food in order to survive and participate in everyday life on this planet, then Just Forests education resources are for you - regardless of your age, colour, religion, race or ethnicity.

There will be something for you. So, sign up and make sure you get notified when new resources are available for download. And don't be shy **Enter the RACE**.

**"Long-view leadership, rooted in the values of truth, justice and human rights, is essential if we are to bequeath a better world to our children and grandchildren."**

Mary Robinson - former President of Ireland

### Just Forests SMART education resources

Coming in issue #2 of Just Forests RACE Newsletter, we will have some very graphically engaging education resources for you. Old Just Forests favourites such as the T4 - Technology Subjects Support Teachers posters (see old-version below), the very popular, hands-on **Wood of Life** exhibition and Thinking TREES are undergoing major transformation at the moment to bring them up-to-date with current trends. Also we have some very **NEW** if somewhat **challenging** resources under development.

**Coming Soon**  
Putting the **ECO** back into **Ecology**

**Mission ECO 2030**  
educate cooperate outcomes

**RIO Race Is On**

**AIR**  
Air contains important substances: such as oxygen and nitrogen, that most species need to survive. Humans being (kemo sapiens), of course, are one of those species. Sometimes, the word "atmosphere" is used instead of the word "air".

**WATER**  
Water is an inorganic compound with the chemical formula H<sub>2</sub>O. It is a transparent, tasteless, odorless, and nearly colorless chemical substance, and is the most abundant of Earth's hydrosphere and the basis of all known living organisms (in which it acts as a solvent). It is vital for all known forms of life, despite not providing food, energy or organic micronutrients.

**EARTH**  
Soil, also commonly referred to as earth or dirt, is a mixture of organic matter, minerals, gases, liquids, and organisms that together support life. Some scientific definitions distinguish dirt from soil by restricting the former term specifically to displaced soil. Given its complexity and strong internal connectedness, soil ecologists regard soil as an ecosystem.

**CÉN ÁIT AR DOMHAN A DTAGANN AN UADHMAD TROPAICEACH AS?**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR TROPICAL FORESTS?**

**BÍ PÁIRTEACH SA RÉITEACH**

**What will you do about your carbon footprint?**

### On your marks...get set...GO... why not sign up and enter the RACE?

Since our founding in 1989, Just Forests has endeavoured to engage Irish society in education/awareness projects that have the potential to influence change. Over the coming months, all of Just Forests development education resources and projects will be available for download FREE OF CHARGE. Everyone who signs up for our **RACE Newsletter** will be informed when the resources are available.

Just Forests does not receive any funding whatsoever. All activities are carried out through a passion for a just and sustainable future where human rights and gender equality become the norm. If you would like to support my work financially please visit my [PayPal page](#)

### RACE - what's in a word?

The word 'race' is used throughout this presentation to refer to the 'human race' as a species. The word race also implies urgency or speed at which we must act.



**Race** - is a categorization of humans based on shared physical or social qualities into groups generally viewed as distinct within a given society.

**Race** - a situation in which individuals or groups compete to be first to achieve a particular objective: the race for nuclear power.

The word **RACE** is also used to encourage and support **Radical Active Community Engagement** in issues affecting all life on **Earth**.

**RIO** is an acronym for **Race Is On**. It emphasizes the urgency with which we as a race of people must act. It is also used throughout this presentation to remind us of the first **World Conference on the Environment** held in Stockholm in 1972 and the follow-up 'Earth Summit' held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992 - a mere three years after Just Forests was born.

In November 2025 the UN will host **COP30** in **Bélem, Brazil**.

### Radical Active Community Engagement

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