

Weekend of Resistance for Jeff 'Free' Luers-June 10-12, 2005



**Jeff 'Free' Luers
at Oregon State Penitentiary-March 2005**

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June 10-12, 2005 "Weekend of Resistance" for Political Prisoner Jeff 'Free' Luers

June 2005 marks the five-year anniversary of the imprisonment of our friend and comrade: Oregon environmental political prisoner, Jeff "Free" Luers. Jeff was sentenced to more than [22 years](#) in prison for burning three Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) at a car dealership in Eugene, Oregon, and on attempted arson charges. Jeff set fire to SUVs to call attention to climate change and to protest oil wars and environmental destruction. Jeff was motivated by compassion and a desire to protect life, not to harm it, despite what some might think of his tactics. Prior to his arrest, Jeff was a popular community activist in Eugene. He was well-known to law enforcement because of his involvement with national forest protection (starting an occupation of a controversial old-growth timber sale in 1998), anti-police brutality activism (documenting [rampant police abuse in Eugene](#)), [free food programs](#) in a local park and his teaching of self-defense to women. Since his imprisonment, Jeff has continued to be extremely active in prison and fight oppression with his [words](#) and inspiration.

On [June 12, 2004](#), social and environmental activists in the US, Canada, England, Scotland, Norway, Finland, Australia, and Russia participated in an "International Day of Action" with Jeff by organizing non-violent protests and community events to show their support for him and their disgust for his cruel sentence. The FBI responded by creating a real 'Green Scare', [sending a memo to businesses, corporate media, and government agencies](#) warning of planned "terrorist attacks" by the "Earth Liberation Front" on June 12. Of course, no "terrorist attacks" ever occurred. All of the events were peaceful and public, ranging from [concerts and demonstrations, to video showings and dinner parties](#). Even some mainstream media outlets recognized the FBI memo for what it was - a manipulative, dishonest attempt to incite fear- and criticized them for that. Some participants in the June 12 day of action withstood [intense harassment](#) including being photographed, videotaped and questioned with one group actually being evicted due to the hysteria from the FBI.

Since the June 12, 2004 Day of Action, support for Jeff has [continued to grow](#) and strengthen. People all over the world see Jeff as a political prisoner and acknowledge that his sentence is meant as a deterrent to increased resistance to oppression. Overall however, the political climate in the US and abroad has become more corrupt and repressive. On the home-front, the prison industrial complex continues to expand, repressive laws and legislation continued to get pushed by lying politicians, political prisoners are denied parole as the real criminals receive little or

no punishment, and the already weak laws that exist to protect the environment are quickly being eliminated by blood-thirsty industry and the Bush administration. On the international level, the Bush regime is intensifying military aggression in Iraq, planning future actions in Iran and the proposed Attorney General, Alberto Gonzales is attempting to undermine the Geneva Convention to justify the torture tactics used by US soldiers and prison guards at Abu Gharib and [Guantanamo Bay](#). The conditions are ripe to expose the hypocrisy of the system. Opposition and dissent is needed now possibly more than ever before.

During the weekend of June 10-12th, 2005, social justice activists from across the world are called upon again to organize and show their outrage about Jeff's imprisonment and the continued abuse and isolation of dissident prisoners across the globe. State repression is meant as a deterrent to social and environmental movements all over. Jeff received a sentence of over 22 years for an action that harmed no one except for the pocketbook of a local car dealer. Typical arson charges in Oregon result in [sentences less than five years](#). The Judge in Jeff's case sentenced a man to 18 years last year for child molestation. Charles Graner Jr, responsible for the brutal torture and sexual harassment of Iraqi Prisoners of War at Abu Gharib received only ten years! Every day in every city, cops receive little or no punishment for crimes against the public. This cannot be tolerated! Fight for the political prisoners because they have fought for you, against racism & poverty, war & imperialism, and the pillaging of the natural world. They're in there for us - we are out here for them!

June 10-12th, 2005, is a Weekend of Resistance with Jeff "Free" Luers. There is no central organizing body or group to check in with but the Jeff Luers Support Network can help by providing you with flyers, graphics, and merchandise such as videos, zines and stickers about Jeff and allies in the struggle. Begin planning your event now. Read more about Jeff's case at [www.freefreenow.org](#) Read more about political prisoners at [www.jerichony.org](#). Plan an action that makes sense for your area: a demonstration, treesit, music festival, teach-in, [stenciling](#) campaign, rally, protests at an American consulate/embassy overseas or public forum. Circulate [petitions](#). Write letters to the [Governor of Oregon](#) asking him to look into Jeff's case. Contribute to Jeff's [legal defense](#). Do what you think is appropriate. But please remember when planning an action or event think about how it could affect Jeff's upcoming appeal. Ask yourself: does this help or hurt Jeff? Does this strengthen the movement or weaken it in the long-term?

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June 10-12th, 2005 "Weekend of Resistance" for Jeff "Free" Luers Reportbacks and photos

There were roughly 27 events that took place during the [June 10-12 Weekend of Resistance for Jeff 'Free' Luers](#). These are reportbacks from the organizers who planned the events. Thank you to everyone who helped out by planning and attending events.

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Eugene, Oregon

On Sunday, June 12, 2005, approximately 150 people gathered at Sam Bond's Garage (a local pub/restaurant) for a "Night of Solidarity with Political Prisoner Jeff 'Free' Luers." This was the 2nd year of annual international solidarity actions with Jeff, organized in opposition to his cruel and ridiculous 22+ year prison sentence. He has served five years so far for burning three SUVs in protest of pollution and greed.

The event included several keynote speakers: Peter Urban of the Irish Republican Socialist Committees of North America (San Francisco, CA); former eco-defense political prisoner and singer/songwriter Peg Millet (Prescott, AZ); and ass-kicking local attorney Lauren Regan. An awesome musical line-up featured local bands: The Glenwood Rebel Rovers; Los Mex Pistols Del

Norte; The Happy Bastards; and The Inkwell Rhythm Makers. *22/8: The Jeff Luers Story*, a long-awaited new documentary by Cascadia Media Collective, was premiered to an enthusiastic crowd.

The event started with warm greetings by a local friend & supporter of Jeff. He proceeded to introduce activist attorney Lauren Regan, who has represented Jeff against mail censorship by the Oregon Department of Corrections. Talking about the importance of Jeff's case in the struggle against attacks on dissent, she gave a hopeful update about his appeal and legal developments. Lauren founded the "Civil Liberties Defense Center" and is representing activists arrested for protesting the Biscuit timber sale in southern Oregon. She encouraged the crowd to show support for those eco-defenders too.

Read the rest of this reportback [here](#).

Brooklyn, New York

The NYC June 11 event for Jeff Luers billed as *Open the Cages: A Night of Political Prisoner Support* was a total success. Over 200 people packed into the DUMBA queer arts space in the historic Dumbo neighborhood to listen to speakers, music and much more. Despite 90 degrees+ temperatures inside and thunderstorms outside, the place was packed from 7PM to the end of the event at 1AM. The film *22/8: The Jeffrey Luers Story* by the Cascadia Media Collective was shown and received a huge ovation as well as sporadic cheers and hollers seemingly every time Jeff came on screen. People were very excited about the film and advance orders were taken since we didn't have any on hand. [oops!]. Then, after the introduction, former Black Panther and Black Liberation Army political prisoner Ashanti Alston spoke as well as former animal liberation prisoner Andy Stepanian, who is currently on trial as part of the [SHAC7 case](#). Both speakers moved the crowd in discussing revolution in our everyday lives and the need for strong prisoner support. Speakers from the Jeffrey Luers Defense Network spoke as well and read Jeff's statement to the June 10-12 events.

We were able to sell vegan food at very cheap prices to help raise funds and our menu of chili dawgs, mac and cheese and fake chicken with mushrooms and rice made everyone very happy. We also served keg beer, homemade sangria, soda and continuously filled up our stock of water jugs for people all night long. We had a 50/50 raffle and then moved on to the music. Radical marching band, the Rude Mechanical Orchestra, all 25 members!, marched in and played some commercial songs with redone, anti-prison lyrics as well as some interesting klezmer tunes. The Beyonce/Jay-z song, Crazy in love was redone into 'uh oh, these prisons have to go' and a cover of a Le Tigre song seemed to get the crowd into a dancing frenzy. Next, folk singer Casey Neill took the stage and got quite a dance going as well playing such oldies as 'dancing on the runes', 'flaming arrows' and 'riffraff' as well as his new stuff which was awesome. Last but not least was Long Island based metal-core band Cipher who had to deal with numerous calamities including getting pulled over by cops in Jersey, getting turned away because bridges were closed and an insistent resident of the space who made them turn their music down twice. They played a powerful half hour set and then we had a DJ spin out the rest of the night with mostly 80's music.

During the whole night, VJs Vlad and Olga of the Glassbead Collective projected images of radical encounters on the wall and people seemed to dig that. The whole event was webstreamed by the August Sound Coalition and picked up by Free Radio Santa Cruz so that people all over the world could listen to the event. Info tables and radical zine distros lined the wall of the event with Win Animal Rights, Alive and AWOL Distro, Books Through Bars NYC and Jericho NYC as well as the Jeff Luers table giving away stuff all night. We were able to raise a considerable amount of money which will be split between the Jeffrey Luers legal defense fund and Jericho NYC. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this night a total success.

San Francisco, California

Friday night, San Francisco hosted a "Political Prisoner Speaking Event" dedicated to our fallen friend Jeff 'Free' Luers. Former political prisoners Luis "Bato" Talamantez, Rita 'Bo' Brown, Claude Marks, Rahula Janowski and Antwan as well as former Black Panther and prison activist Kiilu Nyasha spoke.

'Bo' Brown spoke first, setting the stage for the evening. Her speech was short and to the point-- we must do everything we can to support our prisoners now! Others expounded on the nightmare that is the prison system, including some of their personal experiences, and there was a discussion about what we can do from the outside to help. Write letters! Donate to legal defense funds! Raise your voice and let the prison profiteers know the whole world is watching!

On Saturday, San Franciscan "Free" supporters took to the streets and for a Bike Ride for Jeff "Free" Luers. The sun shone on the parade of 15 bicyclists as they rode through the streets of San Francisco to spread the word: "SUVs Suck", "Release All Political Prisoners", "Get out of your cars and onto your bikes"! The cyclists handed out "tickets" to SUV drivers expounding on the environmental impacts of the gas-guzzling machines and made a brief stop at Ford to tell them how they feel about the kind of business they do. The local SF cops tried to rain on the parade, but gave up after only a few minutes. Apparently they remembered that bikes are allowed to ride in the street too! Overall, the SF Weekend of Resistance was a great success!

Kingston, New York

There was an intimate gathering of people who came to 3fu, a collectively run free space, and heard Joel Kovel speak about the ecological crisis. This was followed by a discussion led by Joel on ways to dismantle the capitalist system both daily/ personally and in terms of long term actions. Overall, I believe that it was a really positive event, the people who came out for it were all very interested in what was being presented and curious about Jeff Luers and his actions, and ways to help Jeff.

Washington DC

Around 200 posters were wheatpasted around the U Street and Adams Morgan Neighborhoods of NW, Washington DC, in support of Freedom for Jeff Luers and all political prisoners. Messages of Solidarity were also spray painted on the streets in various neighborhoods. On Sat. June 11th, the local anarchist space - the Brian MacKenzie Infoshop had film screenings of *22/8* and *Green with a Vengeance* followed by discussion that will hopefully spark more support and action around political prisoners in the area.

Portland, Maine

In Falmouth, right outside of Portland, Maine, in an old barn about 30 folks, mostly teenagers, came together for a night of punk music and a showing of *22/8*, the new documentary about Jeffrey "Free" Luers. A lot of people became aware about Free's case for the first time and also learned about political prisoners in the US. We also talked about the Victory Gardens Project and how we grow food to support the struggle to liberate political prisoners. This is the 2nd annual Free solidarity event in the Portland, Maine area and we hope to be a part of solidarity events for Free next June.

Modesto, California

On June 10th and 11th, activists with Direct Action Anti-Authoritarians (DAAA) in Modesto screened *22/8: The Jeff Luers Story*, passed out information on Jeff Luer's case, put up a large "Free Jeff

Luers" banner, and also talked with many people about the Jeff's outrageous sentence. Things went smoothly, and no problems happened from law enforcement, and from what we could see, no outright surveillance. All of the people who we talked to said that Jeff's sentence was outrageous, and hopefully they will go to the website, donate, and help with the campaign. Outreach material is still with us in bulk, so education on Jeff's case will continue.

Sacramento, California

Our event was sponsored by Sacramento Foods Not Bombs, giving us the payment for the space. We held the event for four hours at a hair salon in downtown Sacramento. Originally we planned to have it at Julianna's Kitchen but the owner had some sudden health problems so a change of venue was needed. We had about a dozen people present. First I gave a short introduction of the event, we showed *22 8: The Jeffrey "Free" Luers story*, and a friend gave an update on his case. After the video I read the letter 'Free' wrote to be read at this event, then we had a break during which people mingled and discussed the case and had some snacks. We showed *The Fourth World War* next, some discussion and told people about the letter of support in case they were interested in signing it. We got a couple of signatures. We collected a little bit of money from the event. All in all, it was a small but fun and stimulating gathering.

Cincinnati, Ohio

On June 11th, folks gathered at Hobo Books in Cincinnati for delicious vegan food and a screening of *22 8: the Jeffrey Luers Story*. Attendees to the event received literature about Jeff, his case, and how to support him, as well as information about other earth and animal liberation prisoners and a copy of Bite Back Magazine. Earlier in the day, supporters passed out pamphlets about Free at the annual Gay Pride Festival. Before the movie came on, event organizers from the Animal Defense League & Books 4 Prisoners Crew talked briefly about Jeff's case and read his statement for this year's weekend of action. After the film there was a discussion about Free and prisoner support in general, and a hat was passed around for donations to Free's defense fund and commissary. Members of ADL and the Books 4 Prisoners Crew matched the money raised at the event and then some. Attendees were encouraged to write letters to him and other prisoners.

Seattle, Washington

The Eco-Defense Speech-A-Thon, held June 10-12, 2005, included a wide selection of mp3 speeches by activists such as Judi Bari, Jane Doe, Craig Rosebraugh, Mumia Abu-Jamal, Helen Caldicott, Derrick Jensen, Chellis Glendinning, Jello Biafra, Megl, Vandana Shiva, Bill Mollison, Angry Genius Boy, and more! People came to the Speech-A-Thon site throughout the weekend and freely downloaded speeches about topics such as guerrilla gardening, dumpster diving, permaculture, yarning trees, Frankenfood, Earth First!, direct actions, etc. Hopefully these eco-defense speeches will play on in more homes and meetings, as such discussions are essential for our survival in the future. The Speech-A-Thon was hosted by [Kirsten Anderberg](#).

Syracuse, New York

June 10, 2005 at 8:00 PM, Syracuse Animal Rights Organization, Jericho Movement Syracuse, and Central New York Earth First! came together in front of the federal building with posters to demand Jeff 'Free' Luers be freed from prison. His symbolic gesture was just that a symbol, he was not striving to burn down a whole parking lot of SUVs, just three. His act was a wake-up call to the western world that we must change our behavior of consumption specifically when it comes to issues of sprawl and transportation. He did not harm one individual and is against all forms of violence, - mental, physical, and spiritual. He wishes peace on the planet. As Daniel and Phil Berrigan burned

draft cards and the Quakers destroyed property to free slaves and were right in doing so, so is Jeff for his actions that we will one day together look at as honorable, to save the planet.

Olympia, Washington

Supporters of Jeff "Free" Luers hosted a video screening of the new Cascadia Media Collective release, *22/8, The Jeffrey Luers Story*. The event was held on the evening of June 11 at Traditions Fair Trade and Cafe in downtown Olympia. Six people attended and viewed the entire film. The film, and Free's case, were introduced by local activist Khaos, who worked with Free and others on the Fall Creek forest campaign. We had planned to also show *Green With a Vengeance*, but event attendants could not stay longer to view it. On display at the event were matted prints of some of Free's art, printed information about Free's case, the Solidarity Letter for Free, and handouts on how people can get involved and help Free. Six people (including Traditions staff) signed onto the solidarity letter. Two people signed up for the listserv. We also had copies of *Heartcheck* for sale and display.

Despite the small attendance, a considerable flyering campaign happened before the event, including the distribution of 400 quartersheet flyers at "Super Saturday", a large day-long festival that happens annually on graduation weekend at The Evergreen State College in Olympia. Almost 200 stickers were also stuck around town in high visibility places, including downtown, the Evergreen campus, and by the Capital Automall, a heavy concentration of automobile dealerships! One plaque on Percival Landing by Budd Bay, outlining pollution issues in the Puget Sound, now reads "Be Part of the Pollution Solution: Free Jeff Luers!"

The small event turnout was in large part due to the Weekend of Resistance coinciding with Evergreen graduation weekend. Some people who were interested in attending had other obligations with their visiting families. It is our hope, though, that at least ten percent of the more than five hundred people who received a handout, saw a flyer or a sticker, viewed the Free Radio Olympia website, or heard the interview with Ash and other promotion for the event on Free Radio Olympia will visit the Freefreemow.org website and get involved in supporting Jeff Luers.

In our continuing efforts to support Free, we will ask Last Word Books to distribute issues of *Heartcheck* for sale to benefit Free's legal defense. We will also continue to outreach to the community and work with Free Radio Olympia to keep Free's name and his case in the local community media. The organizers wish to thank Freefreemow.org, in particular Dylan, for organizing assistance, Ash for her radio interview, and Traditions for free use of their space, projection screen, and other equipment. Prints of three works of art by Free will continue to be on display at the Olympia Zine Library at Last Word Books, along with information on how people can get involved with supporting Free.

Bellingham, Washington

Sunday night people started showing up right around 7 o' clock. The Food Not Bombs folks brought out the food-a huge kettle of the 12 hour chili, more mashed potatoes than you could shake a stick at, and all the salad fruit and bread you could want. After a regularly scheduled FNB serving earlier that day close to 50 folks got some to eat there as well. Someone set out some home-brewed beer as well. It was hot and we were sitting in the grass, this was nice.

The Alternatives Library put out books for loan and lent a variety of books, not to mention a stack of free propaganda. A display with details about Free's case, his actions, and political prisoners in general had a consistent group around it reading up. We started *Green with a Vengeance* around 8:30 as the sun was setting, and at a few points, the movie served as inspiration for short

conversations, with people asking questions or making comments. After this film, a friend of Free's shared some gleanings from letters he's received from Free. This was truly moving, rounded out the projection of light and sound that we had just watched....We then showed *22/8*. People from the neighborhood came by and learned about Free, so it wasn't all the same faces. A few EF! types from Olympia were in town for the weekend and came by, good to connect with folks from (really not that) far away. After the show, we burnt some pallets and got to know each other around a fire as the soft summer rain that had waited hours, began to fall.

Austin, Texas

On Friday June 10th, MonkeyWrench Books and the Alvaro Luna Hernandez support group held a screening of the new film *22/8: The Jeffrey Luers Story*. The audience was small, some 15 people, but many of the participants were new to political prisoner issues and to Free and Alvaro's cases. The evening began with a presentation on Alvaro's writ at the Supreme Court. There was some discussion about possible ways to support Alvaro and the folks attending all filled out postcards to demand a solution to his current demands. The event continued with a screening of the video--which sparked more discussion. In all it was a good event, small in scale but well worth while.

Los Angeles, California

The Los Angeles event for the Weekend of Resistance opened with an introduction to Jeff's case and an update on the status of his appeal. Next the documentary *22/8: The Jeffrey Luers Story* was shown, with intense debate and discussion following. Michael Novick from Anti Racist Action spoke about the foundations of oppression and the current crisis of over 2 million people incarcerated in the US. A speaker from the North American Earth Liberation Prisoners Support Network discussed the cases of other animal and Earth Liberation prisoners, as well as the basics of prisoner support. Josh Schachterle rounded out the event with awesome acoustic political tunes, many focusing on the destruction of the environment. Afterwards, a few attendees stayed around to continue the discussion and write letters to Jeff and other prisoners. The Los Angeles event was held at Flor y Canto, a collectively run bookstore that facilitates community activism. While the turnout was low, we'd like to extend our thanks to all who participated and encourage those who did not to remember Jeff and others who have sacrificed their freedom in the struggle for liberation.

Santa Rosa, California

On Saturday, June 11, Free Mind Media Guild hosted a benefit presentation of *Green with a Vengeance* and *22/8*. Although the event only drew a few members of the community, a number from our collective attended the event.

Kicking off at 7:30 pm, FMMG member B. O'Goodness presented an introduction to the case of Mr. Luers, offered free copies of "Let's Get Free" as well as "One Planet." We also carried introductions to California Anarchist Prisoner Solidarity (CAPS), ABC, CAPLAN, PPWC, Breaking The Chains and other prisoner support organizations.

The attendees discussed the nature of Free's incarceration following the first film. After the second film and a short question and answer period some members of the group showed much interest in using our infospace for future prisoner solidarity events, attempting to educate ourselves and our community about the realities of the prison-industrial complex and starting a books-not-bars or pen-pal project in the near future.

It would seem that the importance of the event was three fold. Obviously, since the nature of the films, discussion and literature focussed on the case of Free, it raised awareness on his plight.

Secondly, a conversation on eco-defense and anarchism was a logical outgrowth of viewing "Green With A Vengeance." Finally, the political use of incarceration to "make an example" of Mr. Luers (when spoken of in a larger historical and current context of COINTELPRO and repression of the active elements of society) seemed to have easily lead members of the group to recognize affinity with our sisters/brothers in the gulags. To paraphrase the General Defense committee of the IWW: "He's in there for us. We're out here for him."

International Events

London, England

We had the FREE free FREE show and it went very well. About 50 people showed up for our support afternoon of lo-fi punk rock. We had a little paper exhibition about Free's case and also a donations jar. A impromptu collection raised £30 for Free also.

Brighton, England

On Saturday, Brighton ABC did a stall for Free at the Smash Edo (local bomb release mechanism manufacturers) anti war demo - and got a fair bit of interest from the 150 or so people there. We then joined the demo for a while too. Then we went on and did a stall in town, and leafleted and spoke to passersby. Our Saturday late afternoon film showing that we'd planned couldn't happen we have lost our video! We are idiots! On Sunday, we made Bangers and Mash (vegan!) at the Cowley Club to raise funds and awareness for Jeff. We had lots of leaflets, a card, etc. It wasn't as successful as last year but we got a good response off people who came. We also had a very exciting table football tournament in the evening,

Edinburgh, Scotland

On the night of June 12th in Edinburgh there was a benefit gig for Jeff Free Luers that ended with a confrontation in front of the American consulate. Earlier in the day a short film was shown about Jeff "Free" Luers to a large audience, and as night continued a punk benefit gig began. The bands that played ranged from an inspiring set by local anarcho-punk legends "Oi Polloi" to a high-energy set from thrashmasters "Wardead". In between sets, various people from the audience stood up to speak about the importance of defending political prisoners and direct action. It was a great turn-out and lots of people were inspired to help out defend political prisoners.

Later in the night, an impromptu band of people spontaneously gathered to spread the word on the streets of Edinburgh. The group marched with a large banner that read "Free Jeff Luers, Free the Land" and attracted attention from people on Edinburgh's main street. The march gathered more interested people and began marching to the American consulate. At the consulate a large American flag was lit of fire as a warning to the American government that they should free political prisoners like Jeff or face international consequences. As the burning flag was left on the front door of the consulate, the police eventually reacted and tried to arrest the group. While those that burnt the flag and most of the group escaped arrest, three people were captured by the police. They were held for the extraordinarily long time of thirty hours (by Scottish standards) and released.

Although Jeff "Free" Luers is an political prisoner from far away, all prisoners who are captured in defense of mother earth must be defended across the globe. This one flag burning should serve as a warning shot to the corrupt prisons of the USA. Our thoughts and hearts go out to Jeff. Our passion for freedom is stronger than any prison.

Montreal, Quebec

A small gathering was held in Montreal where people viewed a video about Jeff's case. A radio interview was conducted on the University of Montreal Radio Station regarding Jeff's case.

Helsinki, Finland

On June 11, there were solidarity actions in three different cities in Finland. In Turku the case was brought up in a Street Party by the local Anarchist Black Cross. In Helsinki, our group, Anarkistinen Toiminta, held some 20 people strong demonstration at the US embassy in solidarity to Luers and other political prisoners and later we too showed some films and collected names to the petition. Also, we launched a Finnish Anarchist Black Cross webpage in www.anarkismi.ent/amr/ to highlight the case of Jeffrey Luers and other political prisoners and will use it as a platform to bring solidarity and support to Free in the future too!

Tampere, Finland

KinoSquat is a bi-monthly movie club in Tampere, showing films of anarchist and anti-authoritarian interest for Free. On Sunday, June 12th, KinoSquat featured Jeff's case by two movies; Green with a Vengeance and 22/8 Jeff Luers Story. About 30 people turned out. The movies were well received, and sparked people to both converse and write letters of solidarity to Jeff and other political prisoners.

Milano, Italy

On June 11, we decided to take part to the global week of support for Jeffrey Luers with some demos and the best way we see to show solidarity is by action and following the struggle our comrades are imprisoned for. Flyposters had been spreaded in the city and among activists groups in Italy and for that day we also issued a translation of Jeff's "How I became an Eco-warrior" essay.

First we met in front of the US Embassy at 11.00. Banners reading "Humans, Nature, Animals, we save them or we lose them together" or "Free Jeff Luers" were displayed and hundreds leaflets given, while someone kept explaining the reason for our protest at the megaphone. Then we moved to a McDonald's in the centre, where we demoed but also had a free vegan lunch offering our food to the people. We kept staying in front of their doors for a couple hours, giving leaflets both explaining the horrors and lies of this multinational and the reason for our day of action in solidarity with "Free".

At the end of this demo, when we had planned to move for a demo in front of a Chevrolet car dealer to highlight the damage of SUV's, we saw a tent being built in the opposite part of the square, and it had an Israelian flag on it. Some activists went there and discovered they were opening a table and tent for some days to invite italians for their holidays in Israel! This was promoted by an organization called "Friends of Israel", which is a Zionist organization spreading all the possible lies on what's happening to Palestinians and their land. A tiny group of activists began shouting and addressing them as real terrorists, and slowly all the protesters moved there, making it impossible for them to open the tent to the public for more than one hour. We circled them, shouted, used whistles and a megaphone to be louder than their nationalist music... and loads of people were watching and many supporting us.

The police, present in full forces, understood they could not move 30 of us away, angry as we were. So they decided to give us a permit to demo at 10 metres from the tent. The Zionists opened to the

public, but our voices and noises were louder than their microphones, and all their official talks could not be heard! Only a tiny part of people, actually their friends already there, applauded their talks.

But we didn't forget to go for the Chevrolet demo, where we stayed 1 hour and gave hundreds of leaflets explaining the reasons to fight against SUVs and Free's action and outrageous prison sentence. This is a working class part of the city, and we received a lot of support for our struggle and also for Jeff. The day ended with a small group of never-tired activists going for a quick and unexpected anti-fur demo at a department store which is subject to a nationwide campaign to make it fur-free. We came home exhausted, but happy that we took part to this global event and could say Free we totally support him. Even if you cannot hear our voices or see our faces, you can know about our action, and this is the message we prefer to deliver!

Melbourne, Australia

The Free Free event went well despite the city hall tram tracks being dug up & the noise of the dozers. We decided to do a info stall in front of the old post office, handing out info about Free and other political prisoners. We hung up 2 banners, "Free Jeff Free in defence of mother Earth & "Free Free Now" free the land a design of that sticker. We went to a bridge opposite the Art Center Melbourne and did a banner drop.

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