

LMN ANNUAL REVIEW 2021



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Introduction

Along with the rest of humanity, we were disappointed that the pandemic was still with us and that we continued to have to work around it. We were unable to resume our programme of speaker tours as we had hoped, and opportunities for in-person events, workshops and other meetings were regrettably few.

However, we were able to make use of all that we had learnt from the first year of the pandemic to enable us to maintain a vigorous programme of online activities. We continued to intervene in mining company AGMs to ensure that community concerns were heard.

“Rio Tinto pretends that it collaborates and talks to the community. Thanks to you, London Mining Network, we had the opportunity to participate in the AGM of Rio Tinto and to ask questions... Thanks to you, our voice was heard further from Serbia. In the days before the AGM, news, emails, videos and an open letter to the CEO of Rio Tinto were spread by London Mining Network. We are grateful for your support.”

Aleksandra Velimanovic, Earth Thrive representative in Serbia

We were able to host a visit by Indonesian activist Siti Maimunah to the COP26 talks in Glasgow in November. As the year ended we were in the process of hiring two new workers, an Administrator and a Latin America Regional Coordinator, to help us meet the challenges of our expanding workload.

■ Our Vision

A just future based on a lower demand for mining and on respect for human rights and ecological justice (including the rights of nature) where mining does take place and in the ecosystems it affects.

■ Our Values

Frontline voices - Solidarity - Collaboration and teamwork - Socio-environmental Stewardship and Just Transition - Personal and planet - Respect - Empowerment - Honesty and transparency.

With these values, we have supported communities in saying ‘no’ to mining projects and holding companies accountable, and we coordinate a network of mining justice organisations, playing an integral role in anti- extractivism campaigning

January

- We marked the second anniversary of the collapse of the tailings dam at Vale's Córrego do Feijão mine in Brumadinho. We commissioned Brazilian artist Flávio Duarte to create an original artwork and published the piece [“Vale’s Crime in Brumadinho” – Solidarity & Remembrance, Two Years On](#)
- Along with seven other organisations across the globe, we published [an open letter](#) to Jakob Stausholm, CEO of Rio Tinto, regarding the company’s plans to develop the Resolution Copper mine in Arizona.
- We published our statement on [Just Transition and Transition Minerals](#).



February

- Despite GCM’s best attempts to [avoid scrutiny](#), we continued to press the company on its plans in Phulbari and [posed questions at its AGM](#) on behalf of our friends and allies.
- We published blogs on Anglo American’s [toxic legacy in Zambia](#), and on its impact on [drought-stricken regions of Chile](#).



March

- We launched our Resisting Mining Book Club. The first instalment focused on *Resource Radicals: From Petro-Nationalism to Post-Extractivism in Ecuador* and featured a presentation from author Thea Riofrancos.
- Ahead of the Rio Tinto AGM, we published [investor briefing papers](#) covering issues in Mongolia, Madagascar, Serbia and the USA.
- We publicised an [open letter](#) from Eritrea Focus and Freedom United on issues of modern slavery in Aggreko PLC's supply chain.



April

- Together with organisations from Bougainville, Madagascar, Mongolia, Serbia and the USA, we launched the *Rio Tinto: No Progress Only Hollow Talk* online campaign to coincide with the Rio Tinto 2021 AGM.
- We launched our Alternative Timeline of Rio Tinto's company history.
- Our two combined mass email campaigns saw over 800 messages sent to Rio Tinto's CEO and board of directors, prompting an official response from the company.



May

- We published the Latin American Network on Anglo American: public statement for our territories.
- Our mass email campaign saw over 300 people write to the CEO and board of directors of Anglo American in the week of the company AGM.
- Alongside groups in Italy and Switzerland, we launched the comic book The Magic of Responsibility in English and Spanish.



June

- The LMN Annual Gathering took place, with speakers from five different countries.
- We published news updates from workers and communities affected by the Cerréjon coal mine.
- Beowulf announced it would hold a closed-door AGM with no possibility of online access. We offered use of our Zoom account but they refused, so we had to settle for submitting written questions to a closed-door AGM.

london mining network annual gathering

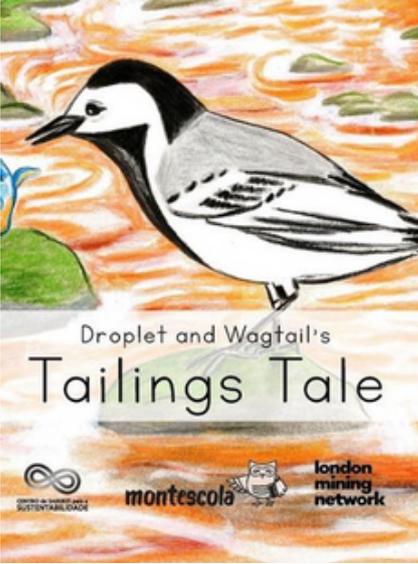
Monday 7 June, 19:00 - 20:30

Speakers:

Aleksandra Velimanovic - Earth Thrive	Marija Alimpic - Protect Jadar & Radjevina
Brytnée Miller - Center for Biological Diversity, USA	Roger Featherstone, - Arizona Mining Reform Coalition, USA
Ketakandriana Rafitson - Publish What You Pay Madagascar	Sukhgerel Dugersuren - Oyu Tolgoi Watch, Mongolia
Lucia R. Cao - Montescola, Galicia	

July

- As part of our Resisting Mining Book Club, we launched *Droplet & Wagtail's Tailings Tale*, an English translation of a Galician children's book about mine waste tailings.
- We published *Dr Steven Emmerman's review* of Credibility Crisis – Brumadinho and the Politics of Mining Industry Reform.
- Following on from the April AGM, we sent a group letter with seven other organisations to Rio Tinto, demanding answers to questions we had posed.



Resisting Mining Book Club
7 July
19:00 BST, 20:00 CEST

Join us for the UK launch of *Droplet & Wagtail's Tailings Tale*, featuring puppets, words from the creators, and advice for educators.

Register now:
<https://tinyurl.com/tailings-tale>

August

- On the 20th anniversary of the forced eviction of the village of Tabaco in La Guajira, we reproduced a statement from the Tabaco Relocation Committee, calling for justice.
- To mark the ninth anniversary of the Marikana Massacre, we supported a vigil at South Africa House organised by Marikana Solidarity Collective.
- In commemoration of the 15th Phulbari Day, we collaborated with Phulbari Solidarity Group on two commemorative events. First, a rally outside the Bangladesh High Commission in London, and then an online bilingual event with Bangladeshi musicians and artists.



September

- As part of the Global Extraction Film Festival 2021, we presented a discussion on the impact BHP has had on communities in Latin America. The talk was called *The BHP Disaster In Latin America: Experiences of Resistance and Solidarity*.
- We published a blog piece about the forced displacement of communities in Colombia.



October

- On the day before BHP's 2021 AGM, we hosted a press and investor briefing under the title *BHP: A Better, Clearer Future?*
- LMN members attended BHP's AGM to put questions to the company from communities in Peru, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and the USA.
- Our event *Making Connections: Young People and Communities on the Frontlines of Climate Justice* brought together speakers and young people from the UK, India and Indonesia.



November

- We published the results of our collaboration with People & Planet, a list of 250 of the biggest extractive and fossil fuel companies in the world.
- We opened applications for the new posts of Latin America Coordinator and Charity Administrator.
- As part of our COP26 activities, we hosted a visit from Siti Maimunah, took part in several of the COP26 Coalition's panel events and launched a lesson plan for teachers.



December

- LMN met with and supported a delegation from the Save Our Sperrins campaign in Northern Ireland on a visit to London.
- As part of a coalition of organisations, we took part in a demonstration outside the Science Museum, protesting the sponsorship of a new exhibit by coal mining company Adani.



Solidarity with Mining Affected Communities

I want to say a huge thank you to London Mining Network for helping us to speak about the problem we are facing, not only in Serbia but to be heard worldwide, and I think you are all doing a great job and ... I do believe you are doing something great here not only by stopping the current damaging project but by showing the world that there is a healthier alternative to what is happening right now and that we do not have to continue living like this."

Marija Alimpic – Protect Jadar & Radjevina, Serbia

Throughout the year, we maintained contact with communities affected by London-linked mining companies and with organisations working with them. Some of our contact with communities is direct, some via our member groups and some via national NGOs with which we work in various countries.

We ran a successful online campaign around the Rio Tinto AGM in April, with social media content reaching over 95,000 impressions and gaining a very high engagement rate. We published an 'alternative timeline' summarising the company's history. Artwork from the Autonomous Design Collective and video content from campaigners across multiple continents combined well and led to over 800 people heeding our 'call to action', including a specific call to action over Rio Tinto's operations in Serbia, prompting a response from the CEO of Rio Tinto.

We participated in the Anglo American AGM in May, raising the issues that our contacts in communities affected by the company's operations asked us to raise. We submitted a large number of questions in advance so as to maximise the likelihood of their being answered. We published a statement from communities in Latin America affected by the company. We ran an email campaign to put pressure on the company, with a related action specifically about Cerrejon Coal in Colombia aimed at the mine's owners Anglo American, BHP and Glencore, and the Colombian Government.

Later in May, we ensured that Antofagasta plc heard the concerns of people affected by its operations at Caimanes in Chile when we raised issues at its AGM. A Chilean court decision shortly afterwards supported the community's concerns.

Our email campaign around the BHP AGM in October led to over 300 emails being sent to the company board. BHP management has yet to make a response. Before the AGM we held an online event to discuss BHP's record in Latin America, *Experiences of Resistance and Solidarity in the Americas*, and a webinar aimed at investors and journalists, *BHP: a better, clearer future?*, both of which were well attended. We submitted numerous questions in advance of the AGM at the request of the communities with whom we work.

Ensuring that institutional investors hear directly from mining-affected communities

We worked with the Local Authorities Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) to provide opportunities for community representatives to speak directly to investors about the negative impacts of the larger mining companies -Anglo American, BHP, and Rio Tinto. Investor webinars were held with Oyu Tolgoi Watch and Mongolian herders about Rio Tinto's Oyu Tolgoi project; Arizona Mining Reform Coalition about the Rio Tinto/BHP copper mining project at Oak Flat, USA; a representative of the indigenous community of Provincial, Colombia, and their lawyer, about the impacts of the Cerrejon coal mine (owned by Anglo American, BHP and Glencore*); and mine workers from Cerrejon and IndustriALL global union. LAPFF has actively pursued the issues raised in its engagement with mining companies, including at company AGMs. LAPFF's report on human rights and mining, which has arisen from conversations with contacts with whom we provided them, will be available in April 2022.

*as of January 2022, Glencore will assume 100% ownership of Cerrejon.

Communities, COP26 and climate change

LMN was actively involved in the work of the COP 26 Coalition, along with member groups War on Want and Global Justice Now. We contributed to several webinars in preparation for COP26 and as part of the alternative People's Summit organised by the COP26 Coalition during the Glasgow talks.



Website

Over the course of the year, various improvements have been made to the website in order to make our materials more accessible, as well as upgrading site security and loading times. Work has begun to improve our SEO (Search Engine Optimisation) ratings. Resource pages housing recordings of our online events and upcoming 'Resisting Mining Book Club' events have been created, making these more easily available. We have also begun to use our website as a more interactive tool for campaigning; through the use of the 'Formidable Forms' plugin, we have been able to draw supporters to our website to participate in mass email campaigns.

Comparing total website views over a 12 month period, we've seen a 42% increase in traffic. This suggests that the investment of time and resources into the site this year has led to more people visiting and engaging with our content. We can also see that investing in social media campaigns has had a noticeable effect on how people engage with LMN online, as 13% of all visits to the website originated from our social network sites (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn combined).

We've also seen an increase in traffic from major search engines from 24,198 in 2019/20 to 30,944. Search engine traffic now accounts for 51% of our site views.

The increased engagement with our website suggests that the overall profile of London Mining Network is growing - we're becoming more recognised as a hub of information on mining and resistance to it, more accessible and easier to find. If more people are visiting our website and reading our content, then it suggests that we're succeeding in making mining issues and related struggles more accessible and more widely known among the public.

Social media

We ran two social media campaigns this year, focusing on major mining companies (Rio Tinto and BHP). Both of these campaigns contained an element of awareness raising and an action for supporters to take, in the form of sending an email message to the CEO and Board of Directors of each company. In both cases, the campaigns performed very well; materials for the Rio Tinto campaign reached over 95,000 impressions (i.e. times the content appeared on someone's social media feed) and resulted in 800 emails being sent to Rio Tinto (prompting a signed response from the company CEO). The BHP campaign reached over 44,000 impressions and led to 385 emails sent.

Press Work

Over the course of 2021, London Mining Network has been featured in, provided quotes for, or had research quoted in the following news outlets:

- Evening Standard (Save Our Sperrins)
- DeSmog (Marcus Fysh MP)
- Bloomberg (Church ethical investment mission)
- Jersey Evening Post (COP26)
- Open Democracy (AIM failings/London links to Nagorno-Karabakh)
- El Pais (Spain) (Riotinto mine waste)
- Mining Weekly (Tailings Dam Standards)
- El Ciudadano (Chile) (Anglo American communities statement)
- The Independent (Bolsonaro's 'death bill')
- Financial Times (Minerals supercycle/Material Transition)
- The Wire (India) – (Condemning human rights abuse in India)
- The Ecologist (Brumadinho)
- Mongabay (Anglo American in the Amazon)
- ICN (COP26)

(This is not an exhaustive list - some outlets published us multiple times, some smaller outlets reproduced stories from/featuring us)

Education resource development

We made our education resources available for download on the website. This included resources on BHP and Rio Tinto in particular. Our Education Coordinator, Kerima Mohideen, contributed a lesson plan about the Jabiluka campaign to the Secondary Schools Teach Peace Pack. Our online Mock COP materials were well received and teachers downloaded our PhoneCycle game and tweeted about it enthusiastically. One teacher tweeted about our materials on Bougainville with a critique of existing curriculum material. This shows that there is a gap in the curriculum and we are helping to both fill that gap and improve understanding.



Workshops

Our Education Coordinator, Kerima Mohideen, provided an online workshop on women's resistance to mining for a sixth form. Kerima also gave an online talk for Land Justice Network about organising solidarity work and contributed to a series of online events for geography teachers organised by Radical Geographers, as a result of which more teachers are following her on Twitter and she is receiving more invitations to do workshops.

The few in-person events that we were able to attend demonstrated the continuing value not only of real personal contact but also the usefulness of printed resources as a way to communicate.

Meanwhile, we continue collaboration with groups inside and outside the network, including the Extinction Rebellion educators' group.

"It went incredibly well, from my perspective! The three presentations fit really well with different aspects of the curriculum, including by chance the lecture I gave earlier looking at the role of culture in locating alternative starting points for 'development'. Students responded really well to Kerima's presentation and discussion questions around the Gondi struggle to preserve their forest home. Both she and Shruti made compelling connections between today's struggles against the effects of mining with colonial legislation in India and South Africa, most of which was scandalous and completely new to me. Daniel showcased what students can do to research corporate behaviour using a variety of innovative research methods, which gave me some ideas for skills to teach them towards their final assessment next year. All three led by example in terms of illustrating the kinds of solidarity research and campaigning people do in partnership with communities and movements in the global South."

**Amanda Latimer, Senior Lecturer in Politics, International Relations & Human Rights,
Department of Politics, Faculty of Business and Social Sciences, Kingston University, London.**

Walking tour in collaboration with Goldsmiths, University of London

On 1 December we provided a walking tour of the offices of mining companies, mining financiers and other relevant locations in south west central London for MA students of Goldsmith's, University of London. A video of this event will be made and developed as a resource we can offer to people.

"Thank you so much for an incredible afternoon with such a terrific team - it was really great to have the range of inputs and insights. Everyone was thrilled with the method of the walk. I also appreciate the care that everyone put into planning the day."

Susan Schuppli, Goldsmith's, University of London



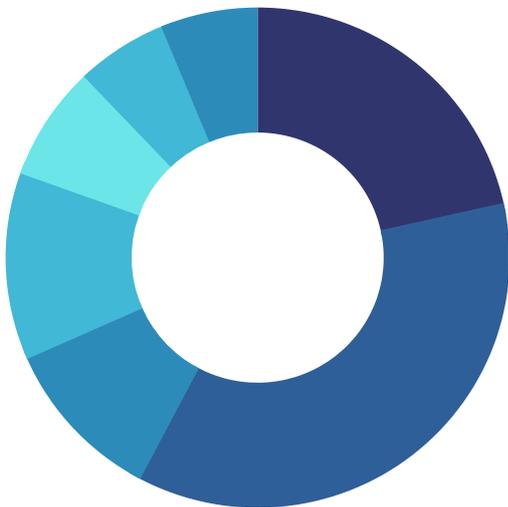
Finance Summary

Income 2021



- Sigrid Rausing Trust
- Ford Foundation
- Passionists
- Kenneth Miller Trust
- Solberga
- Jesuits for Social Justice
- Donation

Expenditure 2021



- Communication and outreach
- Programme Activities
- Network Coordination
- Finance
- Fundraising
- Governance
- Office Cost

Thank You

The Trustees are very grateful to our paid LMN workers:

- Richard Solly, who continued to work as LMN's part-time Co-ordinator
- Saul Jones, who continued to work as LMN's part-time Communications Coordinator
- Steph O'Connell, who continued to work as LMN's part-time Finance and Programmes Coordinator
- Kerima Mohideen, who continued to work as LMN's Education Coordinator
- Daniel Selwyn, who joined Kerima in autumn 2021 to work temporarily to expand LMN's education work.

We are grateful that paid workers frequently put in a great deal of unpaid work.

We have relied on much in-kind support from member groups as well, especially the provision of staff time to assist our work. Andrew Lees Trust, CATAPA, Coal Action Network, Colombia Solidarity Campaign, Earth Thrive, Environmental and Social Change, Gaia Foundation, Global Justice Now, TAPOL, TerraJusta and War on Want in particular have provided enormous help of various kinds during the year.

We are also very grateful to all our advisory committee members and the many others who assisted us voluntarily during 2021, particularly:

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- Shruti Iyer for her assistance with education work and Marikana solidarity
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The levels of engagement, impact in London, media coverage, networking, issues profiled with crown Estate....all remarkable! It exceeded all expectations! So good to link with our great & valued friend and colleagues at LMN. Having friends to link with for London added so much to the organising... It shows what is possible by working together! Ní neart go chur le chéile!"

Cormac B McAleer, Save Our Sperrins Campaign

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