

Re-Wiring the Nation State: efficient public management or creating a civil democracy?

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Apathy Rules OK?

- Declining electoral turnout
- Declining interest in traditional politics
- A diminishing of class based politics
- Corporate Globalisation

E-Visionaries

- “a new social space, global and antisovereign, within which anybody, anywhere can express to the rest of humanity whatever he or she believes without fear.” Barlow, 1996
- a new public sphere?

e-government vs. e-democracy

- Modern State concerned with management of populations
- Organised through rationally administered info systems, bureaucratic structures, professionally dominated
- e-government white papers -continuity or discontinuity?

Wiring up the People

- Re-engineering Government?
- Privatisation of public info systems
- de-professionalisation
- remote control of populations
- welfare direct
- decline of nation states?

Interaction or Reaction?

- Digital Divide is often presented as access deficit - info rich/poor dichotomy
- Democracy is about relations of power based political skills and public space
- The social/economic shaping of technology may reinforce existing inequalities

E-Politics

- Campaigning
- Consultation
- Citizen Forums
- Global Virtual Political Movements

Political Campaigning

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the DemocracyNet website. The browser's address bar and menu bar are visible at the top. The website features a navigation bar with links for 'My Ballot', 'Presidential Race 2000', 'Contact Us', 'Grassroots.com', and 'Ad Policy'. A prominent banner at the top right offers a contest to win a trip to the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival. The main content area is titled 'Your Candidates, Your Issues, Your Decision' and provides information about the site's purpose. It includes several links for users to explore election procedures, the Electoral College, and voting assistance. A 'Find Your Candidates!' section allows users to search by zip code or state. A disclaimer states that the site is nonpartisan and does not endorse any political party. The footer includes the logo of the League of Women Voters Education Fund.

DemocracyNet
DNet **Grassroots.com**

paid ad **and WIN a trip for 4**
to the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival

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Find Your Candidates!

Your Candidates, Your Issues, Your Decision

DemocracyNet - DNet - is your premier public interest site for election information. Enter your zip code to find out who's running for offices on your ballot and where the candidates stand on issues you care about.

State Election Procedures
Find the details of the election procedures in your state

Electoral College
Learn about the role of the Electoral College in our election

Take a Friend to Vote
let's work together to get out the vote

Uniformed and Overseas Citizens
request an absentee ballot at the Federal Voting Assistance Program

Site Slow?
Extremely heavy site use in advance of the election may make the site

See the Presidential Candidates Debate

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Enter your zip code.
 GO!

Or Select a State:
 Go

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On-line Consultation

Welcome to Brent Council

Monday 4 December 2000

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The address of this site is www.brent.gov.uk. It is best viewed using a minimum resolution of 800 x 600. The site is updated continuously - please see the What's New and the Archive sections for major new developments. The Document Data section at the foot of each page contains details of when it was last updated and who is responsible for it (click on the blue triangle).

Council Tax & Budget 1999/00 online consultation

NB this document is still under preparation & not complete yet.

In December 1998 and January 1999 Brent Council carried out a public consultation exercise in relation to the Council's budget for 1999/00.

The Consultation was carried out using a leaflet which was distributed along with the December/January issue of the Brent magazine to every household in the Borough during the last week in November 1998, with leaflets and internet links also available in One Stop Shops and Libraries. Members of the public could also access further information from Council Officers through the One Stop Shops.

Responses could be posted using the freepost address on the leaflet or through post boxes at One Stop Shops and Libraries.

Four representative bodies were consulted, as were 8 NNDR payers with bills in excess of £500,000.

The Results

A total of 2,344 responses were received. This equates to 4.5% of the total leaflets available. This includes 10 responses made through the Internet.

There were six requests for the form to be translated into a different language. All were duly translated and returned to those members of the public requesting this service. None of the translated forms were completed and returned to the Council.

Analysis

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Local Agenda 21 Home A to Z Search Help Sitemap

BRENT COUNCIL **24** hrs

Local Agenda 21 in Brent



German <i>Deutsche</i>	Greek <i>Ελληνική Μεταφραση</i>	Italian <i>Italiano</i>	Spanish <i>Español</i>	Tamil <i>தமிழ்</i>	Urdu <i>الوکل ایجنڈا</i>	Chinese <i>中文</i>
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- [Calendar of events](#)
- [Go Direct to Topic Groups](#)
- [Environment Contacts](#)
- [Action Plan \(Update 1999\)](#)
- [Recycling Sites](#)
- are you doing your bit?

On-line Consultation 2

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Hansard Society website. The browser's address bar is empty, and the menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'View', and 'Favorites'. The website header features the Hansard Society logo and tagline: 'Hansard Society promoting effective parliamentary democracy'. A navigation menu on the left lists various sections, with 'E-democracy Programme' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'e-democracy Programme' and 'Online consultations'. It contains three entries: a March 2000 consultation with women survivors of domestic violence, a November 1999 consultation with the Commons Public Administration Select Committee, and an October 1999 consultation with women scientists and engineers. A sidebar on the right contains icons for 'Online Consultations', 'Virtual MPs Office', 'Publications', 'Programme Director', and 'Advisory Panel'. A small graphic of Big Ben is visible in the top right corner of the website.

Hansard Society
promoting effective parliamentary democracy

The Society
Parliament and Government Programme
E-democracy Programme
Training and Events
Scholars Programme
Publications
Scrutiny Commission
Scottish Parliament Programme
Citizenship Education Programme
Useful Links
Questions and Feedback

e-democracy Programme

Online consultations

March 2000: we ran a highly-successful online consultation involving over 900 women survivors of domestic violence with the All-Party Domestic Violence Group. The summary of the evidence is available here ([Womenspeak](#)) and our report on the process of using the internet to increase democratic inclusion is also available ([New Media & Social Inclusion](#)).

November 1999: we ran an online discussion about e-democracy, in collaboration with the Commons Public Administration Select Committee which was examining that subject. [The consultation report](#) was submitted as evidence to the Select Committee.

October 1999: we ran an online discussion which was open to women scientists and engineers who were invited to discuss themes relating to a House of Lords' Science and Technology committee inquiry. Full report and summary available.

[Full Report](#)
[Summary](#)

Note: Both reports require [Adobe Acrobat](#)

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Citizens Forums 1

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Minnesota e-democracy website. The browser's address bar and menu bar are visible at the top. The website has a dark blue header with the logo and navigation links for ABOUT, DESKTOP, DISCUSS, and ELECTIONS. A central announcement titled "Session Topics - Web Survey Here" invites volunteers to participate in a survey. Below this is an "Updates" section with a subscription form. The "Discussion" section follows, highlighting forums for the Capitol and Communities.

Minnesota e-democracy

[ABOUT](#) [DESKTOP](#) [DISCUSS](#) [ELECTIONS](#)

Session Topics - Web Survey Here
E-Democracy seeks volunteers to create up to five topical e-mail list on top state legislative issues. Fill out our survey and tell us which issues on which we should focus.

Updates

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS A FEW TIMES A YEAR

Receive important project updates via e-mail. Carefully type your e-mail address correctly here and press

Subscribe:

Discussion

CAPITOL FORUM, COMMUNITIES FORUM AND MORE

E-Democracy is a neutral and respected host of online public issue discussions at the state and local level. Our online discussions open up the political process and play a serious, real-world public agenda setting role. You make these forums work by participating.

[The discussion index provides quick access](#) to our many

Citizens Forums 2

TVCO

Tees Valley Communities Online

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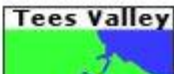
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communicate with Teessiders at home and abroad about anything at all!

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Tees Valley


[New Feature - Brief Bulletin Items and Suggested Links](#)

[we find a relative of one of the names in the Roll of Honour](#)

New Political movements 1



POWER TO THE PEOPLE

THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER CAMPAIGN

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May 16 Protest at PG&E Shareholder Meeting

3-5 PM, San Francisco's Masonic Auditorium

On May 16, from 3-5pm in San Francisco's Masonic Auditorium (1111 California Street) PG&E will hold its annual shareholder meeting. Let's come out in full force and tell the top executives how we feel about a company that:

- has drained billions of dollars from our state budget;
- for years sent the utility's profits to the parent company, which now refuses to pay the utility's debt;
- gave out \$50 million in raises and bonuses the day before it declared bankruptcy;
- helped write and promote deregulation, and now refuses to take responsibility for its actions;
- has saddled poor communities with severe health problems from its polluting plants.

Let's show our support for an alternative to this financially and morally bankrupt company: public power.

Bring signs, friends, noisemakers.....and please help us spread the word.

Thank you,
Medea Benjamin, Global Exchange

PS If you have PGE shares you can "loan" us to get inside the meeting, please let us know. call (415)255-7296.

Upcoming Events

[May 7-11 Say No to the PUC! Go to the hearings. Click for more...](#)

[May 14 Youth Rally for Environmental Justice. Click for more...](#)

[May 5th Article: Ratepayers Win in Court! Click for more...](#)

[Archive: The Emergency Energy Summit Click for More...](#)

[Archive: Agenda for Emergency Energy Summit Click for More...](#)

Full Calendar of Events – [Click Here](#)

Write a Letter Opposing the SoCal Edison bailout! [Click Here!](#)

New Political movements 2



Stop building Alqueva Dam in Portugal

Starting from February 22nd, Europe's most extensive deforestation programme began in the beautiful Guadiana valley of eastern Portugal. Chainsaws ripped through the first of the more than one million trees which are to be felled, including thousands of mature holm and cork oaks - all of this to make way for the Alqueva dam.

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Who's doing what?
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Monsanto MAYhem
Italians protest against Monsanto Roundup Ready plant
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Report on FTAA
Metal fences, lots of police but also great carnival against capitalism, April 2002
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Not all americans are bad apples

The power game

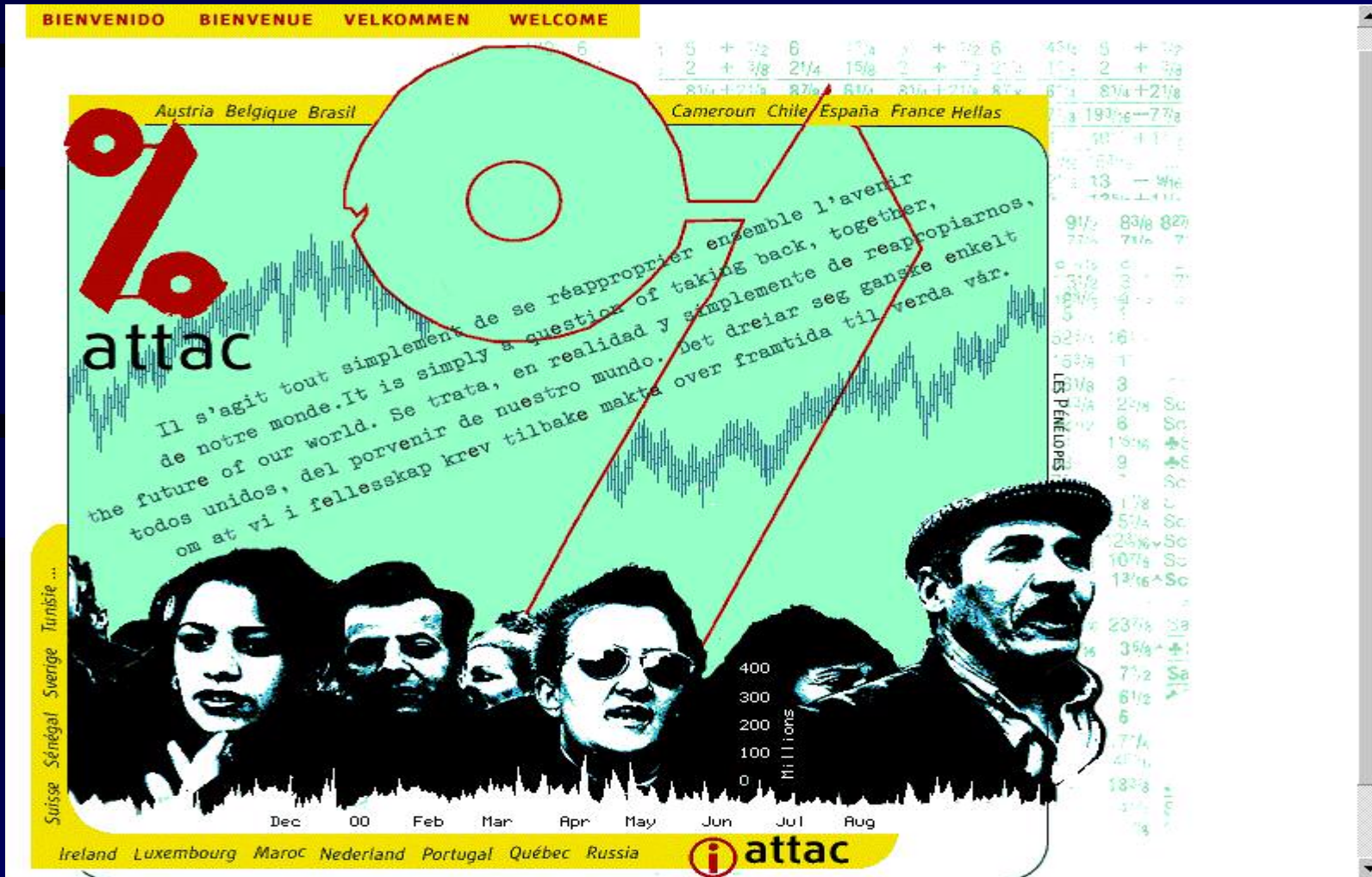
ASEED ACTIVIST MEETING: Breaking down the speak of EU/UN, Corporate influence on UN/EU, Corporate Greenwash, and the role of the International Financial Institutions in UN/EU are some of the topics at the ASEED activist meeting in Tartu, Estonia, 6 - 13 May this year. Deadline for applications to receive travel reimbursement is March 1st. About 30 grassroot activists

New ASEED genotech website!

www.groundup.org

Call for action: International Day of Farmers' Struggle On April 17. Via Campesina will protest against the importation of agricultural products at low prices that destroy local food production and against GMO's and patents. Via Campesina invites

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McSpotlight

STOP PRESS: 20 April 2001

McDonald's spends over \$2 billion a year broadcasting their glossy image to the world. This is a small space for alternatives to be heard.

New to the site? [Start Here](#)

Who, What, Why? [Contact us](#)

Join [mailing list](#) here:

McDonald's Workers Resistance (MWR) Campaign Update
A message of solidarity to all McDonald's workers to unite to fight back against the company.

Where's the Beef? It's in Your French Fries
There's no denying it: McDonald's admits to using beef flavoring in its french fries.

Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser
The Dark Side of the All-American Meal
A groundbreaking work of investigation and cultural history that may change the way America thinks about the way it eats.




McDonald's in Russia
McDonald's the testing ground for Russia's new unionists

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[Danone gets medieval,](#)
[the WTO gets worse](#)

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[@TMark's point](#) is not that greed is bad (everyone knows that) but that large corporations can *only* be greedy. Some people don't like that.

FIND ▲

New Political movements 6

COMING SOON...



JULY 4 DECLARE INDEPENDENCE
FROM CORPORATE RULE

The Second American Revolution will be a
Party in the Streets. For Life, Liberty and
the Pursuit of Happiness.

Civil Democracy

- New models of governance based upon restructuring state institutions and Civil Society
- Contested Public Spaces -an electronic commons
- Virtual Global Social Movements
- Active participation by citizens

Principles for A New Governance?

- Democratic politics is about reasoning NOT rationality - Ideas change the world! Ideas are essentially contested
- Citizen autonomy requires rights to be recognised
- Negotiated outcomes are the means by which we learn moral codes and understand diverse opinions - inclusion