

Support Daniel McGowan!



Daniel McGowan is an environmental and social justice activist from New York City. In December 2005, he was arrested and threatened with life in prison for his role in two acts of property destruction against two Pacific Northwest corporations (one cutting down old growth forests and the other planting genetically modified trees on state property). Daniel and 3 others refused to cooperate and accepted a plea bargain in which they implicated no one else. On June 4, 2007, Daniel was sentenced to 7 years in federal prison on charges of arson and conspiracy. He began serving his time on July 2nd at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn.

Daniel grew up in Rockaway Beach, Queens, and is a much-loved member of the community. He has worked on many projects including the demonstrations against the Republican National Convention in 2004, counter-military recruitment efforts, organizing "free markets" in his neighborhood, and supporting political prisoners such as Jeff "Free" Luers. At the time of arrest, Daniel was earning a Master's degree in acupuncture and was working at WomensLaw.org, a nonprofit that helps survivors of domestic violence navigate the legal system.

Daniel McGowan's arrest came in the context of a well-coordinated, multi-state sweep by the Federal government of over 15 activists involved in environmental defense work. Many have dubbed this round up a 'Green Scare' because those arrested have been labeled 'terrorists' and threatened with life in prison despite the fact no one was injured by any of their actions. In court, this label was transformed into a legal status when 7 of the 10 defendants were given a "terrorist enhancement", permanently branding them as 'terrorists' even though they never have and never would injure anyone.

Although Daniel's court proceedings are over, he needs your support now more than ever. Daniel wants to make the most of his time in prison and has enrolled in a Master's program in Sociology that he can complete while imprisoned. Please see reverse for information on how you can make donations to go towards his educations, as well as contribute to his commissary account in prison. Some other ways you can help Daniel are by writing him a letter, organizing events or even just handing out flyers to get the word out about his case. Check out www.supportdaniel.org for more ideas!

8 Things You Can Do To Help!

WRITE TO DANIEL!

Receiving letters is the highlight of Daniel's day. Please write him and tell him you support him.

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Check out www.supportdaniel.org for letter-writing guidelines.

CHECK OUT DANIEL'S WEBSITE:

Be sure to bookmark www.supportdaniel.org and check back often for updates. You'll find the latest information on Daniel's case, download flyers, learn about upcoming events and more.

DONATE TO DANIEL'S EDUCATION FUND:

Daniel is earning a Master's degree while in prison, but it is expensive and he needs your help. You can donate via a Paypal button on www.supportdaniel.org or contact us if you'd like to send a check or money order.

GET ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT LIST:

The list sends out the latest information. Get updates, info on benefits, pertinent articles and ways to help.



Sign up at http://lists.riseup.net/www/info/supportdaniel_announce or send an email to friendsofdanielmcg@yahoo.com.

CHECK OUT DANIEL ON MYSPACE AND FRIENDSTER:

Add Daniel as a friend and forward to others!
Go to www.myspace.com/danielmcgowan and
www.friendster.com/profiles/danielmcg

BUY OR DISTRIBUTE 'SUPPORT DANIEL' T-SHIRTS:

We have a wonderful design printed on four different sweatshop-free shirts. Check our website for sizes, colors and prices. Bulk orders are available too.

HOST A BENEFIT IN YOUR CITY:

Plan an event to raise money and awareness. Any help that you can offer is appreciated. Events that discuss the political implications of Daniel's case and the 'Green Scare' are important to educate people.

ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST OF SUPPORTERS:

Send us an email with your name, profession (if any), affiliation (if any) and city/state/country and we will put you on our supporters list on the website.

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