



**THE UNITED RESISTANCE CAMPAIGN
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Day One of the United Resistance

Over 200 concerned residents marched through the rain towards Cuadrilla's Preston New Road fracking site this morning. The #100Women March was the launch event for the United Resistance – a three-month creative campaign against fracking.



Today's March celebrated 100 years of female emancipation but also served to highlight the health risks, of which women in particular, are susceptible to as a result of fracking.



Claire Stephenson of Frack Free Lancashire said:

"Today was a tremendous start to what will be three months of concentrated, inventive, and non-violent direct action which will show Cuadrilla that resistance to their invasive project is not going away. Today's theme drew attention to the particular vulnerability of women to the hazards that this unwanted industry brings with it.

"Studies from the USA and Canada have shown that pregnant women living in proximity to fracking sites are at risk of premature delivery or having children with reduced birthweight, and that women in general are at greater risk from breast cancer given that many of the chemicals used in fracking, found in the flowback fluid, or which are found in the emissions from the fracking equipment have been linked to an increased risk of that disease.

“Today’s “No Fracking or Bust” action where the ground in front of the site was symbolically covered in discarded bras was a graphic illustration of this issue. There are now more than 1200 peer-reviewed studies looking at health issues related to fracking, and more than 80% of the health studies document risks or actual harms.”

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1. Photo feed here on Flickr

Note to Editors:

1. For **all** press enquiries and information, please email directly: unitedresistance@protonmail.com
2. The United Resistance will be led by Lancashire campaigners, with national collaboration.
3. The film, *Power Trip: Fracking in the UK* can be seen [here](#).
4. Daily press and PR information will be uploaded to this [link](#).
5. Public and political opposition to fracking is at an all-time high. The Conservatives are now the only major political party that actively supports the industry, and only 16% of the public support fracking, compared to 79% for cleaner, safer and cheaper renewables.
6. Dedicated local campaigning against fracking in Lancashire and beyond for the last seven years has halted this industry. Sustained opposition has caused months of delays, millions of pounds of losses, and supply chain companies cancelling their contracts.
7. More info about the United Resistance can be found [here](#).
8. Campaign poster attached

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