

## **Emergency Praxis email - Two urgent action requests**

We are forwarding you this message to highlight two important campaigns on tax justice which our churches support. Both are asking for urgent responses to the actions indicated below. Please may we encourage you to add your support.

### **The launch of the Fair Taxes campaign**

Members of the Close the Gap coalition today handed-in a letter to the Chancellor at the Treasury calling for urgent action to be taken to address the issue of tax avoidance and to close the gap in terms of the tax burden between rich and poor in the UK. Big companies are currently exploiting a tax loophole to steal £130 million from our economy every year - enough to pay for all the Sure Start services that are being closed down due to cuts. Please write to the Chancellor and ask him to close the Low Value Consignment Relief loophole now!

This action marks the launch of the Fair Taxes campaign. Follow the link to help raise the profile of this issue within the Treasury:

[http://action.church-poverty.org.uk/ea-](http://action.church-poverty.org.uk/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=128&ea.campaign.id=12401&ea.tracking.id=ctgpartners)

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See also our Praxis blog: <http://www.jointpublicissues.blogspot.com>

### **Final push for a Financial Transaction Tax (FTT) ahead of the G20 Summit in Cannes**

The Robin Hood Tax campaign which the Methodist and United Reformed Churches support has called for a final push for a Financial Transaction Tax ahead of the G20 Summit in Cannes this week (3-4 November). There is increasing support for the introduction of a FTT in the Euro-zone to deal with the deficits in the Euro-zone and raise finance to deal with poverty and climate change in Europe and abroad. We need to get an urgent message to the Prime Minister not to oppose this initiative at the G20 Summit on the false grounds of protecting the UK's national interests.

Follow the link to show your support:

<http://e-activist.com/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=142&ea.campaign.id=12367>

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