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is ON

Radical Active Community Engagement

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About

The word '**race**' is used throughout this publication to refer to the '**human race**' as a species.

The word **race** also implies **urgency** or **speed** at which we must **act**.

Race – is a categorization of **humans** based on shared physical or social qualities into groups generally viewed as distinct within a given society

Race – a situation in which individuals or groups compete to be first to achieve a particular objective: the race for nuclear power.

The word **RACE** is also used to encourage and support **Radical Active Community Engagement** in issues affecting **all life** on **Earth**.

RIO is an acronym for **Race Is On**. It emphasizes the **urgency** with which we as a race of **people** must **act**.

It is also used throughout this presentation to remind us of the first **World Conference on the Environment** held in Stockholm in 1972 and the follow-up '**Earth Summit**' held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992 – a mere three years after Just Forests was born.

In November 2025 the UN will host **COP30** in Bélem, Brazil

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Just Forests is a social initiative, founded by craftsman, human/environmental rights activist and educator Tom Roche in Tullamore in 1989 – in response to Ireland's role in the illegal and oft times bloody, international timber trade.

A digital copy of this publication is available at <https://spoarts.ie>

Researched, compiled, and designed by Tom Roche.

Funded through an insatiable passion for justice and equality.

Dedication

This publication is dedicated to the memory of all those human rights defenders, [land and environmental defenders](#) who have given their lives and the [frontline defenders](#) who risk their lives on a daily basis so we can live in peace.

Context

“The race to a zero-emissions world starts now.”

Antonio Guterres

On Monday 20 January 2025, Donald Trump, on the first day of his second presidency, declared a ‘national energy emergency’ in the United States as an excuse to appease his wealthy fossil fuel corporation supporters—like Texaco/Chevron.

He has vowed to ‘unleash’ oil and gas drilling in Alaska, cut back on climate rules and overturn emissions standards.

Dochas and IDEA must challenge Mr Trump and the mindset that says it’s okay to impose further suffering and destruction on nature and on those who have least contributed to climate change but who will suffer the most as a result of Trump’s policies.

Why? Because we’re not going to have ‘no poverty’ and ‘zero hunger’ until we take Climate Action. We’re not going to have an abundance of ‘life on land’ and ‘under water’ until we take Climate Action.

We’re not going to have a bountiful, hospitable and livable planet until we take Climate Action. We’re not going to have ‘peace’ until we take Climate Action.

All my life, I have been committed to the responsible management and conservation of our forests. Not just here in Ireland but across the globe.

Stewardship. It’s a word I like. It’s about management, protection. Care too. Care for trees. Care for the forests. Care for the people of the forests.

Stewardship. A good word. Both noun and verb. One that frames what I do and how I do it. We, all of us, are but stewards of the natural world, or ought to be. These are our lungs. The air that we breathe.

Sadly, as we all know, that is not always the case. Wanton waste and destructive practices have been the hallmark of the way in which the bulk forests have been and are treated. It is the dominant economic imperative. Slash and burn. Corporate burning for short-term gain. Burning for profit. Not that all those

who engage in such practices are to blame. The poor and dispossessed of the world are often left with no choice. No blame rests here.

Over the years, I have thought a lot about these things. Privately and publicly. And over the years, I have become a public advocate for wood. For the forests of the world. For the people of the forests of the world. In 1989, I founded Just Forests, an advocacy initiative that speaks to hands, hearts and minds.

I take a ‘livelihood’ approach to societies dependence on forests by using ‘wood’ the basic raw material of my livelihood as a furniture maker as the ‘hook’ for my activism.

This is my political work. Social Justice in a time of climate emergency. I am personally experiencing the effects of that same climate emergency. Storm Éowyn –a ‘status red’ storm with gusts of 130km/hr is raging around me as I write, leaving 715,000 farms, homes, businesses without electricity including my own.

It is easy to be silent. Turn a blind eye. For me that isn’t an option. It’s like an itch. Scratching away. This is who I am. God knows I do try but I just can’t leave things be.

In November 2025, the UN Conference of the Parties (COP 30) will take place in Belem, Brazil. It is expected to draw scores of world leaders *‘though not Donald Trump’*, according to an article in The Guardian on Tuesday 21 January *‘who soon after his inauguration on Monday ordered the US’s withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement.’*

So I hope you will join me in my series of monthly vigils at Barringtons Pier in Limerick City leading up to COP 30.

Tom Roche - Founder Just Forests.

January 24 2025

Just Imagine



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FOR A BETTER WAY
OF LIFE FOR THE
HUMAN RACE

IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE FASTER **CLIMATE ACTION**, SUPPORTED BY CUTTING INDUSTRIAL-SCALE CATTLE FARMING AND DAIRYING, AS WELL AS REDUCING OUR CONSUMPTION OF **RED MEAT** AND OUR ADDICTION TO **FOSSIL FUELS**, HAS CAPPED THE WARMING OF THE PLANET.

WE HAVE BUILT GENUINE LONG-TERM **PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GLOBAL GOALS. PEACE AND JUSTICE** FACILITATED BY A JUST **EQUITABLE** TRANSITION **THROUGH STRONG COOPERATIVE INSTITUTIONS**, ENSURES ABUNDANT DIVERSE **LIFE ON LAND** AND FLOURISHING **LIFE BELOW WATER**.

THERE IS **CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION FOR EVERYONE**. **EQUITABLE AND QUALITY EDUCATION, GOOD HEALTH** AND MENTAL **WELL-BEING**, AND FULL **GENDER EQUALITY** EVERYWHERE HAS HELPED TO **REDUCE INEQUALITIES**.

WE WORK TOWARDS A WORLD WHERE THERE IS **NO POVERTY, NO FOOD WASTE** AND **ZERO HUNGER**.

OUR PROSPERITY IS FUELED BY **DECENT WORK** AND PEOPLE-CENTERED **ECONOMIC GROWTH** AS WELL AS **GREEN INVESTMENTS** IN GENUINELY **AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY**. **COMMUNITY-CENTERED INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE** HAS HELPED TO CREATE **RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION** WHICH IS HEALING OUR WORLD, AND WE LIVE IN **SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**.

ALL OF WHICH IS **POSSIBLE** THROUGH OUR DETERMINATION TO **COOPERATE** WITH EACH OTHER, TO ACT **LOCAL AND THINK GLOBAL**, TO SUPPORT SMALL ADEQUATELY-FINANCED **FAMILY-RUN FARMS** OF DAIRY/TILLAGE/LIVESTOCK, TO SOURCE LOCAL FOOD PRODUCE AS WELL AS OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY **LOCAL PROVIDERS** AND BY OUR COLLECTIVE AND PURPOSEFUL **RESTORATION** AND APPROPRIATE **STEWARDSHIP** OF NATURE.

Change attitudes



“Pick an issue. Study it. Figure out who the decision makers you want to influence are. Name the guilty men. Make alliances with experts.

Combine activism with the writing. Create a constituency for reform. And don't stop till you have achieved some progress. This is what I mean by the Joe Frazier method. Keep coming forward. Be relentless. Don't stop moving your hands. Break the other guy's will.

Compassion without anger can become merely sentiment or pity. Knowledge without anger can stagnate into mere cynicism and apathy. Anger improves lucidity, persistence, audacity, and memory.”

Jack Newfield, 1938-2004

Your Mission Is

1. Stir up everyone everywhere

We will work to create an unstoppable force, linking the **RIO Series** to the **Global Goals**. We will identify risks to make sure no one is left behind. This will require each of us to take action – individually and collectively, locally, county-wide, regionally and nationally.

2. Insist on urgency & ambition

We must be the generation to end extreme poverty, stop ecosystem destruction, prevent ecocide, win the race against climate change and conquer injustice and gender inequality.

We will hold our political and corporate leaders to account and point to what is possible when action delivers results.

3. Turn ideas into solutions

We will shine a light on solutions that demonstrate the possibilities of a just transition to renewable energy. We will drive sustainable, common sense innovation – while making space in our local communities, towns and villages for young people to lead.

4. Support the Decade of Ecosystem Restoration

It's crunch time. Progress has been made but no where near enough to achieve the **Global Goals**. More than ever, we need everyone to come together and make the **UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030**, a decade of action for people and for planet and a truly Just Transition for all people in the Midlands of Ireland.

5. Act on the science

Just as our Government acted swiftly on the medical science of the current strains of zoonotic diseases such as COVID 19, we will insist that our political and corporate leaders listen to and act on the science of the global assessment report '**BIODIVERSITY AND ECO SYSTEM SERVICES**' (IPBES Report) launched in May 2019.

We will embrace the scientific findings and act on the IPCC AR6 Synthesis Report: **Climate Change 2023**.

**Join me on the first Friday of each month during
2025 at Barrington's Pier, Limerick City.**

Defend The Defenders

See last page for details

It's Up To Us All To Dream and Imagine BIG ...
because the results of doing all the above is central to our survival.

Enter the

RACE

CLARIFICATION

Throughout this document the brand names; **Texaco** & Chevron are used intermittently.

US oil giant Chevron took over **Texaco** in 2001 - assets and liabilities.

Texaco operate [130 fuel distribution forecourts across Ireland](#). They sponsor the **Texaco** Support for Sport Program - promoted by Texaco brand Ambassador and international rugby star [Donncha O'Callaghan](#). They also sponsor the **Texaco** Children's Art Competition.

The brand name 'Chevron' is best known in the United States and the brand name 'Texaco' is best known in Ireland.



Texaco DUMPED 18.5 BILLION gallons of cancer-causing toxic oil waste in community forests in Ecuador

Texaco CAUSED a cancer epidemic that has maimed & killed thousands of indigenous people

Texaco FLED Ecuador after a court found it guilty

Texaco REFUSED to pay the court-ordered compensation & cleanup after the devastating pollution it caused

Texaco DEMONISED human-rights defender Steven Donziger as a means of scaring and silencing other defenders

Texaco PAID millions of dollars to a corrupt US Judge to put Donziger under house arrest and behind bars where he was held unlawfully for almost 1000 days

Sources for the above:

HERE... <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/feb/08/chevron-amazon-ecuador-steven-donziger-erin-brockovich>

HERE.. <https://theintercept.com/2020/01/29/chevron-ecuador-lawsuit-steven-donziger/>

and HERE... <https://www.forbes.com/sites/morgansimon/2022/05/26/courts-are-not-a-weapon-how-corporations-like-chevron-use-the-law-to-get-their-way/?sh=19a82e4628c2>

We argue that Texaco USED school teachers & children in Ireland for decades to clean up their image through childrens art and they want to do the same through sport.

The first person ever to be prosecuted by a corporate body, namely **Texaco-Chevron**.

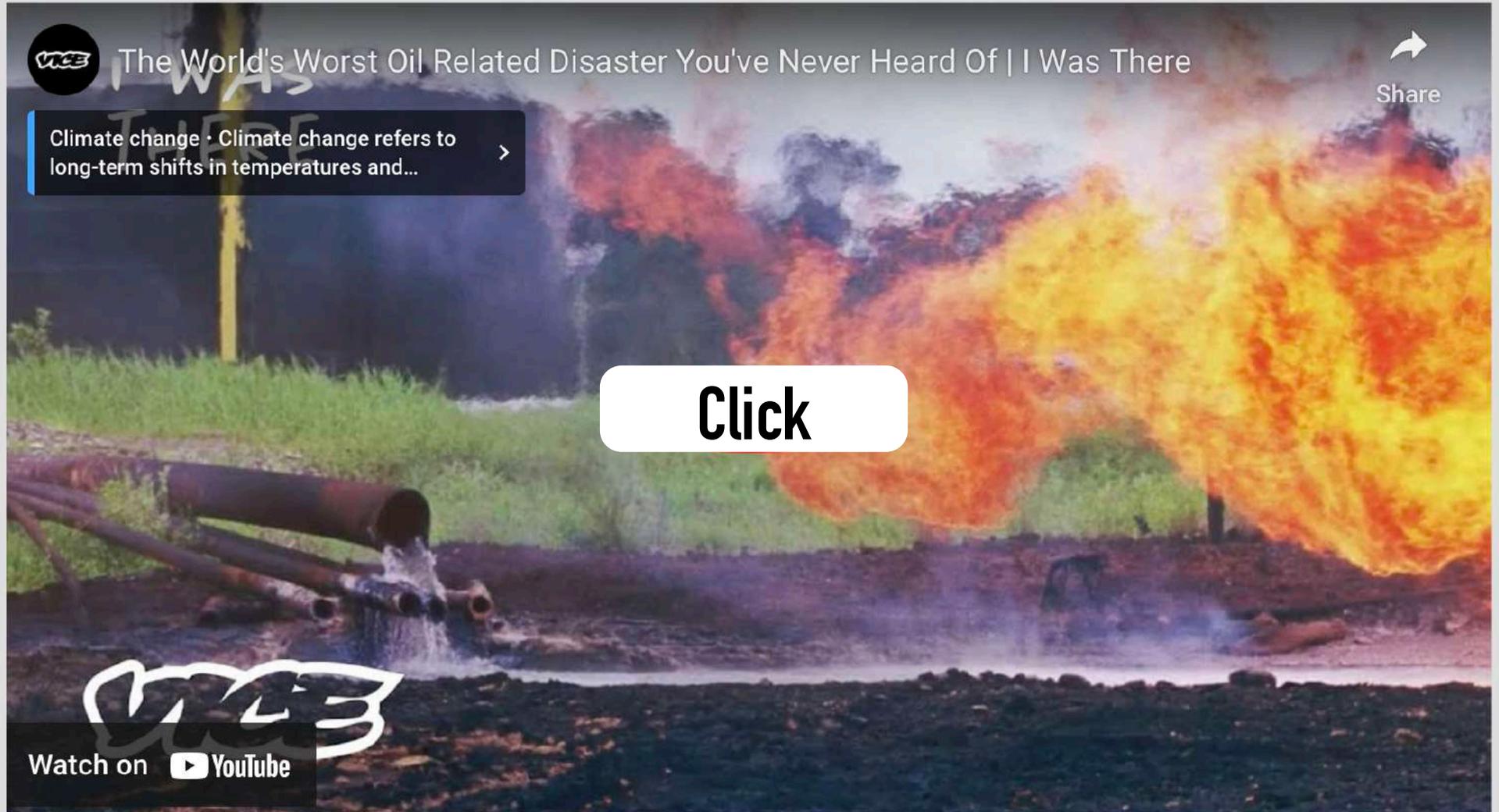
Steven Donziger embraces his son Matthew after receiving a six-month sentence in October 2021.

Photo:
Shannon Stapleton/Reuters



Texaco's Amazon 'Chernobyl'

The worst oil-related disaster you've never heard of



Pardons

On Monday 20 January 2025, in what has been described as an extraordinary use of executive power only hours before he stepped down as President of the United States, Joe Biden pardoned a number of high-profile public servants including Dr. Antony Fauci, retired Gen. Mark Milley and members of the House committee that investigated the January 6 attack on the White House. It is reported that he did so to *'guard against potential "revenge" by the new Trump administration.'*

[Associated Press](#) (AP) reported that the decision by Biden came after now-President Trump had warned of an 'enemies list filled with [names] of those who have crossed him politically or sought to hold him accountable for his attempt to overturn his 2020 election loss and role in the Capitol siege four years ago'.



Trump issues 1500 'unconditional' pardons over January 6 Capitol attack.

Biden pardons his own family members and public servants to guard against potential ['revenge' by Trump](#) and has set the presidential record for most individual pardons and commutations issued.



On his first day in office US president Trump sought to **undo much of Joe Biden's legacy**. He also vows to 'unleash' oil and gas drilling.



"Trump [pardons](#) criminals."



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Biden didn't PARDON DONZIGER



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Despite 34 members of Congress, as well as Brandon Johnson—Mayor of Chicago, supporting Steven Donziger, Joe Biden refused to pardon him.

Lawyers for Chevron, the owners of Texaco, the well-known Irish oil company responsible for the Amazon 'Chernobyl' oil spill were working overtime to "kill" Steven Donziger's appeal for pardon.



The human rights lawyer was targeted by Chevron/Texaco after winning a \$10 billion pollution lawsuit on behalf of 30,000 small farmers in the Ecuadorian Amazon.

Corporations and Billionaires Funnel Millions Into Trump Inauguration Committee

Instead of paying the 30,000 small farmers what they owe them, Chevron, the owners of Texaco, donated an 'not specified' sum of money to the Trump inauguration committee.

**MEET THE CORPORATIONS AND BILLIONAIRES
BANKROLLING TRUMP'S INAUGURATION**

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| AMAZON \$1,000,000 | GOLDMAN SACHS UNDECIDED | PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURERS OF AMERICA \$1,000,000 |
| APPLE/TIM COOK \$1,000,000 | GOOGLE \$1,000,000 | PRATT INDUSTRIES \$1,000,000 |
| AT&T \$1,000,000 | INTUIT \$1,000,000 | RIPPLE \$5,000,000 |
| BANK OF AMERICA UNDECIDED | META \$1,000,000 | ROBINHOOD \$2,000,000 |
| CHEVRON [TEXACO] NOT SPECIFIED | MICROSOFT \$1,000,000 | STANLEY BLACK & DECKER \$1,000,000 |
| CITIGROUP UNDECIDED | OPENAI CEO SAM ALTMAN \$1,000,000 | TOYOTA \$1,000,000 |
| COINBASE \$1,000,000 | PERPLEXITY \$1,000,000 | UBER/CEO DARA KHOSROWSHAHI \$2,000,000 |
| FORD \$1,000,000 | PFIZER NOT SPECIFIED | |
| GENERAL MOTORS \$1,000,000 | | |

*Source: Public Citizen

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Public Citizen

Statement from Steven Donziger

Thursday 23 January 2025

Dear Tom,

It's official: my pardon was denied.

President Biden left office without acting on a request that was backed by 34 members of Congress, more than 100 civil society organizations, and tens of thousands of supporters from around the world.

Only 22 minutes before his term ended, the President pardoned five more family members. I had a glimmer of hope. Minutes later, after I saw Donald Trump take the oath of office, it hit me.

This particular dream had died — for now.

I've gotten word from inside the Biden team that we were able to push my pardon to the very top. In fact, it was discussed for days by the President's top advisors. I was told Chevron's lawyers fought with a bizarre intensity to kill it.



Why in hell were Chevron lawyers allowed in the White House to fight a human rights lawyer seeking a pardon?

This is proof of the immense power our campaign has built – and how we pose a serious financial risk to Chevron.

On the day Mr. Biden denied my pardon more than 500,000 people around the world engaged with our social

media posts. To put it bluntly, this scares the hell out of Chevron.

I see the result as a capitulation by Mr. Biden to corporate power at the expense of the planet and the rule of law. His decision was extremely disappointing – and also an illustration of the lack of conviction to fight for justice at the top levels of the Democratic Party.

I'm moving forward with the same determination and optimism as always.

We will continue to battle for a pardon and for justice for the communities in Ecuador suffering at the hands of Chevron. **And I can assure you we will never be silenced.**

That said, I weep over what an affront this is to the people of Ecuador. Many are dying from Chevron's toxic waste while our government protects the oil giant that inflicted the harm.

Despite this setback, there is a major silver lining.

The extraordinary level of support we galvanized has catapulted us to a new level of possibility. Your voices

made a monumental difference. The way we pushed this to the top is yet more proof of what we can accomplish together.

I am thankful to each and every one of you for staying with this campaign. I will be in touch soon about some exciting new steps as we continue the historic battle to restore my freedom and to hold Chevron fully accountable for its “Chernobyl” disaster in the Amazon.

We fight on.

Thank you!!

Steven Donziger



Support Donziger's fight for Justice

Almost 15 years ago, Steven stood with Amazon communities in Ecuador against Texaco-Chevron as they won a landmark \$10 billion legal case over the deliberate dumping of cancer-causing oil waste onto indigenous ancestral lands. Texaco-Chevron then targeted Steven with an unthinkable backlash unprecedented in the nation's history.

Texaco-Chevron's ferocious attack campaign made Steven the first person in US history prosecuted and jailed by a private corporation. Texaco-Chevron also took Steven's passport, law license, and bank accounts and forced him into detention for almost three years without a jury trial.

Just Forests and friends will continue working to restore Steven's full freedoms and secure justice for the Amazon communities of Ecuador.

**Your support can make a huge difference.
Please consider a donation today.**

P.S. Chevron-Texaco closed Stevens bank account and had him barred from practicing law. They also had his passport confiscated so he can't travel to see his clients in Ecuador.

If you would like to support Steven financially you can do so at this link: [Click here to donate now.](#)

Please share this statement with a friend who wants to hold big oil accountable and join me on my monthly vigils in Limerick City – see details on last page.

Texaco want to destroy **DONZIGER**

Texaco and their owner US oil giant Chevron, spent billions trying to destroy him after he won the largest pollution case in history.

'It's a tale as old as time: an underdog fighting for what's right, and a powerful [oil] giant doing everything it can to stop him.

Yet in today's America, the giants don't lose – they rig the system to crush anyone who dares to challenge them.'

**ITS TIME WE STOPPED THIS GRAVE
INJUSTICE PERPETRATED AGAINST THE
PEOPLE OF ECUADOR AND
STEVEN DONZIGER**



It's time to turn our Values into Action

So I hope you will join me in my series of monthly vigils at Barrington's Pier, Limerick, leading up to COP 30. It's time Texaco paid the communities in Ecuador and return Steven Donziger's FREEDOM back to him.

(See last slide for details)



Donnocha O'Callaghan

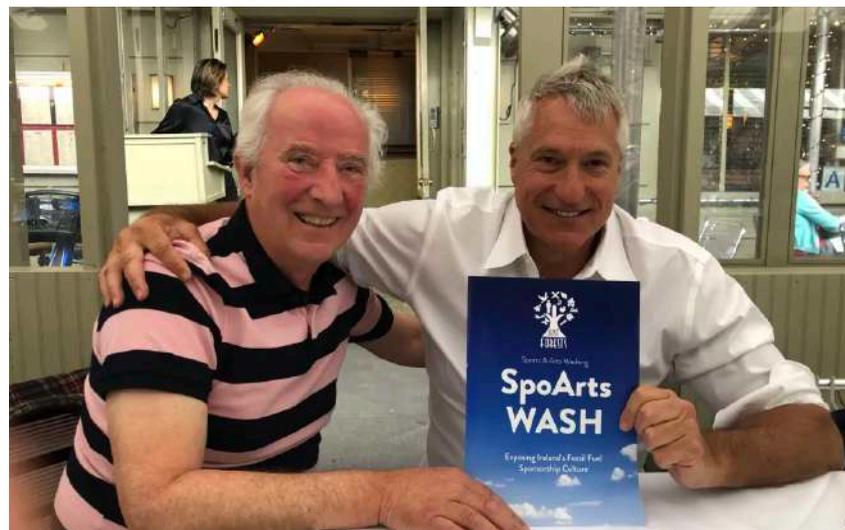
[Goodwill Ambassador & Board Member of Unicef IRELAND](#)

Help **STOP** Ireland's Green Washing Culture in 2025 and Restore Steven Donziger's Freedom





May 2024: Friends of Just Forests hold a vigil outside the US Embassy in Dublin.



June 2023: Tom Roche, founder of Just Forests meets Steven Donziger in New York



December 2024: Friends of Just Forests hold a vigil outside the US Embassy in Dublin.

Trocaire, Concern Worldwide, GOAL, Self Help Africa, in fact all DOCHAS member organisations have ignored the glaring *Conflict-of-Interest* taking place at Unicef IRELAND which is directly connected to the ongoing death of communities in the Ecuadorian Amazon, Steven Donziger's incarceration and continued denial of freedom.

“There is a broad corpus of NGO-led work [in Ireland] on climate justice, climate change and greenwashing per se. This is as it should be and as we have the right to expect. The work of Trócaire (2017) on climate justice and that of DE.ie on greenwashing (Kendrick, 2023) are just two examples of that ongoing work. But on the specific issue of the conflict of interest involving Texaco and UNICEF, all NGOs (individually and collectively), with the exception of Just Forests, have been singularly silent.

The unwillingness of UNICEF Ireland and other Irish INGO platforms, specifically Dóchas: the Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations and IDEA (the Irish Development Education Association), to acknowledge what we regard as a clear conflict of interest in Mr. O’Callaghan’s dual ambassadorships of Texaco and UNICEF is deeply troubling, if not indefensible. Remaining silent on this issue is tantamount to colluding in Texaco’s sportswashing agenda.”

King, P, Regan, C and Roche, T (2023) ‘Awash in Greenwash’, Policy and Practice: A Development Education Review, Vol. 37, Autumn, pp. 142-158.

<https://www.developmenteducationreview.com/issue/issue-37/awash-greenwash>

“Just Forests resource is a positive step towards building knowledge and action to counteract fossil fuel companies’ greenwashing activities to improve their image. The strongest parts of the report are the sections focusing on Texaco owner Chevron’s brutal environmental and human rights abuses in Ecuador, and the criminalisation of those trying to hold them to account.”

Sian Cowman, PhD researcher and freelance climate and environmental justice educator

(You can view Sian Cowman’s review of SpoArts WASH by [clicking on this link](#))



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<https://spoarts.ie/download-spoarts-wash/>

It's time to 'see the wood ...

'We either stand with the majority of the world's population who in their everyday lives feel the heat of the fossil fuel companies or we stand with the fossil fuel oil companies. Sports and cultural organisations, all actors within Irish education and the Irish development NGO sector, have a similar choice and, as citizens of one of the wealthiest countries in the world and least affected by the extremes of climate change, so do we as individuals. A clear binary choice. Collude with the Texaco greenwashing agenda or disassociate themselves from that agenda. Stand with the oppressed people of the world who suffer desperate deprivations because of the activities of the billion-dollar fossil fuel industry or stand with the billion-dollar oil companies and their apologists.'

King, P, Regan, C and Roche, T (2023) 'Awash in Greenwash', Policy and Practice: A Development Education Review, Vol. 37, Autumn, pp. 142-158.
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An Taisce
The National Trust for Ireland

Friends of the Earth

IDEA
IRISH DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

IRISH DOCTORS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

unicef
for every child

ASTI

GOAL

NYCI
National Youth Council of Ireland

Trócaire
TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD

christian aid

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Irish National Teachers' Organisation
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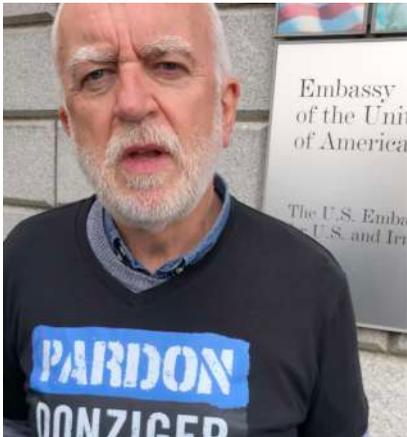
Self Help AFRICA

Irish charities fail to protect children from FOSSIL FUEL Sponsorship in the CLASSROOM

ELEPHANT in dóchas ROOM

Irish charities fail to protect children from FOSSIL FUEL Sponsorship in SPORTS

... for the trees'



December 2024: Peadar King outside the US Embassy in Dublin during Just Forests 'vigil' asking Joe Biden to Pardon Steven Donziger

'It is not possible, in my opinion, to work with children in greatest need while simultaneously representing a multibillion fossil fuel company that has been found to poison children. I have had personal witness to that in a film I made in 2004 - see below.

I understand it takes courage to call out UNICEF Ireland on this but if we are unable or unwilling to do so, surely that undermines all other instances where we see conflict of interests or raise important and fundamental human rights issues? Notwithstanding that difficulty, I urge you to call for Mr. O'Callaghan's resignation as goodwill ambassador for UNICEF Ireland while he continues to represent Texaco.

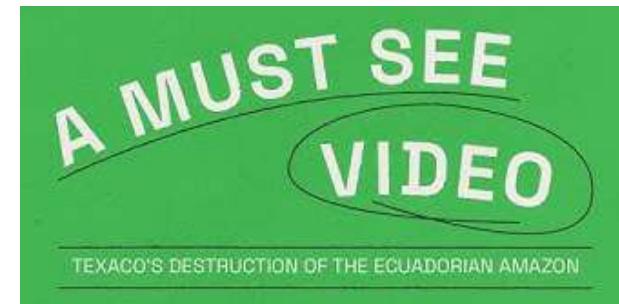
In the context of Mr O'Callaghan's association with Texaco oil company calling for his resignation as a UNICEF Ambassador in my opinion chimes with the Dóchas vision of working towards 'a world where poverty and marginalisation are unacceptable, and where every person has the right to live a life in dignity', a view, I suggest, not shared by Texaco oil company.'

Extract from a letter by Peadar King, to the CEO of Dóchas - 14th December 2021

In this video ©Peadar King, producer and presenter of the RTÉ global affairs series, 'What in The World', shows the destruction left by Texaco in Ecuador.

Narrated by (the late) Rodney Rice of RTÉ.

Special thanks to Peadar King for permission to link this video



[Click to view](#)

And finally... please consider this...



May 2024: Tom Roche outside the US Embassy in Dublin during Just Forests 'vigil' asking Joe Biden to Pardon Steven Donziger

Ireland is a wealthy country. We are ranked as the sixth richest country in the world in 2022 with a [GDP per-capita](#) of \$85,267.

On the other hand Ecuador only has a 'projected' [GDP per capita](#) of \$14,304 in 2023.

So, we need to ask ourselves why does a company like Texaco want to give our sports clubs money?

They didn't ask the communities, sports clubs or the schools in Ecuador's Amazon basin if they wanted sponsorship for sport or children's art competitions. Would it not have made more sense if they did considering the vast amounts of oil Texaco took out of Ecuador and the tragic loss of life and ecological mess they left behind?

They didn't write to sports clubs in Ecuador and ask them if they needed money to upgrade their meagre sports facilities. No. Instead, Texaco tell us that they want to share their apparent generosity with the wealthy people of Ireland. They want us to think they are a good community corporation with our best interest at heart. The opposite is actually closer to the truth.

Irresponsible businesses, including fossil fuel companies like Texaco, are driving catastrophic climate change as well as the destruction of climate-critical tropical forests, and the communities and biodiversity that rely on them.

Corporate deception goes to the heart of greenwashing.

...and this... **What would Aengus & Jack say?**



“Justice, humanity and action were what defined these giants of a man who helped carve out the path of professional Irish humanitarian response that we still follow today.

What they achieved may never be fully quantified but they saved and improved the lives of millions of people, bringing compassion to chaos, humanity to the most inhumane situations.

Our responsibility is to ensure that their legacy lives on.”

Extract: Taken from the ‘Concern design brief’ for the design, construction and instillation of the Giants of Men Memorial to Frs. Aengus and Jack Finucane—co-founders of Concern Worldwide.

<http://concernproject.tomroche.ie/design-brief/>

You can find out more about the Finucane Brothers [at this link](#)

FREE Donziger Vigils – 1st Friday of every month in Limerick City

COP30 2025

The first in a series of monthly vigils at the Giants of Men Memorial, Barrington's Pier, Limerick City, will take place on Friday 7 February 2025, from 12:00 Noon to 14:00.

Why not join me every first Friday of the month, in the lead up to COP 30, at the memorial to two of Ireland's great humanitarians .

All welcome. Use the vigil as an opportunity to have your lunch on the banks of the awesome River Shannon - before it's diverted to Dublin.

**It's time to
Defend the Defenders—like
Steven Donziger, from big
oil.**

P.S. For updates keep an eye on the website link below for more...

<https://justforests.ie/coming-in-2025/>

GIANTS OF MEN Memorial
Barrington's Pier
Limerick City



Let's be clear...

“Dear friends, let's be clear, human activity are at the root of our decent towards chaos, but that means that human action can help solve it. Making peace with nature is the defining task of the 21st century.

It must be the top, top priority for everyone everywhere. In this context the recovery from the pandemic is an opportunity. We can see rays of hope in the form of a vaccine, but there is no vaccine for the planet.

Nature needs a bailout. In overcoming the pandemic, we can also avert climate cataclysm and restore our planet. This is an epic policy test. But ultimately, this is a moral test. The trillions of dollars needed for covid recovery is money that we are borrowing from future generations - every last penny.

And we cannot use those resources to lock in policies that burden them with a mountain of debt on a broken planet. It is time to flick the green switch.

We have a chance not simply to reset the economy but to transform it. We are facing a devastating pandemic, new heights of global heating, new lows of ecological degradation and new setbacks in our work towards global goals for more equitable, inclusive and sustainable development.

To put it simply, the state of the planet is broken.

Dear friends, Humanity is waging war on nature. This is suicidal. Nature always strikes back -- and it is already doing so with growing force and fury.

Biodiversity is collapsing. One million species are at risk of extinction. Ecosystems are disappearing before our eyes. Deserts are spreading. Wetlands are being lost.

Every year, we lose 10 million hectares of forests. Oceans are overfished -- and choking with plastic waste. The carbon dioxide they absorb is acidifying the seas. Coral reefs are bleached and dying.

Air and water pollution are killing 9 million people annually – more than six times the current toll of the pandemic. And with people and livestock encroaching further into animal habitats and disrupting wild spaces, we could see more viruses and other disease-causing agents jump from animals to humans.

Let's not forget that 75 per cent of new and emerging human infectious diseases are zoonotic.

It's time to flick the “green switch”. We have a chance to not simply reset the world economy but to transform it.”

Antonio Guterres
UN Secretary-General

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