



## Non-Governmental Public Action Programme

### Preliminary Research Findings Brief

#### Friends of the Earth International: Negotiating a North-South Identity

##### Project aims, objectives, methods

The aim of the project is to assess how a global, or transnational, environmental movement identity develops by focusing on Friends of the Earth International (FoEI), which is the largest transnational environmental network, with members in 71 countries.

The objectives of the project are:

- To gather new empirical evidence of network ties, resource and information flow within a trans-national environmental network.
- To explore the varieties of ways in which environmentalism, social justice and social transformation are articulated within FoEI;
- To assess the degree of common ground between Northern and Southern nodes of the network
- To explain the boundaries of the collective action and identity of FoEI

Methods: We are combining a questionnaire survey of the 71 member organizations with observation of the meetings of FoEI, interviews and analysis of internal documents, where available.

##### Key research findings

##### Policy and practice implications

- The findings of the project are still preliminary and research will continue during 2008 so it is too early to specify these.

##### Key publications and outputs

Doherty, B. (2006) Friends of the Earth International: Negotiating a North-South Identity, *Environmental Politics*, vol. 15, No.5.

Doherty, B. and Doyle, T. (2006) Beyond Borders: Transnational Politics, Social Movements and Modern Environmentalisms, *Environmental Politics*, vol. 15, No.5.

Doyle, T. and Doherty, B. (2006) 'Green Public Spheres and the Green Governance State: the Politics of Emancipation and Ecological Conditionality,' *Environmental Politics*, vol. 15, No.5

(The above chapters are also reprinted in a forthcoming edited book version of the special issue of the journal in which they appeared (Doherty and Doyle, *Beyond Borders*, London: Routledge, 2008).

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