



# **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES vs. FALSE SOLUTIONS**

***to the climate & environmental crises***



*Véronique Sekuka, an Indigenous Baka woman who was evicted from what is now Odzala-Kokoua National Park in Cameroon*

**Our Speaker, Callum Russell, of Survival International, works closely with the Hongana Manyawa people of Indonesia.**

**A 20-minute video** will reveal the realities of Indigenous people's lives, and their struggle to defend the world's carbon-absorbing forests and grasslands against extractive industries.

## **Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> October**

19.15 – 21.00 pm, Central United Reformed Church,  
Norfolk Street, central Sheffield, S1 2JB

**Free, all welcome. (No photos, please)**

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# **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES vs. FALSE SOLUTIONS** **to the climate and environmental crises**

Indigenous peoples make up just 6% the world's population, but they safeguard huge areas of the world's biodiversity, and have been shown to be by far its best guardians. They also play a vital role in controlling climate change, by defending the world's carbon-absorbing forests and grasslands against extractive industries – including for some unthinking global-North Green New Deals!

In fact some of the most urgent and overlooked issues facing Indigenous peoples today centre around the industrial world's false solutions to the climate and environmental crises. Indigenous peoples are bearing the brunt of these false solutions, which are devastating their territories and usurping their custodianship of the planet's green and blue spaces.

In Indonesia, for example, the Hongana Manyawa people are facing annihilation from nickel mining in their rainforest, nickel which is destined for electric car batteries. Meanwhile, from Tanzania to Cambodia, Indigenous peoples are being abused and restricted from their lands in the name of “conservation” and “carbon offsetting”, while so called “sustainable” logging and trophy hunting is being actively encouraged.

It is a cruel irony that, in response to marches on the streets for a Green New Deal, the market system has produced false solutions which target Indigenous peoples who are defending the green lungs of our Earth.

Our speaker Callum Russell is the Asia Research and Advocacy Officer in the Indigenous rights organisation **Survival International**. Callum helps to coordinate Survival's campaigns for the rights of uncontacted peoples in Asia. He works closely with the Hongana Manyawa people in Indonesia, who face annihilation from nickel mining in their rainforest, nickel destined for electric car batteries.

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