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# Wondering About the G8?



## The Travelling Road Show

**May 25th-June 9th  
2002**

A project of:  
the Parkland Institute  
and  
the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation

## **The 2002 G8 Summit**

This June, the leaders of the eight most powerful countries in the world will meet behind closed doors in Kananaskis Village for the 2002 G8 Summit. The G8 has developed over the last quarter century to become the central body of global governance. The G8 controls and influences the most powerful institutions in the world, from the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to the World Bank.

### **Why should we care about the G8?**

The G8 is undemocratic and exclusive, making decisions behind closed doors that affect people around the world. The G8 meets in secret and there is no transcript of discussions. Discussion papers and reports are rarely released to the public.

### **The G8 supports profit not people**

The G8 has been called the engine that drives neoliberal globalization, a system which has resulted in a world where half of humanity lives on less than two dollars a day. The institutions controlled by the G8 ignore the impacts of their policies, and the G8 refuses to press for real reform.

### **The G8 is not accountable**

Promises made at previous summits from institutional reform to meaningful debt relief have not been met, and demands from civil society and governments in the south for true reform have been ignored for years.

## **Road Show topics include:**

### **Globalization 101**

An overview of the history of globalization and the current international situation. This topic area includes an introduction to the main players in the global game, and how their actions affect us all. Participants will explore what globalization means for them and their communities.

### **The G8: Who are they and what do they do?**

An introduction to the G8, its history and its current activities. This topic area will address the connections between the G8 and other powerful global institutions such as the World Bank, IMF, and the WTO. We will also be looking at the agenda for the Kananaskis Summit and the implications of G8 decisions.

### **A better world is possible!**

We are often told that 'there is no alternative', and this model of globalization is upheld as the 'natural evolution' of society. In fact, there are thousands of alternatives and this model can be replaced with a more just, sustainable one. But what would that world look like, and how would it function? To act effectively against corporate-led globalization, we need a vision of what real justice might be. This topic area can discuss what the global justice movement stands for and wants, and what can we do to make that vision real.

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Sunday May 26  
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### **St. Paul**

Tuesday May 28  
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### **Medicine Hat**

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### **Lethbridge**

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### **Pincher Creek**

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### **Calgary**

Saturday June 1 and Monday June 3  
Contact: (403) 295-8123

### **Red Deer**

Sunday June 2  
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### **Banff and Canmore**

Saturday June 8  
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