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## March for the Alternative Organisers' briefing March 2011

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### Coach Briefing Excel

This briefing is for people in coaches that are parking at the Excel Exhibition centre.

Each coach should have a travel steward who we have briefed in detail about the day. There is also more information on [www.marchforthealternative.org.uk](http://www.marchforthealternative.org.uk).

#### Arriving

Where you will be dropped is a matter for your group organiser and coach driver, but as there are hundreds of coaches coming and many road closures it cannot be near to the march assembly point and you will need to complete your journey by public transport.

If you are parking at Excel, then it is likely that you will be dropped at Canary Wharf, Canning Town or other Jubilee tube station. From here you can catch a direct train to Southwark, from where it is a short walk to Blackfriars Bridge. You should buy a zone 1-3 Travelcard @ £7.30 if you are returning to Excel to catch your coach.

**Where you join the march will depend on what time you arrive.** There are zones at the start of the march for particular unions, but once these fill up (and we expect that to happen pretty fast) we will direct new arrivals to the rear of the march. As we do not want people to join the march from the front, we will have stewards on bridges across the Thames to guide marchers. At some stage during the day it is likely that we will divert marchers from Blackfriars Bridge to Southwark Bridge.

#### Returning to your coach

To return to your coach you will need to get the Jubilee line from Green Park tube to Canning Town. To get to Green Park you should leave via the Upper Brooke St Gate, cross Park Lane and travel via Grosvenor Square. This is even more important if the march is still coming into the park as you will have to walk against the flow of the march to get to Green Park tube.

Depending on how busy Excel is you may be able to make arrangements for your coach to pick you up nearer to Canning Town station with your driver.

