

# DAN Timeline 1993 to 2011

## Disabled People's Direct Action Network (England and Wales)

DAN National Actions (usually three days)		
Start date	End date	Brief description
Spring 1993	--	<b>DAN is founded</b> – at a weekend meeting in Norwich (Ashwelthorpe Hall, the HQ of Disabled Drivers Association).
Around 18 July 1993	--	DAN demo in <b>Christchurch</b> , national by-election. Campaign against Bob Hayward, who had talked out a civil rights bill in House of Commons in 1991. Con majority 23,000 wiped out.
18 May 1994	--	Rally in <b>London</b> , Trafalgar Square, many disabled people signing a gigantic letter to Prime Minister, John Major MP.
2 Sep 1994	3 Sep 1994	Street protests in <b>London</b> . The Independent on Sunday newspaper reports 25 arrests on Saturday (second day).
30 Mar 1995	1 Apr 1995	Street protests in <b>Cardiff</b> , 100+ Danners protesting, six arrested and charged with obstructing a train.
12 Oct 1995	14 Oct 1995	Street protests in <b>Birmingham</b> - demo outside a trade show of new buses for sale, results in £130m for accessible buses.
29 Mar 1996	30 Mar 1996	Street protests in <b>Nottingham</b> , Ken Clarke MP office, stopped rush hour traffic across the city on first day, kettled in a surface car park by police on second day. Results in the Robin Hood line to become accessible; and Central Trains.
19 Sep 1996	21 Sep 1996	Street protests in <b>Derbyshire</b> and installing a concrete ramp at <b>Buxton</b> train station. "Kicking them in the Marginals".
3 Apr 1997	5 Apr 1997	Street protests in <b>London</b> - "Going Underground" 3 Apr - Confederation of Passenger Transport offices, 4 Apr - London Transport HQ and Baker Street tube station 5 Apr - Labour HQ (Millbank Tower) occupation and demo, and the Conservative HQ, demo outside.
4 Sep 1997	6 Sep 1997	Protests in <b>Bristol</b> , where demo focus switched to non-public spaces because of recent death of Princess Diana.
5 Apr 1998	8 Apr 1998	Street protests in <b>London</b> including the government's transport department (DETR).
25 May 1998	27 May 1998	Street protests in <b>Newcastle &amp; Gateshead</b> , demos for accessible housing, setting up Centres for Independent Living, for free social care, ending abuse in institutions.
27 Sep 1998	30 Sep 1998	Street protests in <b>Hull</b> – "Hell in Hull", John Prescott MP's office, the Secretary of State for transport etc.
22 Apr 1999	--	Street protests in <b>Bournemouth</b> , "Free Our People" demo, at the AGM of the Association of Directors of Social Services.
26 Sep 1999	29 Sep 1999	Street protests in <b>London</b> (26-28 Sept), followed by a "Future of DAN" meeting on 29 Sept.
6 Apr 2001	8 Apr 2001	Street protests in <b>London</b> , "Free Our People" Day 1: offices of the political parties, Day 2: Dept of Health and Leonard Cheshire charity; Day 3: DETR and Parliament.
24 Apr 2002	26 Apr 2002	Street protests in DAN Action in <b>London</b> , the last DAN multi-day national action.



<b>DAN Local Actions (one day)</b>	
Start date	Brief description
13 Sep 1993	DAN demo outside Jaybeam Ltd offices to support disabled worker
1 Oct 1993	DAN held its 2nd organising Conference in <b>Hull</b> with 26 activists
26 Nov 1993	DAN demo against Children In Need, at West Yorkshire Playhouse, <b>Leeds</b> - delayed the start of filming 30 minutes by banging on the studio doors
Pre April 1995	TATE Gallery <b>London</b> demo.
27 Mar 1994	DAN demo at <b>Downing Street</b> with a concrete mixer, wheelbarrow, bucket, trowel ("No 10 to provide the water").
28 Mar 1994	<b>Leeds</b> railway station, 100 disabled people demo at "Rights Not Roses" against Jimmy Savile opening a flower bed on a station platform, a "garden for the handicapped", costing £40k.
14 May 1994	Brent DAN demo in Camden, <b>London</b> , outside New Goodfare café for sign, "Due to lack of space we cannot accommodate for the disabled."
18 May 1994	DAN demo in <b>Whitehall</b> outside Dept of Social Security HQ to protest at Nicholas Scott MP, Minister, feeding amendments to backbenchers to talk out a civil rights bill by Dr Roger Berry MP.
23 May 1994	DAN demo outside <b>Parliament</b> , crawling 100 metres on the pavement to try to access House of Commons.
7 Jul 1994	DAN march from <b>Parliament to Downing Street</b> on real costs of discrimination against disabled people, laying wreaths.
9 Jul 1994	DAN demo in <b>Trafalgar Square</b> , to sign a 30-foot by 6-foot letter to John Major MP, Prime Minister.
24 Sep 1994	<b>Oldham</b> , Greater Manchester - DAN action.
28 Sep 1994	DAN demo in <b>Oldham</b> , Greater Manchester, against inaccessible buses.
25 Nov 1994	DAN demo/s against BBC Children In Need being broadcast. Multiple cities inc <b>Manchester</b> .
10 Dec 1994	<b>London</b> , Harrods, Danners occupy shop after previously being barred from entering with powered wheelchairs.
9 Feb 1995	DAN demo "catching buses" on <b>Westminster</b> Bridge.
27 Mar 1995	<b>London</b> , Parliament, Disability Discrimination Bill starting its Report Stage in the House of Commons, with cement, cement mixer, shovel, life-size model of John Major; and an attempted crawl into Parliament.
26 Apr 1995	DAN march from <b>Rochford</b> , 35 miles to Westminster, against Dr Michael Clark MP trying to stop the civil rights bill proposed by Harry Barnes MP. (26 – 28 April 1995).

28 Apr 1995	DAN demo outside <b>Parliament</b> against the Disability Discrimination Bill, buses stopped.
13 Aug 1995	"Rights not Miracles" demo, Morris Cerrullo, Earls Court, <b>London</b> , evangelical preacher with "cures".
7 Nov 1995	DAN demo at <b>Parliament</b> Square, for a civil rights.
Spring 1996	<b>London</b> , Conservative Party HQ.
11 Mar 1996	DAN demo <b>London</b> , Labour Party HQ, 6-hour sit-in.
14 Jun 1996	<b>Bury</b> - demo outside Alistair Burt MP's office (Bury North), and Minister for Disabled People, (abandoned on 15 June 1996 when the Manchester city centre bomb exploded) "Kicking them in the Marginals".
28 Jun 1996	DAN demo, <b>Cardiff</b> North and Vale of Glamorgan, "Kicking them in the Marginals".
12 Jul 1996	West Yorkshire DAN, transport action on trains, <b>Dewsbury</b> (on platform and on a train arriving from Leeds).
13 Sep 1996	<b>London</b> , Hillingdon tube station.
25 Oct 1996	Action at new <b>Pudsey</b> railway station, West Yorkshire DAN.
Nov 1996	DAN Training Weekend, <b>Birmingham</b> .
15 Nov 1997	DAN Training Weekend, <b>Derby</b> .
22 Dec 1997	<b>London</b> , <b>Downing Street</b> gates, " <b>Blair's Blood</b> " protest on benefit cuts, international press coverage inc New York Times, NBC TV.
13 Feb 1998	Co-ordinated demos in five cities – <b>Liverpool, Bristol, Nottingham, London, Sandwell</b> .
17 Mar 1998	<b>Leeds</b> : DAN demo, DHSS offices.
5 Apr 1998	DAN Exhibition of photographs, press cuttings, videos. "10 Years of Direct Action – Disabled People Fighting Back" at Royal National Hotel, Bedford Way, <b>London</b> WC1H. (5 – 8 April 1998).
12 Jul 1999	DAN Action, <b>London</b> .
31 Aug 2001	<b>Manchester</b> - DAN demo outside The Guardian offices on Polly Toynbee article.
5 Oct 2002	<b>Manchester</b> , Renaissance Hotel, picket of a Leonard Cheshire evening event.
June 2004	<b>Manchester</b> - DAN demo at Disability Rights Commission offices on weak legal rights.
In 2007	<b>London</b> , Department of Transport.
March 2009	<b>Birmingham</b> – demo outside the council's social services head office.
22 Nov 2011	DAN picket of the Disability Rights UK annual conference, <b>London</b> . LAST ACTION

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