

Hope for Creation: Building a Greener Future Together

PROGRAMME

Inspired by Luke Jerram's Gaia at Gloucester Cathedral
13th October – 1st November 2020



The Only Future is Green

*with Lord Deben, Chairman of the national
Committee on Climate Change*

Wednesday 14th October 2020

7.00pm to 8.00pm

The Rt. Hon John Gummer, Lord Deben, is Chairman of the Committee on Climate Change, which advises the government on building a low-carbon economy. He will be talking about the key steps policy makers need to embrace, and how we can all play our part in creating a greener future.

Lord Deben was the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food between 1989 and 1993 and was the longest serving Secretary of State for the Environment the UK has ever had. He has consistently championed an identity between environmental concerns and business sense. To that end, he set up and now runs Sancroft, a Corporate Responsibility consultancy working with blue-chip companies around the world on environmental, social and ethical issues.

This event is free but attendees must register in advance, click here to register: <https://app.artsvp.co/f8e7b7>

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Once registered, you will receive an email confirmation with a Zoom link.

Speaker



**The Rt. Hon John
Gummer, Lord Deben,
Chairman of the Committee
on Climate Change**
[www.theccc.org.uk/author/
lord-deben](http://www.theccc.org.uk/author/lord-deben)

Green Community Engagement: Celebrating Local Action

Tuesday 20th October 2020

7.00pm to 8.00pm

The conversation in this zoom seminar, hosted by Andrew Braddock and Cate Williams, offers a 'green' angle on community engagement. Participants will share local stories about engagement with the local community that has an environmental focus.

Stories include a community eco-week; a community conservation volunteering group; tree planting; and an eco-purchasing cooperative. The hope is that this will spark ideas and possibilities, and some sharing of good practice for others who may be interested in similar for their communities.

Alongside other angles on this conversation, information will be shared about how to get involved with the Diocese's partnership with Woodland Trust to plant trees across our communities. There will be an opportunity for questions, comments and discussion.

This event is free but attendees must register in advance, click here to register: <https://app.artsvp.co/583574>

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Useful Links

www.gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/environment

www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/charlton-kings-environment.html

Speakers



Canon Dr Andrew Braddock, Director of Mission and Ministry, Diocese of Gloucester



Cate Williams, Founder and chair of 'Green Abbey', a community conservation volunteering group

Joe Knight, Co-founder of the Newnham Harmony Project

Susan Cooke, Vicar, Benefice of Shurdington and Witcombe with Bentham

Andrew Lansley, Councillor, Charlton Kings Parish Council

A World Rebooted

with Ruth Valerio

Wednesday 21st October 2020

7.30pm to 8.30pm

In lockdown, there have been positive surprises in the midst of the pain. We saw renewed community life as we organised ourselves to help neighbours and look out for each other. We placed a new value on people who sometimes go unnoticed: delivery drivers, supermarket workers, refuse collectors, NHS workers. We rediscovered how important nature is to our wellbeing and saw nature thrive and pollution levels drop. And we learnt that in a crisis we really can act and change ingrained habits.

Will we hold on to those positives or go back to the 'old normal'? We know the old normal was leading to environmental catastrophe and harming countless numbers of people, around the world and in the UK. We now have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reboot our economy in a fair, sustainable way – so that it works for everyone and protects the environment.

Ruth is an author, international speaker, and global advocate. Having previously been the Churches and Theology Director for A Rocha UK, Ruth is now the Global Advocacy and Influencing Director for Tearfund and Canon Theologian at Rochester Cathedral. She is involved in issues of community regeneration, co-chairing the Community Association for the estate that she lives on. Concerned to 'practice what she preaches', she has an allotment, runs a food cooperative and a pig-keeping social enterprise. Ruth has written extensively on justice, environment and lifestyle issues.

Ruth's talk will be followed by Q&A.

Speaker



Dr Ruth Valerio, Global Advocacy and Influencing Director, Tearfund
<https://ruthvalerio.net/>

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Our Green Future: Environmental Action by young people, for young people

Thursday 22nd October 2020

7.00pm to 8.30pm

This webinar aims to give young people age 12 -24 an idea of the inspirational environmental sustainability work going on across Gloucestershire by other young people.

We have a wonderful, talented range of young people speaking about their experiences working for a greener future, sharing case studies and practical tips plus opportunities for young people to get involved in this valuable work.

We will close with a Q&A and time for all attendees to share aspirations of how to live greener in future, with the option to pledge to make at least one positive action/change for environmental sustainability in the year ahead.

This event is free but attendees must register in advance, click here to register:

<https://app.artsvp.co/052143> **BOOK** ➔

Once registered, you will receive an email confirmation with a Zoom link.

Speakers

Rosemary McCloskey,

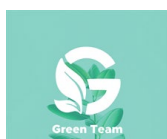
Natural Flood Management Manager, Stroud District Council and Trustee of Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk/about-0/who-we-are/meet-trustees

Rosemary McCloskey will open this webinar with a short talk about her experience in youth engagement through her career and her work with GWT to set up a youth board.



Following our key note we open the floor to influential young people working in the region to promote environmental sustainability in different ways. Speakers include:



The University of Gloucestershire Green Team – The Green Team are an entirely student led society who strive for sustainability both on campus and in the community around them. Committee members Billy, Fin and Ethan will talk about their work and how to get involved. Billy is also Chair of Cheltenham Young Greens and happy to also answer questions on their wider work.

<https://www.yourstudentsunion.com/organisation/greenteam/>



Robin Watkin Davis, Shift Movement Art – Robin will share insights into how yoga and movement transformed her life as a teenager and how she now shares her knowledge and skills as an instructor. Robin works specifically with young people to build resilience and wellbeing through movement. As well as this work, Robin also uses her passion for movement off the mat in her art and environmentalism.

<https://www.shiftmovement.art/>



Gloucestershire Youth Climate Panel member Kane Peters will talk about his experiences of communities working together to instigate long term environmental change. Kane is also an advocate for environmentally sustainable solutions for business, particularly the music industry.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-august-2019/youth-climate-panel-applications-are-open/>

Mission Net Zero: Delivering Positive Climate Action

Thursday 29th October 2020

11.00am to 1.00pm

The year 2020 is seeing rapid shifts in society towards sustainability – and to ensure that green recovery will be key to our coronavirus adaptation.

Organisations across all sectors are taking the initiative and picking up pace to tackle the climate agenda and drive down wider environmental impacts.

Meanwhile the Environment Bill 2019 has focused minds on the ambition for 'Net Zero' carbon reduction that covers all our direct and indirect emissions.

The Net Zero challenge is complex but the appetite for change is clear – sustainability is the imperative that no individual or industry can afford to ignore.

Join us for this business-focused session with expert speakers from four different organisations sharing their latest plans and delivery issues for Mission Net Zero.

Supported by RCE Severn – our Regional Centre of Expertise in Sustainability Education for collaboration in the Severn region, based at University of Gloucestershire.

This event is free but attendees must register in advance. A link to book tickets will be released via the Cathedral website (<https://bit.ly/3jkAsLp>) in mid-October.

Once registered, you will receive an email confirmation with a Zoom link.

Chair



Alex Ryan,
University of Gloucestershire

Alex leads the University's sustainability strategy and performance across its core operations as well as academic activities and partnerships.

<http://glos.ac.uk/sustainability>

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Speakers



Becky Gordon, Interface

Becky is the Sustainability Manager UK & Ireland for Interface, globally recognised pioneers of sustainability in business. As a key advocate for Interface's Climate Take Back mission, and member of the Interface global sustainability team, Becky focuses on the commercialisation of sustainability in the built environment.

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Jon Furley, University of Gloucestershire

Jon's role is to reduce carbon emissions at University of Gloucestershire by driving organisational and behavioural change for staff and students and technology change across the estate to achieve net zero.

<http://glos.ac.uk/sustainability>



Gary Thomas, Forest Green Rovers and Ecotricity

Gary Thomas is the Sustainability Lead for the Ecotricity Group and Forest Green Rovers Football Club is a showcase for the four pillars of our activity – Energy, Transport, Food and Nature which together are responsible for over 80% of our carbon emissions. We may be the smallest club in the football league, but we have a voice that is heard across the globe.



Anne Cranston, Gloucester Cathedral

Anne's role includes supporting the Cathedral to develop its strategy, business model and operations to balance long term sustainability for people, planet and prosperity. Working in a building which has existed for over 1,000 years and for an organisation committed to achieving NetZero in the next decade brings its own challenges.

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