



TRANSFORMATION NATION

Responding to Climate change

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Machynlleth
19-20 September 2008

Conference Chair: Cynog Dafis

Keynote Speakers

George Monbiot, Sir John Houghton, Patrick Holden, Mark Lynas, Morgan Parry and Pete Segger

This conference will explore, in practical terms, the complex interactions between climate change and rural culture: from the global to the truly local. What are the complex interactions between land-use, energy, food production, buildings, transport and waste management in combating climate change? How can local communities take climate change issues more seriously and environmental activists seek a more profound understanding of local culture? How can the uplands of Wales be harnessed in the battle to combat climate change at the same time as being a focus for our cultural heritage? How can the Transition Towns initiative be rolled out across Wales? What is the future role of the Centre for Alternative Technology? Can the designation of the Dyfi Valley as Wales's first UNESCO Biosphere provide a fresh stimulus for local responses to climate change? As an aspirant 'Transformation Nation' how can Wales mobilise its resources more effectively?

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FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

- 1pm Buffet lunch
 2pm **Cynnal Cymru Annual General Meeting**
 Open to all
 Keynote Address
Climate Change, Global Equity and Energy Security
Patrick Holden, Chief Executive, Soil Association
- 6pm Conference Registration
- 7pm Buffet supper
- 8pm **George Monbiot**
 Bottom-up Campaigning and Top-down Leadership
- 9pm Bar

12:00 **From Transition to Transformation: Sustainable Development for Everyone.**

Morgan Parry, Chair, Cynnal Cymru – Sustain Wales

12.30pm **Adapting our Forests and Uplands to Climate Change**

Jon Owen Jones, Chair, Forestry Commission Wales

1pm Buffet Lunch

2.00pm **The Dyfi Valley UNESCO Biosphere Designation**

Roger Thomas, Chief Executive, Countryside Council for Wales

2.30pm Break-out groups:

(i) The Dyfi Biosphere: Projects and the Role of Culture

Led by **Andy Rowland**, Manager, Dyfi Eco Valley Partnership, and **Allan Wynne Jones**, Dyfi Biosphere Partnership

(ii) Zero Carbon Transition Technologies

Led by **Paul Allen** and **Peter Harper**, Centre for Alternative Technology

3.30 **The Transition Towns Movement**
Pete Segger, Organic Farm Foods

4pm **Actions for Change**
 Roundtable led by **Cynog Dafis**

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

10:00 Arrivals and coffee

11:00 **How Wales can make a difference to the global politics of climate change.**
Sir John Houghton, former Chair of the UN Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change

11:30 **Is it already too late?**
 Mark Lynas, author of *Six Degrees: Our Future on a Hotter Planet*

RESPONSE FORM

- Please reserve me place(s) for all Friday and Saturday events @ £45 (£35 to IWA and Cynnal Cymru members)
- Please reserve me place (s) for the Friday evening buffet and George Monbiot lecture **only** @ £12.50p (£10 to IWA and Cynnal Cymru members)
- Please reserve me place(s) for Friday Cynnal Cymru AGM **only** – Free (to include lunch)
- I require disability access I require translation facilities from Welsh to English
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