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Events

Thu 13 Feb 2020, Stroud - GlosCAN event - "UN climate negotiations: From Madrid 2019 to Glasgow 2020"

You are invited to come to an **interactive talk and discussion** led by **Skeena Rathor**, entitled **"UN climate negotiations: From Madrid 2019 to Glasgow 2020"**

Details: Thursday 13 Feb 2020, 7.30 p.m. at Stroud Congregational Church Hall, Bedford St, Stroud GL5 1AY, next to the Subscription Rooms in the centre of Stroud. If parking, please use public parking nearby - see details and map.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission free, but donations welcome. Expected finish at 9.30 p.m.

All welcome. Please publicise through your own networks. Details are also at GlosCAN.org.

This will be an informal event where everyone should have a chance to contribute. If you would like to make a two-minute 'pitch' of your own, please contact

info@gloscan.org. Please note that we are not planning to have projection facilities.

Background: Skeena attended the 'COP25' UN climate conference in Madrid in December 2019, and had personal meetings with major participants. She will talk about her experiences and the inadequacies of the present process, and lead a discussion on what campaigners could do ahead of the crucial 'COP26' conference in Glasgow. 2020 is the year that the 2015 Paris Agreement will formally come into effect, and has been widely portrayed as a critical point. As Sir David Attenborough recently put it in a BBC interview, "The moment of crisis has come".

Show the Love this February - from the Climate Coalition



Show the Love by creating a voice for change that is impossible to ignore

Please help to spread the message by using resources below

Every February since 2015, people from all walks of life have joined the UK's biggest conversation about climate change.

By taking part you're joining with hundreds of thousands of people - from musicians to football clubs, community groups to businesses, astronauts to schoolchildren, teachers and faith leaders - to show the love for everything we want to protect from the climate crisis. <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/show-the-love>

Beautiful things are possible when we join together. This year let's continue to be a voice for change that's impossible to ignore, video https://youtu.be/7_3rnPkYCcc
Schools update

The Show the Love schools pack is available [here](#). Please share with your school's team and promote to your school's network.

Digital update

The key element of the Show the Love digital comms this year are:

- 1 A groundbreaking report, highlighting the impact of climate change on our homes
- 2 A digital pledge action using an Instagram filter, and a quiz on our website
- 3 An inspiring film showing real people taking real actions

You can read more details **here**.

Build a climate cairn - Stroud, 21 February

Come and help build a climate cairn,
a stone structure, a beacon of hope;
Stroud's statement to the future regarding the climate crisis,
the extinction of species, and the loss of habitats.

Fri 21 February, 12.00 noon – 2.00 p.m. Capels Mill wildlife site, Dr Newton's Way, Stroud. Second session: Sun 8 March 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. ; further regular sessions: to be arranged.

More details: <http://gloscan.org/forthcoming-events/>

News

Stroud - local low-carbon initiatives springing up

Low carbon initiatives are springing up everywhere! Is there one near you? Click on the map at 'Carbon Neutral 2030 - Connecting low carbon initiatives across Stroud District': <https://carbonneutralmap.org.uk/>. To learn more or get in touch, see the Stroud Community Energy Action Group newsletter at <http://gloscan.org/community-energy-action-group-transition-stroud/>

Form a climate trade union?

How can protest expand without alienating support?

One idea is establishing a dedicated climate trade union. Trade unions are a traditional format of civil disobedience but one which workers, companies and government respect, so workers can protest without fear of losing their jobs.

If anyone would be interested in becoming part of a core group to try to set up this Union with the government's "certification officer" as an officially "listed" trade union, then please email Adi on stroudepc@gmail.com.

Read more details in Adi's GlosCAN blog [here](#).

News from the Climate Coalition: Home Truths Report on flooding

The report is about the impacts climate change is having on UK homes, and the solutions at our fingertips to end our contribution to the climate crisis. Top line stats from the report include:

The number of people in the UK facing floods during the winter is more than the population of Birmingham and Manchester combined, according to a new report.

- 4 Around 1.8 million people in the UK living in an area with significant risk of flooding
- 5 Nearly 100,000 properties flooded in England in past 12 years
- 6 Flooding causing more than £1 billion worth of damage a year in the UK
- 7 More than 2,000 insurance claims from homeowners after Yorkshire floods in November 2019

We would love for you to join in the conversation, and help us #ShowTheLove by sharing content from the report. Please see the social media pack here, and social sharegraphics to download here.

<https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/home-truths-report>

Climate Coalition letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer about the planned March budget

GlosCAN is one of the organisations signing a letter from the Climate Coalition which asks for much greater attention to be given to climate change measures in the Budget. The accompanying briefing explains the measures.

The content in this letter re-articulates the previously agreed spending asks, and the top line asks have been taken from the joint NGO spending report, which is endorsed by Cambridge Econometrics. It is also calling on the Government to require the UK financial sector to ensure its plans are aligned with Paris - this ask has been included from their COP 26 briefing.

Daily Mail article on flying

New Daily Mail writer John Humphrys - 'I have given up air travel...In 2018 one in 12 of all international travellers was British. And we do it regardless of the damage to the planet and to our children's future..... This is for real. Which is why David Attenborough says the planet is heading for disaster... air travel makes a massive contribution to climate change... [My friend] said they'll be offsetting the

C02 they'll be spewing out with a tree planting scheme. He's a well-meaning chap but I'm afraid that, like so many others, he's been horribly misled. <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-7901205/Why-Im-planning-NOT-use-new-passport-think-says-JO>

See other articles at GlosCAN's press page <http://gloscan.org/national-and-international-press-articles-on-climate-change/>

BBC: What is climate change? A really simple guide

Read the simple guide here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-24021772>

Job vacancy - driver - sustainability charity

Charity seeks part-time van-driver to work with volunteers at Reclaim furniture re-use scheme, Cheltenham - www.visionw21.org.uk, office@vision21.org.uk, 01242 224321

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