

Countdown to COP

SUMMER SCHOOL
11-14 September 2023



Aims

- a) get to know each other more.
- b) see the world-renowned eco centre in Mid Wales.
- c) have input from specialists who are outside our group and extend our learning.
- d) discuss the sessions and also what we are doing locally in the periods between the input.
- e) Support each other in a group of like-minded people.
- f) gain ideas that could empower us in local groups.

Accommodation and costs

- ▶ Centre for Alternative Technology
<https://cat.org.uk/>
- ▶ There are still 4 rooms available. We have 27/29 people booked in.
- ▶ Partners need to be a member of a u3a.
- ▶ Cost: £270 including meals for a single room, £195 each for sharing a room and £74.85 for day students without breakfast.
- ▶ Each person needs to bring £20 in cash that will be used to pay for the speakers and sundry expenses.
- ▶ Each person has paid a £50 deposit that has been passed to CAT.

Lectures

We have booked their Zero Carbon Britain programme, which is a lecture from Paul Allen and a follow up discussion time with the speaker.

Grant Peisley on Community Energy
Citizens Assemblies

Sam Ward, Warm this Winter
Race to Zero

Terry Joiner on Council Score Cards

We hope that some of our members might be prepared to stand in to give a talk should anything fail, or the weather prevent an outside activity.

Beyond presentations

- ▶ Whilst we hope we will have good participation in the programme, everyone can choose if they need to opt out of a session to nap / take a walk / chill.
- ▶ We plan to have climate-related activities for evenings and times when we are not in workshop such as a quiz, film or game.
- ▶ As part of the programme is outdoors, please bring weather-relevant clothing! There is plenty of opportunity to explore the grounds on your own if wished.
- ▶ On the last morning we know some people have long journeys and may wish to escape after breakfast. For those able to stay we have arranged a trip to a wind farm. This relies on transport in cars so if those driving are able to offer lifts that would be most helpful.



Next steps

- ▶ A letter will reach you by 1st August with all the details.
- ▶ Please pay the balance of your fee into Croydon u3a.
- ▶ There is an optional task to complete before the summer school so when you get the letter, you will be able to start thinking about it.
- ▶ Also think about if there is anything you would like to bring to show the other participants.
- ▶ Complete the form so we know any help you need or can offer.