

Booking:

We are hoping that all churches in Bristol will send a group to this conference, that these people will be inspired and will go on to pioneer environmental work in their own churches and neighbourhoods.

Early Booking Offer

Book before July 31st at the reduced price of £12 per delegate.

After July 31st delegate fees will be £15 per person.

Booking closes Monday 1st October.

The fee includes lunch and coffee.

Bookings by post on the enclosed booking form to Vena Prater, ISR, 162 Pennywell Road, Bristol BS5 0TX, together with a cheque made payable to 'ISR'. Booking enquiries to vena@ccisr.org.uk

Who has organised this?

This event has been co-ordinated by an ecumenical working party committed to renewing and celebrating our relationship with the rest of creation.

More information?

Contact any of the following:

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An event designed to inspire and equip Christian people



Delighting in the Care of Creation

Saturday, October 13th 2007, 10.30 a.m. – 3.15 p.m.
including lunch

The City Academy
Russell Town Avenue
Lawrence Hill
Bristol

This one day event will equip churches and their members to explore ways to avoid catastrophic climate change and other environmental disasters in a way that is fair to the world's people. If you are ready to be inspired and moved to action, come along and explore these crucial issues. You will be empowered to make a difference.

Mike Hill writes: *The Christian community must rise to the challenge of climate change and the environment. This conference will be an ideal opportunity for many in our churches to gather, learn and commit to action. I would encourage all the Anglican churches in the Bristol area to make sure they are represented by a significant group of people.*

Mike Hill, Bishop of Bristol

Keynote Speaker - Ann Pettifor

We are fortunate to have secured **Ann Pettifor, Campaigns Director of Operation Noah**, to lead the day.

Ann is one of the most effective advocacy campaigners in the UK. She was the lead organiser behind Jubilee 2000 and currently provides strategic advice on campaigning and advocacy to a range of organisations. She is an author and a fellow of the new economics foundation (nef). To the delight of many in the environmental movement she has recently become campaigns director of *Operation Noah*, the climate change campaign set up by Christian activists. We can expect this keynote address to set the scene for Christian campaigning on climate change in the UK.

The two workshops will include:

1. Lifestyles that don't cost the earth

So we have to live differently, but how? Find out in this workshop led by Transition City Bristol, which is a new and fascinating exciting environmental movement based on 'powering down' our lifestyles and enjoying a revival of community life and healthy living.

2. Exploring ideas and strategies

Leading figures in the city have been meeting together using a World Café model, building a new consensus about the future, dreaming dreams and developing strategies for the city. We present our own café led by Matt Fortnam, one of the core café team.

3. Developing Reverence and Respect toward Creation

Esther de Waal, well-known writer, invites us to explore the ways in which the Celtic and Cistercian traditions approached creation and how that still remains relevant and prophetic for today.

4. Taking responsibility for the natural world

A workshop led by A Rocha, probably the leaders in practical Christian environmental action. A Rocha is an international movement, making stewardship real, from the beaches of Africa to a community park in Southall.

5. Insights from the Bible

Experience how much of the biblical spirituality arose from the natural world and grasp the biblical vision of Shalom, the great peace that was at the heart of the good news. Led by Chris Sunderland.

6. What can we do with our church buildings or our own houses?

Energy efficiency experts lead us in a workshop on how we can adapt our existing buildings and envision new ones. A time for re-thinking our own living and worship space.

7. Changing the Dream

The indigenous Indian people of Ecuador heard about the lifestyles of the 'developed' world and experienced our devastation of their environment and said 'You need to change your dream'. Out of that was born a movement called *Changing the Dream* that makes fascinating connections with the sorts of things many Christians are beginning to think about the environment. Led by Trena Cormack

8. How to set up your own local sustainability group

Ben Barker, one of the leading figures in Sustainable Southville, gives practical tips on how you might set up a sustainable group in your area.

Nigel Coles writes: *As Christians we can choose to ignore the challenges presented all around us, follow everyone else a few steps behind, or grasp the opportunities to express creatively our relationship with the Creator and our response to this wonderful planet. I anticipate this day helping with the latter and therefore commend it to all exploring just how to connect some of the big issues that any sensitive human being has concerns about, with our day-to-day faith in Christ.*

Nigel Coles, Regional Minister, Baptist Church

Ward Jones writes: *This a visionary initiative which will encourage the outworking of a faith that delights in God and engages wholeheartedly in the care of creation, by enabling us in practical ways.*

Ward Jones, District Chairman, Bristol Methodist Church.

Equipping us on our journey toward sustainable living

Churches unite together in their concern for creation

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