



Faith for the Climate Network

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FAITH FOR THE CLIMATE PRESENTS
THE SECOND INTERFAITH CLIMATE SYMPOSIUM

FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL

WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2018
5PM - 9PM

THE LIBERAL JEWISH SYNAGOGUE
28 ST. JOHN'S WOOD ROAD
LONDON NW8 7HA

How can we harness local action on climate change to enact change globally? How can we celebrate and encourage local cooperation?

Come and explore through workshops and talks how we can work across and within different faith traditions in the UK to tackle an issue that affects millions worldwide.

Speakers include:

- Lord Deben, Chair, UK Committee on Climate Change
- Rabbi Alexandra Wright, Liberal Jewish Synagogue
- Ashok Sinha, Chair, London Sustainability Commission
- Shaykh Ibrahim Mogra, Muslim Council of Britain
- Rt Revd Richard Cheetham, Bishop of Kingston

Tickets are only £5 including supper

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God formed the human, dirt from the ground, and breathed into him the breath of life

Genesis 2:4-8

The world is sweet and verdant, and verily Allah has made you stewards in It, and He sees how you acquit yourselves.

Hadith from, Abu Sa'id Al-Khudr: Islamic Declaration on climate change



Let there be peace in the heavens, the Earth, the atmosphere, the water, the herbs, the vegetation, among the divine beings and in Brahman, the absolute reality. Let everything be at peace and in peace. Only then will we find peace.

Atharva Veda



But why should we work together?
Discuss....

“It feels right in these times to be together with people who share these values across faiths. Showing that we are working together is a hopeful sign. Our job in the world is to be salt and light, to show leadership. Who else will care about the future we will never see, if not us? This is what faiths are about.”



Examples of local action:

Birmingham Muslim Environment Day

Tree planting in Exeter



Climate Coalition Youth
Lobby of Parliament 2015



A major challenge in faith-focused climate work:

COMMUNICATION!

Faith and Climate: A guide to talking with the five major faiths

[www.climateoutreach.org /resources/climate-change-faith/](http://www.climateoutreach.org/resources/climate-change-faith/)



Language that works *well* across five faiths

Earth care – a precious gift

Climate change is a moral challenge

Climate change is disrupting the natural balance

We live our faith through our actions

I take a personal pledge



“The poorest people in the world are the ones who will suffer the most from the impacts of climate change, but they’ve done the least to cause it.

To me, tackling climate change is about justice and putting pressure on governments to help the poorest people survive climate chaos.

Climate justice means those who are more responsible for causing climate change doing more to tackle it”.



Language that works *poorly* across five faiths

We (you) are all to blame.

We (you) have been
disobedient, arrogant, greedy.

Corporations, governments are to blame

The earth cannot provide all we want (limits)

Sin and Forgiveness

Civilisation and prosperity

The greatest challenge for faith-based climate action:

How to engage the “right-of-centre”?



Conservation

Justice

Stewardship

Personal initiative

Living the Change: Global Action Week 7 – 14 October 2018

Make a Pledge!

<https://livingthechange.net/my-commitment> in transport, energy or diet





Thank you!

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