



Oxford Climate Forum

The Idea

The Oxford Climate Forum is an opportunity for leaders in the climate change debate to meet and discuss key issues with emerging environmental activists currently studying at undergraduate and post-graduate level at British universities. Last year's inaugural Forum brought together Lord Giddens, Dr Dieter Helm, Scott Poynton, and Jeremy Leggett, breaking new ground in creating a wider consensus on a number of issues. This year's conference will be headlined by Dr Will Cavendish, Prof Mike Hulme, Prof Steve Rayner and Dr Cameron Hepburn, and is affiliated with two Oxford University institutions: the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment and the James Martin 21st Century School, both of which will be represented by directors.

Expanding the Scope

Like last year, the audience will be composed of leading thinkers on all aspects of the environmental debate from universities, industry, government, and the media, and will include students who are beginning to make their mark in the climate debate (such as Niel Bowerman, Casper ter Kuile, Ellie Hopkins, Alex Farrow, and Ben West), and student representatives from universities around the country. Therefore, while the OCF continues to be an opportunity to influence and promote student activism on environmental issues, it is now becoming a realistic objective of this Forum, that with increasing media interest, opinions expressed at the OCF will influence the national consensus and begin to drive policy.

The Importance of Students

Although there is now widespread interest in climate change, moving to a sustainable, low-carbon society requires political, commercial and intellectual efforts of an unprecedented level. Scaling the movement for wide-reaching transformational change will require strong connections to be made across organisations and sectors, now and into the future. Students not only have a crucial part to play in this transformation, but they also stand to lose most if current emission levels are not cut. However they can also bring the passion, creativity and vision necessary to catalyze the changes society must make to tackle climate change.

Why OCF is Unique

This year, all sessions will be held at the Oxford Union, and the range and depth of speakers is being increased to provide opportunities for speakers who want to reach this diverse audience. By bringing the country's leading students together to discuss climate change, we are hoping to create a network of sustainably minded graduates who will go on to become leaders in business and politics. Furthermore, by working with the UK Youth Climate Coalition and the Department of Energy and Climate Change, we are creating a short video message from the 'climate change generation', to be presented to the UK negotiation team at Cancun in December.



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Our speakers

Prof Mike Hulme

Professor of Climate Change in the School of Environmental Science at the University of East Anglia. Prof Hulme was the founding Director of the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, and has written over 120 peer reviewed journal papers and 240 reports. Indeed he was a lead author for the Third Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and recently published 'Why We Disagree About Climate Change', a book that explores the reasons for controversy and scopes the potential opportunities that climate change offers society.

Prof Gwyn Prins

Director of the Mackinder Programme for the Study of Long-Wave Events, London School of Economics. After spending twenty years as a Lecturer and then Director of Studies at Cambridge, Prof Prins was a Senior Fellow in the Office of the Secretary-General of NATO and a Visiting Senior Fellow at the Ministry of Defence. He then became the Consultant on Security at the Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research, helping climate scientists to understand why their findings did not translate smoothly into political action. He has also written extensively on climate politics, most recently as the lead author of The Hartwell Paper: A new direction for climate policy after the crash of 2009.

Dr Will Cavendish

Director General, International Energy and Climate Change Group, Department of Energy and Climate Change. Dr Cavendish studied PPE at Oxford, where he stayed to complete a Masters in development economics and then a PhD in environmental economics. Dr Cavendish joined the Civil Service after spells at the Oxford Economics Department and the Environmental Policy and Management Group at Imperial. He was a Special Advisor in the Department for Education and Skills, before becoming the Director of Well-Being in the Department of Health. He was then appointed to the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit in 2003, before joining DECC as the Director General in 2009.

James Cameron

Executive Director and Vice Chairman of Climate Change Capital, as well as the Chairman of the World Economic Forum's Agenda Council on Climate Change. A lawyer by training, Mr Cameron negotiated the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol as an adviser to the Alliance of Small Island States, and was the founder and head of Baker & McKenzie's Climate Change Practice. He has held academic positions at Cambridge, London, Bruges, and Sydney, and



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is currently affiliated with the Yale Centre for Environmental Law and Policy. He is currently a Board Member at the Worldwatch Institute, Oxfam, The Climate Group, GE's Ecomagination board, Pepsico's advisory board, and the Smith School.

Prof Steve Rayner

Director of the Institute for Science, Innovation and Society and James Martin Professor of Science and Civilisation at the Said Business School. He was a leader author on the Third and Fourth Assessment Reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and has held academic positions at 14 universities and institutions, leading to his selection as one of Wired magazine's 15 people the next American President should listen to in 2008. These positions include the Director of the Centre for Science, Technology and Environmental Policy at Columbia, Chief Social Scientist at the International Research Institute for Climate Prediction, Deputy Director of the Global Environmental Studies Centre, and Chief Scientist at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory where he led the Global Change Research Group.

Dr David Frame

Deputy Director of the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment, Oxford University. Dr Frame worked in the Policy Coordination and Development Section at the Treasury of his native New Zealand before moving to England and joining the Climate Dynamics group in Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Planetary Physics at Oxford. He was also the James Martin Fellow in Climate Change at the Environmental Change Institute before a secondment to the Department of Energy and Climate Change in 2009. Over the last few years he has been one of the leading figures in climate change science, publishing numerous papers in leading journals such as Science and Nature.

Dr Cameron Hepburn

Senior Research Fellow at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment. After achieving first class degrees in Law and Chemical Engineering, Dr Hepburn emigrated from his native Australia to complete a PhD in Economics at Oxford. He has held Fellowships at New College and the Environmental Change Institute while also being a member of the DEFRA Academic Panel. Dr Hepburn is a founder and Director of both Vivid Economics and Climate Bridge, and has worked with OXERA, McKinsey and Shell. He has written two background research papers for the Stern Review and recently published a book entitled 'Climate Change Economics and Policy' with Dieter Helm.



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Dr Chris West

Director of the UK Climate Impacts Programme. After graduating from Oxford with a degree in Zoology, Dr West undertook research on animals around the world. He joined the Natural Environment Research Council in 1991, where he worked on marine science and international research co-operation. He was appointed as the Director of UKCIP in 2002 where he has promoted stakeholder-led research into the impacts of climate change.

Tony Juniper

Special Adviser to the Prince of Wales Charities' International Sustainability Unit. Mr Juniper was the Director of Friends of the Earth in England, Wales and Northern Ireland from 2003 to 2008, as well as being elected as the Vice Chair of Friends of the Earth International. He was the Green Party candidate for Cambridge and previously worked as a Special Advisor to the Prince's Rainforests Project. Mr Juniper is currently the Editor-in-Chief of National Geographic's Green Magazine, and has written several books including 'How many lightbulbs does it take to change a planet?' and 'Saving planet Earth'. He has been described by the Independent as 'the most effective of Britain's eco-warriors' and featured as one of ENDS Report's top ten environmental figures of the last 30 years.

Charles Perry

Founding Partner of SecondNature Partnership. Mr Perry was selected and trained by Al Gore as part of his Climate Project to present 'An Inconvenient Truth' as well as being an Adviser to David Cameron's Quality of Life Policy Review on Climate Change. After spending five years as Director of BP Green Energy he moved to become Director of GreenOrder, a strategic sustainability consultancy. He is currently an Associate at both the Forum for the Future and The Foundation.

Niel Bowerman

Founder of Climatico. Before becoming Executive Director of Climatico, Mr Bowerman was a member of Barack Obama's Energy and Environment Policy Committee during the 2008 Presidential Election, and also sat on the Executive Committee of the UK G8 Research Group. In 2006 Mr Bowerman founded the Climate Justice Project, while also attending the G8 Summits in 2008 and 2009. He has recently been involved with the UK Youth Climate Coalition, attending the Copenhagen climate change talks, and is now completing his PhD in Atmospheric Physics at Oxford.

Bola Gibson

Senior Manager in Sustainability at Lloyds TSB. Having worked in four continents Ms Gibson joined the not for profit sector with openDemocracy as their Head of Publishing and Operations. At Lloyds Banking Group she has developed an innovative sustainability



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engagement strategy to build capacity within the bank's Wholesale division, helping the bank communicate with customers to promote a low carbon economy. She also mentors a group of 14 SME businesses through the Plato: Sustain programme and is a former speaker at GreenCollarWomen.