

Blair Cummock : Eco-Congregation Scotland news

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This past week has been one of joy with churches able to open for worship, albeit with much reduced numbers following Scottish Government guidance on the Covid-19 risk. Online streaming remains vital for congregations to hold services and for our own activities.

Eco-Congregation Scotland continues to unite our ecumenical environmental movement in faith, prayer and action through open and informative online events. We thank you again for your continuing engagement and all that you do as volunteers and supporters of the charity, caring for creation in communities all over Scotland and advocating action on climate justice around the world.

Please register today to join key events listed below this month - and please donate if possible to our work [here](#), directly supporting our Local Networks.

Let's talk...

Climate Emergency

Let's talk about the Climate Emergency

Monday 27th July, 7.30pm-8.30pm

<https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/event/lets-talk-2/>

As Scotland comes into the spotlight hosting COP 26 in November 2021, it

becomes imperative that our churches take action on the Climate Emergency.

One of the most powerful ways we can encourage change is in talking, listening and telling our stories. Eco-Congregation Scotland has produced [Let's talk about the Climate Emergency](#) - a pack of resources to help congregations begin a series of awareness raising conversations and encourage everyone to act.

If you missed our launch event earlier this month, or would like to continue the discussion with volunteers from across the country, please join us on Zoom to find out more about the resources and how you might choose to use them. To register please follow the [link](#).

Our theme for July has been "Breathe: Fresh Air for All". [Exodus 9:8-9](#) helps show how long we have understood the need for clean air for the good of all life.

With direct links to ill health and exacerbating conditions such as asthma, this session will focus on reducing air pollution. Breakout discussions will ensure all taking part can share in small groups. Please join us now and in coming months - let's talk about the climate emergency.

Let's talk...

What can we do about it?

Climate Emergency: What can we do about it?

Tuesday 21st July, 7.30pm-9.00pm

<https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/event/profpetesmith/>

There still time to register for one of the highlights of our summer programme, hosted by [Queen's Cross Church](#) in Aberdeen and [Climate Week North East 2020](#) founded by [Aberdeen Climate Action](#).

Join our discussion with [Professor Pete Smith](#), Biologist and Professor of Soils & Global Change at the [University of Aberdeen](#) and [ClimateXChange](#) Science

Director.

The talk will cover the impacts of everyday choices and consumption – food, energy, transport – on climate change followed by the opportunity for questions.

Please register now for this major event:

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Let's talk...

Training for youth workers

Many of Scotland's young people are worried about climate change and keen to see action at local and national level. [Registration is open](#) for this new course which will equip Scotland's youth work leaders with a working understanding of the climate emergency and give them the skills and tools to help young people turn their concerns about climate change into positive action.

The climate emergency training is being delivered by [Keep Scotland Beautiful](#) and [YouthLink Scotland](#) as part of the Youth Leader Climate Project funded by the [Scottish Government](#). Although the focus for the training is youth workers, it is also open to young people who are leaders and mobilisers.

Follow this link to find out more - and please encourage youth workers and young leaders in your own church and community to get involved:

<https://www.keeptoscotlandbeautiful.org/climate-change/young-people-and-climate-change/climate-emergency-training-for-youth-workers/>

Let's talk...

The Right to Food

Covid-19 and the Right to Food gap in Scotland

Wednesday 29th July, 4.30pm-6.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/covid-19-and-the-right-to-food-gap-in-scotland-tickets-108426733278>

Hosted by the [Scottish Food Coalition](#) and [Human Rights Consortium Scotland](#), this event considers what Covid-19 has revealed about the importance of the right to food being realised in Scotland, with Michael Fakhri, [UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food](#). The current health crisis has exposed the many fault lines in our food system. There is a significant support for 'building back better', but how can we ensure that recovery is founded in human rights, with social and environmental justice at its heart? Why should the right to food be incorporated into Scots law?

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