

# Our Sustainability Commitment: Being a transformational community

Derbyshire Hall, Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick

Programme Draft (26 Jan 2016)

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

16.00-18.00	Arrivals, registration (Coach from Derby Station at 17.15, arriving at Swanwick about 18.00)
18.45	Evening meal
20.00-21.20	<b>Welcome, introductions, why are we here?</b> <b>Lis Burch: Where are we on the journey of our commitment?</b> Group work
21.30	Epilogue

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March

08.15	Breakfast
09.00	Early worship
09.30	<b>What are we committed to?</b> Speakers and reflection  <b>Direct action/civil disobedience: Siobhan Grimes</b> Siobhan is an activist with Christian Climate Action. She has been involved in a number of direct actions and has been working for fossil fuel disinvestment.  <b>Writing/story-telling: Gregory Norminton</b> Gregory is a novelist and teaches creative writing. He edited <i>Beacons</i> , a book of short stories about the future by some of the UK's best-known writers.  <b>Simplicity/community: Rachel Howell</b> Rachel is a lecturer and researcher in human dimensions of climate change. She has been part of various kinds of community working for justice and peace.
10.45	Drinks
11.15-12.15	<b>Response groups</b>
12.15-12.40	<b>Plenary</b>
12.45	Lunch
14.30-15.45	<b>Free time with optional workshops/activities (See list below)</b>  Friends will be asked to register in advance. Depending on uptake we may repeat some or all in the later session. We will also have some space for as-led/Open Space workshops/conversations.  Rest and relaxation also an option.

15.45	Drinks
16.15-17.30	<b>Free time with optional workshops/activities:</b> repeat depending on uptake
17.40	<b>Plenary. What have we learned?</b>
18.45	Evening meal
20.00	<b>Unstructured time</b> With some opportunities for emergent structure, including conversation, music, singing, dance.
21.30	Epilogue

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March

8.15	Breakfast
9.00	Early worship
9.30	<b>What do we want to take forward?</b> <b>Summing up from “listening Friends”</b> <b>Plenary reflection/sharing</b>
11.00	Break
11.30-12.30	<b>Meeting for worship</b>
12.45	Lunch & departures
14.15	Coach to Derby (book trains from 15.30)

### **Workshop options Saturday afternoon**

- Telling compelling stories about the future. Gregory Norminton
- Come sing! Have fun and build community. Rachel Howell
- Greening your Meeting. Oliver Griffiths
- Politics: talking to people who don't share our values. Jessica Metheringham
- Climate change good reads. Martina Weitsch
- The UN climate negotiations. Rachel Berger and Lindsey Cook
- Principles for a New Economy. Gill Westcott
- Climate justice and divestment. Sunniva Taylor
- Other conversations/activities (what would you like to offer?)