

## About the conference

Come and find out more about the science and theology of climate change and how you can respond to the challenge, working with others in Edinburgh. You will have the chance to question the experts, exchange ideas and practical tips with other delegates, and leave with some specific actions to take. This is a unique networking opportunity with other Christians from all denominations across Edinburgh.

The vision behind the conference is for Christians in Edinburgh to be leading the way towards a low carbon lifestyle and, linked with it, the rediscovery of some old spiritual disciplines and virtues which enrich our faith.

## Outline programme

**0930 Registration for a 1000 start.** Speakers will address the plenary on the **science, theology** and **ethics** of climate change together with some **practical** examples of work that Christians are already doing. Every delegate will be able to attend two 50-minute workshops to guide their practical response to climate change. Refreshments and a light lunch are included.

**THE RT REVD BRIAN SMITH** has been the Bishop of Edinburgh since 2001.

**PROFESSOR CHRIS RAPLEY CBE** is Director of the Science Museum in London. He was awarded the 2008 Edinburgh Science Medal for having made 'a significant contribution to the understanding and wellbeing of humanity'.

**DR ELAINE STORKEY** is President of Tearfund, and speaks widely on the issue of climate change both in the UK and the USA. She is a regular broadcaster on programmes for the BBC, from 'Thought for the Day' to 'Night Waves'.

**PROFESSOR MICHAEL NORTHCOTT** is Professor of Ethics at the University of Edinburgh and Associate Rector at St James, Leith and the author of 'A Moral Climate: the ethics of global warming'.

**JOHN FERGUSON** is Manager of Strategic Projects at the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency and actively involved with Eco-Congregation and Stirling Baptist Church.

## Workshops

### THEME 1. COMMUNICATIONS AND CAMPAIGNING

- W1.1** Working with Politicians to Make Change Happen.
- W1.2** Tanka: Maximum Impact, Minimum Space – A Poetry Masterclass.
- W1.3** **EARTH:** The Art of Global Warning – An Exploration of Climate Change through the Arts.
- W1.4** Re-energising Teens: Engaging 11-18 Year Olds in Renewable Energy.

### THEME 2. COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE ACTION

- W2.1** Action in Your Congregation: Becoming an Eco-Congregation.
- W2.2** Transition Edinburgh: Moving to a Low Carbon City.
- W2.3** Climate Change and Nature Conservation.
- W2.4** Take Action with Others – Setting up a Carbon Reduction Action Group.

### THEME 3. HOME AND CHURCH BUILDINGS

- W3.1** Microgeneration in the Home: Solar, Wind and Wood-burning.
- W3.2** Home Improvement the Eco-friendly Way.
- W3.3** The Bankfoot Story: (Re-)Building a Low Carbon Church.

### THEME 4. TRAVELLING AROUND

- W4.1** Low Carbon Holidays in Scotland.
- W4.2** Drawing up a Travel Plan for your Church.
- W4.3** Biofuels and Bio-fools: Sustainable Options for Cars.

### THEME 5. CONSUMING GOODS AND SERVICES

- W5.1** Calculating your Carbon Footprint and Carbon Offsetting.
- W5.2** Shopping: A Quick Guide to Being an Ethical Consumer.
- W5.3** Food and Climate Change: How to Respond?
- W5.4** Composting: Cutting Landfill and Emissions!

### THEME 6. LOOKING TO GOD

- W6.1** Responding in Prayer.
- W6.2** Conflicting Priorities: Humanity or Creation?

**For longer descriptions of each workshop please see the website. Workshops may be subject to alteration.**

## Delegate Application Form / Donation Form

PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM (OR PHOTOCOPY) FOR EACH DELEGATE.

### SECTION A. PERSONAL DETAILS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any special needs you have and we will try to accommodate them.

Special need: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### SECTION B. DELEGATE FEES

The delegate fee is **£29**. An early booking rate of **£24** applies to all applications received by **15 August 2008**. The fee for concessions is **£19**. You must register by **30 September 2008**. If you can afford to make a donation of £10 (or other amount) to fund concessionary places, this would be most appreciated. Please make cheques payable to **Edinburgh Climate Network**.

**My delegate fee is:** (please tick as appropriate)

- £29 (full fee without discount)
- £24 (full fee with early booking discount, i.e. received before 15 August 2008)
- £19 (concessions)
- I cannot attend but would like to make a donation (see below).

**I enclose a donation of: £** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed: £** \_\_\_\_\_

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### SECTION C. WORKSHOP CHOICES

You will be able to attend **two** workshops on the day. You may not be able to attend your first preferences so please indicate your top four (in order of preference). If you think we have not covered an important practical response in our workshops, please include your suggestion in the last box. If others make a similar suggestion, we will try to organise a workshop on your topic and we will treat it as your first preference.

First choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Second choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Third choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Fourth choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestion for an additional workshop: \_\_\_\_\_

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### SECTION D. CONTACTING YOU

We will confirm your place at the conference and travel directions by e-mail. If you require written confirmation please tick the box:

We will only use your personal details for the purposes of arranging this conference. Please tick the box if you would like to be contacted about any follow-up events which may be organised by Edinburgh Climate Network or organisations supporting the conference:

Please return your completed application form and payment to:

Edinburgh Climate Network  
c/o Barclay Church  
1 Wright's Houses (Bruntsfield)  
Edinburgh EH10 4HR

**The conference is organised by the Edinburgh Climate Network, a group of volunteers from churches in Edinburgh:**

**Write to:** Edinburgh Climate Network  
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**Telephone:** Julie on 07952 987 427

**E-mail:** [conference@edinburghclimate.net](mailto:conference@edinburghclimate.net)

**For more information and to register online visit:**  
[www.edinburghclimate.net](http://www.edinburghclimate.net)

**The conference is supported by:** A Rocha, Christian Aid, Church of Scotland: responding to climate change, City of Edinburgh Council, Diocese of Edinburgh, Eco-Congregation Edinburgh Network, Edinburgh Churches Together, Friends of the Earth Edinburgh, RSPB, Stop Climate Chaos Scotland and Tearfund (Scotland).



# Edinburgh Churches Climate Change Conference

A day conference on the Christian response to climate change hosted by The Rt Revd Brian Smith with expert speakers: Chris Rapley, Elaine Storkey, Michael Northcott and John Ferguson

[www.edinburghclimate.net](http://www.edinburghclimate.net)

**Saturday 11 October 2008**  
**9:30am to 4:45pm**

The Performing Arts Centre at  
Stewart's Melville College  
Edinburgh

**"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" says the Lord**  
Isaiah 6:8

