



## Reading's COP26

*Taking Action to Combat Climate Change*

**6<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm – 5pm**

**At St Laurence Church, Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1DA**

It's 'code red for humanity'. This is how the UN Secretary General described the 6<sup>th</sup> assessment report published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Everyone needs to take action now in order to combat climate change, which is why we are holding Reading's COP26 to give information, support and inspiration to people who live, work and study in Reading.

Come along to learn about the latest science, practical measures you can take, and meet campaigning organisations you can join.

### **Support & Information**

At the event Reading's environmental researchers and campaigners will give advice about the changes that need to be made, practical measures on how to live more sustainably and how to get involved. There will be representatives from:

- [Reading Friends of the Earth](#)
- [Econet](#)
- [Reading University](#)
- [Greater Reading Environmental Network](#)
- [Extinction Rebellion Berkshire](#)
- [Global Justice Reading](#)
- [Reading Climate Action Network](#)
- [Reading Community Energy](#)

- [Reading Hydro CBS](#)
- [Fairtrade](#)
- and more!

### **Presentation, 3pm**

Our Presentation and Q&A will cover the science of climate change, what Reading is doing about it and how we should be responding to COP26. The Panel will be chaired by Erica Purvis, from Reading Circular Economy.

We are thrilled and honoured to have Richard P Allan, Professor of Climate Science at the University of Reading Department of Meteorology, and lead author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 6th assessment report, open our Panel Discussion and Q&A. Other speakers include

- Councillor Paul Gittings, Chair of the Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport Committee
- Rachel Eden, on the Board of Directors of Reading Community Energy Society
- Councillor Ricky Duveen, member of the Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport Committee
- Tony Cowling, Reading Sustainability centre and a Director of Reading Hydro CBS from Reading Hydro CBS
- Councillor Dr David McElroy member of the of the Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport Committee
- Tricia Marcouse from Econet and is theme lead for the Nature and Green Spaces Action Plan for Reading

Closing remarks from Rev. David Shaw, Wesley Methodist Church, representing faith communities in Reading. This will then be followed by a Q&A.

The event has been jointly organised by [Reading Friends of the Earth](#) and [Econet](#). It is supported by [Greater Reading Environmental Network](#) and [Reading Climate Action Network](#)

Free admission, no booking required. Doors open at 2pm. Presentation and Q&A at 3pm. Subject to changes in Covid restrictions and guidance. Please wear a mask if you can.

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