

North West January Get-together – Sat 16th January

Preston County Hall (a 5 minute walk from the station)

10.00 Arrivals, tea & coffee

10.30 Welcome and opening session: “an inside perspective on Copenhagen”

One of our International climate campaigners will give their insights on what happened at the talks and what the future might hold for international climate negotiations and activism. There'll also be a chance for everyone to hear briefly from our Get Serious about CO2 and Food Chain campaigners about how the Copenhagen outcome has affected these campaigns, and what's in store for 2010.

11.15 Workshops session 1. (1hr15mins)

Get Serious About CO₂: latest news and campaign surgery with *Quentin Given, UK Climate campaign co-ordinator, and Nick Rau, Energy & Climate Campaigner*

The next link in the Food Chain Campaign: a new strategy for 2010 with campaigners from the Food team (tbc).

Campaigning on Waste *Becky Slater (Campaign Assistant) and Julian Kirby (Campaigner)* explain the current strategies of Friends of the Earth's waste/resource use campaigning at a national and local gov' level. This will also be an opportunity to share information about local campaign successes and challenges about making sure residual waste is dealt with sustainably in your local area: incinerators, recycling and everything in between. This session will be aimed at activists with some experience of waste campaigning.

12.30 Lunch

1.30 Tales of the tried, tested and unexpected

Local activists from People & Planet, Louder.org.uk and Friends of the Earth present their thoughts on last year's successes, surprises, and their top tips for 2010.

2.00 World café

This is an informal session focussing on bringing in new perspectives and opening up possibilities. Dip in and out of 2-3 discussion or practical sessions. Topics will include...

- “ **What are the links between human rights and environmental campaigning?** (Benjamin McCarron, Manchester group)
- “ **How can we involve more young people in Friends of the Earth and work with student group People & Planet?** (P&P Regional Rep)
- “ **How is technology changing the ways we campaign?** (Liam Barrington-Bush, Louder.org.uk)
- “ **Is challenging consumption the key to countering climate change and biodiversity loss?** (Julian, Resource Use team)
- “ **Best laid plans: get stuck in and create your own timeline for developing your local Get Serious campaign in 2010** (Quentin Given, Get Serious team)

[Further suggestions welcome]

3.15 Refreshment break

3.30 Reality check: are carbon cuts of 40% by 2020 really possible?: Fed up of people telling you it's not do-able? Or are you not convinced yourself? We'll discuss and debate the feasibility of carbon cuts at an international, UK and local level, and what we need to do to get there.

4.30 Ends
