

A changing climate: business opportunity

Or economic nightmare?



There has been a lot of focus on domestic energy saving, waste reduction and recycling recently, but where do businesses fit into all of this? The aim of this event is to raise awareness of the impacts and opportunities of climate change to local businesses and SMEs in Oxfordshire.

Through this half day event we will be looking at the local business issues surrounding climate change. There will be time for discussion and networking.

the venue

Science and Technology Facilities Council, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell Science and Innovation Campus, Didcot, **OX11 0QX**

how to book

It is **FREE!** Please register by **October 19th** so we know how many to expect. Please email: jo.hamilton@ouce.ox.ac.uk / phone **01865 275 856**

What will climate change mean for local businesses? **Have you considered what the climate will be like in five or ten years' time?** What will it feel and look like? **What will it be like to work in a hotter climate with unpredictable extreme weather?** Will climate change have a negative financial impact on local business? **What are the opportunities and emerging markets?** So many questions!

The programme will include case studies on local businesses who have seized the climate change opportunity.

Full information about the conference, plus links and further information about climate change and businesses in Oxfordshire, is available online at:

www.climatex.org/business-climates.

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Programme

Coffee and registration 9:15am

9:30am

Overview of climate change

Scene setting: the impacts and opportunities of climate change for businesses regionally and locally.

UK Climate Impacts Programme and Environmental Change Institute

Oxfordshire Case studies 10:00am

Find out how businesses in Oxfordshire are rising to the climate challenge:

- Who's profiting from the opportunities?
- Who's benefited from a climate neutral supply chain?
- Where did they go for information?
- How do you get renewable energy in a small office?
- What are the challenges?

10:45am

Questions/discussion

Breakout group sessions 11:15am

Quiz the experts on science and impacts of climate change, and the people who are putting it into practise.

Themes: Lower carbon futures, Adaptations and opportunities, Energy efficiency in the supply chain

12:20pm

Summing up

12:30pm

FREE Buffet lunch & networking

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