

# 'Councils leading in the climate emergency'

**Thurs 17th Jan, 7pm, Oxford Town Hall.**



Local councils are declaring Climate Emergency.

This movement began with Darebin, a metropolitan council of Melbourne, Australia. Local campaigners and councillors understood that one local government breaking the silence on the climate emergency could start a worldwide movement that would ultimately reach central governments.

Adrian Whitehead and Bryony Edwards from Community Action in the Climate Emergency were instrumental in developing the local government rationale, developing what a climate emergency response for local government would look like, getting the initial Darebin motion passed, and campaigning to make it happen elsewhere.

You now have the chance to see the inspiring Adrian Whitehead and Bryony Edwards, founders of [Community Action in the Climate Emergency](#) who are visiting from Australia.

**'Councils leading in the climate emergency'**  
**on Thursday 17th January at 7pm**  
**in the Court Room, Oxford Town Hall,**

is a free meeting but you must register as tickets are going very fast.

Other speakers are from **University of Oxford, Fossil Free Oxfordshire, Extinction Rebellion and Zero Carbon Oxfordshire**. The session will include Q&A and panel debate.

PLEASE APPLY PROMPTLY [register on Eventbrite here](#).

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More than 20 councils around the world have declared a climate emergency. In the UK this includes Bristol, Frome, Totnes, Stroud, Forest of Dean, and the Greater London Authority.

This is a positive opportunity not only to find out how Oxfordshire could join this global movement at a policy level and lead on its response to climate change, but also to hear about other ways to engage on both a personal and professional level.

Adrian and Bryony will present at the meeting on

- why councils need to lead the climate emergency response
- what a council in climate emergency mode looks like
- review the responses to date, including Darebin's where it all began
- what it can achieve - the theory of change
- how you make it happen in your own council

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