

Wakefield Just Transition Forum

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GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION COMES TO WAKEFIELD

Wakefield saw its first Climate Crisis demonstration today on Friday September 20th.

Around 200 people gathered outside County Hall to hear about the Climate Crisis and what needs to be done, whilst being treated to a pay as you feel lunch thanks to a collaboration between the Real Junk Food Project, the Cathedral and Lightwaves.

Spokesperson Stuart Boothman said “It was great to see MPs John Trickett and Mary Creagh supporting the event – this is becoming the biggest issue across the World.”

Stuart also said “This whole event has been a huge team effort – to see our MPs and Cllr Olivia Rowley joining us, with a huge range of community representatives, just shows how many people are working together to fill in the silence from the Government. There is no hiding from this issue.”

Catherine Porritt, the secretary of Wakefield and District Trades Council said “We have an immediate follow up to today’s demonstration with a public meeting at Wakefield Town Hall on Friday 27th September, at 6:45 pm. This will give people an opportunity to join in so that the whole community can take action together. We want to bring communities together as we respond to the Climate Emergency”.

Stuart went on to say “It is so important to bring this action and awareness out of the main cities like Leeds and London, and we have showed that the people of Wakefield District are just as concerned and just as committed.”

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Notes for the Editor.

- Wakefield Just Transition Forum is a broad network of groups and individuals from across the district. It includes Wakefield and District Trades Council, Wakefield Friends of the Earth, the Labour and Green parties, faith groups and many others.
- Wakefield Just Transition aims to encourage and enable people, businesses and organisations to move to a zero carbon economy without leaving anyone behind.
- The group can be found on Facebook as “Just Transition Wakefield”
- Speakers included
 - John Trickett MP
 - Mary Creagh MP
 - Bishop of Wakefield Tony Robinson
 - Cllr Olivia Rowley
 - Dr Andrew Rollinson (Extinction Rebellion)

- Gareth Forrest (TUC)
 - A range of local trade unionists.
- Following this event on Friday 20th, the group are holding a launch event in the Town Hall on Friday 27th September. Details attached.
- For further information, please contact Catherine Porritt at WFandDistrict-TUC@gmx.com, or Stuart Boothman at sboothman@posteo.net