

# Swindon Climate Action Network

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **SCAN AGM**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** 19:30 at Friends Meeting House Eastcott Hill, Meetings repeat 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month
- ◆ **Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> Eco Bash Quality of Life Awards**  
Punjabi Community Centre Gorse Hill 11:00-15:00
- ◆ **Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> Climate Change Kills** public meeting on World Poverty and Climate Change. Pilgrim Centre 7pm.
- ◆ **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April TWIGS Open Day Cheney Manor Garden Centre Gardens, plants, stalls, children's activities** 11-4pm
- ◆ **Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> Literature Festival Climate Change Day at Lower Shaw Farm** (All day). Speakers include Mark Lynas and Tony Juniper. Panel discussion on 'What can the people of Swindon do about climate change?'. Children's and young people's activities all day.
- ◆ **Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> Another chance to see Al Gore's Film 'An Inconvenient Truth'** at the Arts Centre 20:00 plus follow up discussion and action.

**APRIL 20TH** is a big day for climate change in Swindon. SCAN will be busy all day at the Eco-Bash where we will have our stall.

In the evening is the **CLIMATE CHANGE KILLS EVENT** at the Pilgrim Centre with Swindon World Development Movement to discuss the impact of climate change on the poor. Again we will have our stall

### Local Planning Authorities: Energy & Efficiency Bill. MAKE IT LAW!

SCAN is calling for people to write to their MPs and to Ruth Kelly and Phil Woolas before 20<sup>th</sup> April to demand that a bill is made law which allows councils to set higher standards of energy efficiency than those set in current national building regulations.

The government is currently resisting such a bill, backed by property developers who say that higher local standards are too difficult for them to achieve.

SCAN believes we don't have time for this dispute: developers need to adapt quickly to the demands of climate change and local councils should be encouraged to require them to do so.

For more information please see our website



there.

In addition it is also the Second Reading of the Local Authorities Energy Efficiency Bill in parliament, which will allow local authorities to set higher standards of energy efficiency, so please make your views known to your MP before that date.



### Eco-Bash Volunteers Still Needed

SCAN has entered the Swindon Borough Council Quality of Life Awards 2007 with our Local Food Directory Project. As an entrant we will be exhibiting at the Eco-Bash which is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 11am - 3pm. The event is free and open to all. SCAN needs 2 volunteers available in the day to attend the stall. This is literally a free lunch (buffet)! If you are able to help please let Deb know ASAP. Download a poster for display from here: [Events](#)

SCAN's stall is back in action with 3 events coming up next week (see calendar). It really needs brightening up - if you have any eye-catching ideas and/or can help out on the stall please get in touch [info@swindonclimate.org.uk](mailto:info@swindonclimate.org.uk)

In April BBC Radio 4 is broadcasting its annual Reith Lecture Series. This year's series is called 'Bursting at the Seams' by Economist Prof. Jeffrey Sachs. Next weeks (Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm) is called "Surviving in the Anthropocene" and is about the responding to the challenges of climate change. If you miss them live (especially as next week's clashes with the SCAN AGM) you can listen to them later from the Radio 4 website, or download them as pod casts. See

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/reith2007/lectures.shtml#lecture2>