## **Dear Friends**

We're looking forward to seeing you this weekend at the BYM Sustainability Gathering. You should have received an e-mail already about travel and other practical aspects of attending, but even if you didn't the programme and pre-arrival information are available via links at the bottom of the <u>Gathering webpage</u>.

If you have any further practical questions please contact Andrew McVicar.

We'll be a large group and we know from the many offers we've already received that Friends will have a lot to share. Some have offered additional talks or suggested websites or videos.

There are several ways you can share your projects and ideas with others at the Gathering:

- You can bring leaflets or a poster display (A3 max).
- You can offer a pop-up discussion group or workshop, in the Saturday
  afternoon workshop sessions or the Saturday evening unstructured time. If
  you'd like to do this, please contact me by <u>e-mail</u> before Friday, but we will
  also do our best to accommodate conversations that emerge at the
  Gathering.
- We will also gather up a list of online resources and other publications to share with participants after the Gathering.

For now I have a few links sent by Friends, plus some extra from me, which you might like to look at to get in the mood for the weekend.

- You will no doubt have seen <u>coverage of the report</u> last week from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
- Last week BYM hosted an event for Living the Change, a global initiative to engage faith leaders and communities in sustainable living, consistent with limiting global warming to 1.5°C. Events were held in many other countries from Malawi to Japan. Our gathering included moving testimonials from people of several faiths, a worship sharing session, and a fantastic vegan feast laid on by Friends House Hospitality.
- <u>Climate Hope Action in Norfolk</u> is the campaign group set up by Jo-anne Veltman, one of our speakers. Jo is also involved in <u>Plan B</u>, which is taking the Government to court over its lack of action to implement the Paris Climate Agreement.
- And another of our speakers, Paul Hoggett, was one of the founders of <u>Climate Psychology Alliance</u>, which several Friends are involved in.
- Ed Tyler asked me to bring your attention to the <u>Bioregional Learning</u> <u>Centre</u>, one of several initiatives around the country working to develop flourishing relationships between people and their regional ecosystems. He also wanted to share an <u>eco-art project</u> in Scotland.
- Martina Weitsch wanted to share a video created by <u>Eco-Quakers Ireland</u> and also one from Kate Raworth, author of Doughnut Economics, on '<u>Three</u> <u>Horizons Thinking</u>'. This could perhaps be the basis for a pop-up workshop at the Gathering.

That's probably enough for now. Wishing you good preparation and a safe journey to Swanwick.

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