



“Because the world needs to know”:

building an international climate movement

Bill McKibben

Leading environmental writer and activist Bill McKibben will discuss the implications of the latest findings in climate science, and the unique international campaigns that have emerged to fight global warming. He will outline the rapid changes going on in climate politics, proposing a path forward that is focused on action, creativity, and the rapid mobilisation of an international social movement.

Even two years ago, scientists could offer only vague ideas of how much carbon in the atmosphere was too much. But in the wake of the rapid melt of Arctic sea ice in 2007, it has become clear that this is a problem not only for the future but very much for the present.

Bill McKibben (<http://www.billmckibben.com>) is a leading writer on the environment, based in Vermont, USA. He is a scholar in residence at Middlebury College, and has held a Guggenheim Fellowship among other awards. He has published numerous books including: *'The End of Nature'* (1989) *'Deep Economy: the Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future'* (2007) and *'Fight Global Warming Now'* (2007).

McKibben has most recently been involved in leading the organisation of the largest demonstrations against global warming in American history, the 'Step It Up 07' campaign. He is currently on tour, talking about the 350.org (<http://www.350.org>) campaign.

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