

Dorset COP 2024 Programme

Registration

Registration will be available from 09:00 in both the Fusion Building and Kimmeridge**. Costa Coffee will be open from 09:00 in Fusion* but may be very busy at this time so attendees may wish to bring their own drinks for arrival (please see Joining Instructions for full details).

Some Exhibition Stands may be open in Fusion from 09:00 but the area formally opens at 10:30.

*NB the Opening Session is in Kimmeridge.

**Floor plans are available at the end of this document.

9.30 – 10.15

Kimmeridge KG01 Lecture Theatre

Opening Session

Bournemouth University Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alison Honour, and recently elected local MP, Jessica Toale, join the organisers and Lois Betts, Bournemouth University Sustainability Manager to welcome attendees, explore the aims of the event, outline progress being made by our hosts in their net-zero journey, and set out the expectations for the day.

Main Programme

Morning sessions will generally run from 10:30 until 12.00, Late Morning from 12:15 to 13:15 and Afternoon from 14:00 to 15:30, however **please check exact times** for each activity as timings vary.

Details for all sessions are set out below separated into:

- Interactive Sessions
- Business Related (open to everyone)
- Workshops
- Talks & Presentations

Details are summarised here for ease of reference. Further detailed information is available for each session on the website [here](https://dorsetcop.info) (DorsetCop.info > Detailed Schedule)

Interactive Sessions

Community Exhibition

10:30 – 15:30

Fusion Building Atrium

*Explore displays and engage with a selection of Dorset's community groups and campaigns and register your group on our **building the network** map in FG19 near the exhibition stands.*

10:30 – 15:30

Fusion FG07

Digital Storytelling

Professor Anna Feigenbaum & Dr. R. Lyle Skains from Bournemouth University's Centre for Science, Health and Data Communications Research.

Open all day with overview presentations at 11:00, 12:00 & 13:30.

Learn to make your own climate-change-based story game while gaining knowledge about best practices around storytelling styles to reach different audiences and demographics. The interactive "booth" may be of particular interest to teachers, parents, communicators, and policymakers, as well as young people, through exploring interactive digital narratives intended to educate and effect positive behaviour change around climate change.

10:30 – 15:30

Kimmeridge K103

Futureneers wanted! Join us for LEGO Serious Play and design a better Dorset in 2040. Everybody welcome

Rachel Parsons – What if Department

Sessions starting on the hour throughout the day

Join us for a LEGO Serious Play Session (+ Arts) to explore the future. Bring your imagination, your creativity and your hands! We'll be using LEGO to small-up complex, difficult problems, look at them from a different angle, and imagine better and eco-BIMBY (Beauty In My Back Yard). To extend the brick-fectiveness we'll be capturing creations partly on paper as well as LEGO (or we'll run out).

10:30 – 13:00

Fusion FG04

Climate Fresk

Bournemouth University Sustainability Team

Pre-booking required. Please add your name [here](#)

In order to take action and build solutions, we first need to understand the problem. [Climate Fresk](#) is a powerful tool for providing a quality climate education. Climate Fresk workshops enable participants to take ownership of the subject matter and, as participants take an active role in the building-up of the Fresk, linking the causes and effects of climate change, they are able to take a step back and understand the systemic nature of the challenges.

Workshops

10:30 – 13:15

Kimmeridge KG01 Lecture Theatre

Future Transport System in Dorset

Dorchester Transport Action Group

With the Local Transport Plan currently in preparation jointly between Dorset and BCP council, this session, engaging with local Transport Action Groups, community groups and both councils, will ask what we would like Transport in Dorset to look like in 10 years' time and how do we get there.

10.30 – 12.00

Fusion Inspire Lecture Theatre

Fashion Assembly: What should young people in Dorset do to combat the unsustainable fashion industry and what support do they need?

Defashion Dorset

Ever wondered what goes on at a People's Assembly? Have your say in our Fashion Assembly: "What should young people in Dorset do to combat the unsustainable fashion industry and what support do they need?"

10:30 – 12:00

Fusion FG02 Share Lecture Theatre

Community Powered Retrofit

Dorset Community Energy

In this session DCE will look at how communities can work together to retrofit their homes and community buildings, asking how can communities take a lead in reimagining retrofit programmes in Dorset?

12:15 – 13:15

Fusion FG02 Share Lecture Theatre

Community Renewable Energy in Dorset

Dorset Community Energy

Dorset is a national leader in the development of community renewable energy, starting with the establishment of Dorset Community Energy in 2013, Energy Local Bridport in 2020 and the Hazelmead Co-housing project in Bridport (currently the largest electricity microgrid in England). By the end of the session attendees will understand the road map to the development of these projects, achievements to date and barriers to similar projects in other areas of Dorset.

12:15 – 13:30

Inspire Lecture Theatre - Fusion

Creating and Building Your Community Group

Planet Wimborne & This Living Place

There's a growing realisation (from campaigners and academics) that the societal changes we need can only be achieved if communities are actively engaged in the process of understanding the issues and developing appropriate solutions. This session explores how some of Dorset's successful community groups were created and developed; providing anyone keen to start or develop their own group with the ideas and structures already used.

13:45 – 15:45

Fusion FG02 Share Lecture Theatre

The Power of Good Food Partnerships.

Feeding Dorset Partnership supported by Help & Kindness.

NB This session starts before the end of the lunch break.

Celebrating Dorset's membership of the Sustainable Food Places network and enabling collaboration between partnerships to build strong relationships to help take forward the six identified themes across the Feeding Dorset Partnership. Attendees will be able to share their experiences and interests around sustainable food and help develop the six themes while also being part of creating and developing a mechanism to help promote and support an inclusive and open approach to a Dorset-led and Dorset-wide Good Food Movement.

14:00 – 15.15

Kimmeridge K101

Creating a Climate Action Plan for Your School or Organisation

Let's Go Zero

'Climate Action Plan' is a phrase that is increasingly heard in business and education circles but what does it actually mean, how does it help, and what does it look like? Come and join this

interactive workshop hosted by Let's Go Zero, to answer all your questions! Hear more about the free support Let's Go Zero to schools, MATs and local authorities and leave with lots of ideas for your Climate Action Plan.

This workshop is ideal for anyone from education settings (from nurseries through to further education) as well as local authority staff who work with schools or on climate. It's also relevant for any business, as much is transferable and applicable to most organisations!

14:00 – 15:30

Fusion Inspire Lecture Theatre

Nurturing the Network in BCP

Zero Carbon Dorset & This Living Place

While over the years, a loose coalition of groups has come together for specific events and campaigns, BCP lacks a formal network that can amplify our individual endeavours and, perhaps most importantly, engage with the Council. This inaugural assembly aims to set out the challenges and opportunities, before opening the session to everyone to agree just what type of organisation we want. Please note, this isn't an attempt to create a new group, we are aiming to avoid as much bureaucracy as possible.

Business Related Sessions

While business related, sessions are open to all attendees.

10:30 – 10:35

Kimmeridge Marconi Lecture Theatre

Opening Words & Introduction to Business Sessions

Emily Fripp Founder of Efeca

10:35 – 11:10

Kimmeridge Marconi Lecture Theatre

Doctor's Surgery

A brief introduction by each session leader of their session.

11:00 – 12:00

Kimmeridge Marconi Lecture Theatre

Bringing beliefs into 'B'ing

Nick Whitnell – Daring Works

An exploration of how our belief system shapes our world, both internally and externally. The session looks at aligning our deeper beliefs, values and soulful perspectives with the B Corp philosophy and how this framework can lead to measurable, positive impact.

12:00 – 12:45

Kimmeridge Marconi Lecture Theatre

How to be a more sustainable organisation: 10 (easy) ways to lower your carbon footprint.

Lizzie McManus – Warrior PR Agency

This taster session is ideal for small or medium sized organisations who would like to lower their carbon footprint. Whether you're the organisation's owner, the operations or facilities manager, or a concerned employee, this workshop will give you some easy, quick win takeaways that will lower your carbon footprint and promote a sustainable working environment.

12:45 – 13:15

Kimmeridge Marconi Lecture Theatre

How to green your finance

Ian Burger

How to invest responsibly and sustainably. A talk plus Q&A with Ian, currently Head of Stewardship and Integration at a UK pension fund, and former Head of Responsible Investment, Head of Stewardship and Head of Corporate Governance at Newton Investment Management. He is also the Board Chair of the International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN).

11:00 – 11:30

Kimmeridge K101

Strategic Energy Planning for Decarbonisation on the road to Net Zero

Pedro Aspiazu - CP Project Manager, Local Area Energy Plan

Dr. Mili Shrivastava, Deputy Head of Centre for Sustainable Business Transformations

As the UK government implements national Net Zero plans, policies and actions, the business community must be ready for decarbonisation challenges and opportunities.

11:30 – 12.30

Kimmeridge K101

Integration of AI in developing sustainable business strategies

Prof. Gelarah Roushan – Bournemouth University

This workshop will explore how AI accelerates sustainability through digital transformation, looking at how advanced analytics augment resource management, reduce emissions, and enable climate modelling, supporting sustainable practices in key areas such as circular economies and smart cities. Through case studies and discussions, attendees will gain insights into how AI can be leveraged to drive both environmental and economic benefits.

12:30 – 13:15

Kimmeridge K101

Circular Economy

John Twitchen - Stuff4Life

Producer Responsibility for everything starting with batteries and clothes.

14:00 – 15.00

Kimmeridge Marconi Lecture Theatre

How to be a sustainable business

Emily Fripp – Founder Efeca, Nick Whitnell (B-Corp leader), David Matthews – Maia Growth, Nikki Barry – Sustainability Manager Organix, James Dixon-Box – Marsham Court Hotel, Amber Harrison, FOLDE

A panel discussing the importance of sustainability in business including B Corp

Talks and presentations.

10:30 – 13:15

Fusion FG06

Speaker's Corner: Knowledge sharing

A selection of leading academics and activists share their thoughts, research and experiences. Dip in and out from other workshops and activities to catch the sessions that interest you.

10:30 – 11.00

Fusion FG06

The Nature of Literature: the ecology of language in place, print, and community.

Dr Kevan Manwaring - Arts University Bournemouth

Sharing from his research from his recent monograph, *Writing Ecofiction: navigating the challenges of environmental narrative*, and from a walking and writing wellbeing project based in West Dorset, 'Green Words', which he led in 2023, Kevan will explore how the written and spoken word can raise awareness about environmental issues while empowering people and re-enchanting the landscape. Drawing upon a range of poets and novelists, he will ask how writing, reading, and publishing can be ecological acts.

11:00 – 11:30

Fusion FG06

How the media has failed the climate emergency

Dr Tom Chivers – Media Reform Coalition

Exploring how the media has set and misled the narrative on climate change, despite clear scientific evidence of the issues we face, Tom will share his research and calls from the Media Reform Coalition for a more democratic, diverse and independent media to end the abuses and concentration of media power which have failed, not just the climate emergency, but the very fabric of our democracy.

11:30 – 12:00

Fusion FG06

Hope punk in the city: From What is to What if?

*Rachael Brown MA - Senior Lecturer in the School of Architecture, Art and Design
University of Portsmouth*

Inspired by Dorset COP 2023 and Rob Hopkins' *From What is to What if*, Rachael created an MA Interior Architecture module which encouraged students to design imaginative, freestanding structures to revitalise derelict city sites and engage and activate communities. Exploring themes of joy, play, social justice, and activism, the project shows how 'hope' can restore a sense of agency and optimism; it also demonstrates that events like the COP can have unexpected and positive outcomes.

12:00 – 12:30

Fusion FG06

Carbon Literacy

Councillor Belinda Bawden

This session, in conjunction with The Great Collaboration will explore how we can best link everything our local politicians can do with community and county-wide initiatives to connect, cascade and catalyse community action to reduce our carbon impacts through the Carbon Literacy project.

12:30 – 13:00

Fusion FG06

Climate action in the world of sport.

Laura Baldwin - Olympic sailor turned environmental protector.

One of our 2023 keynote speakers, Dorset's own Laura Baldwin is back to talk about her specialist area, sport. Exploring sustainable sport and the work she's doing with Sport England; Laura will share her thoughts on the recent BBC Green Sports Awards and Sport Positive conference among other sport related endeavours.

13:00 – 13:15

Fusion FG06

Truth in Ten

Versha Jones - UK Coordinator Climate Reality Project Europe

Be part of a presentation that's aiming to reach more than 1 million people this year. An updated, compressed, hard hitting 10-minute version of former US Vice-President Al Gore's presentation originally covered in the 2006 film "An Inconvenient Truth".

13:30 – 15:30

Fusion FG06

Speakers Corner Community Sessions

You and your group

NB Starts during lunch

It's over to you or your group this afternoon to have your say!

Stop Portland Waste Incinerator are kicking off at 13:30 after which sessions will be open to anyone who has **pre-booked their 10-minute slot on the flip chart outside the room** (available from 09:00)

16:00 – 17:00

Kimmeridge KG01 Lecture Theatre

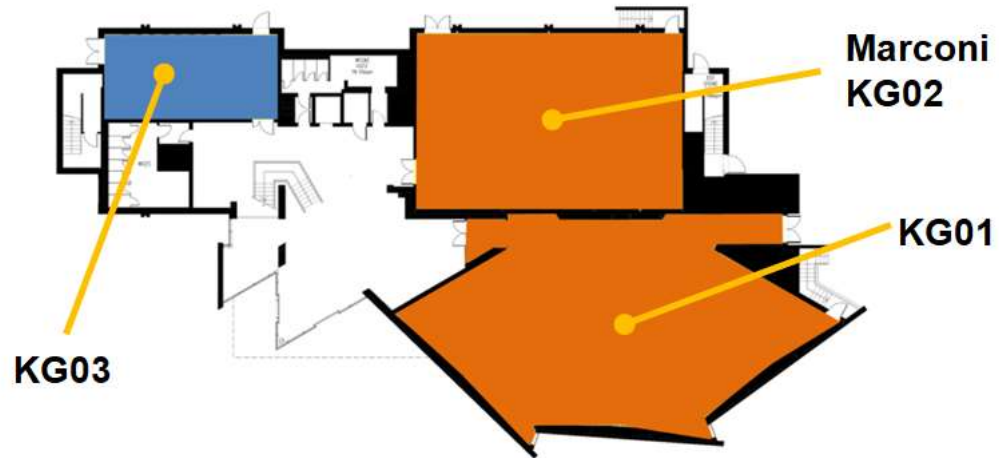
Consolidation and Close

Join us for a fast-paced, uplifting round-up of the day's activities as workshop leads, keynote speakers and local leaders share what's been learned from each session, what actions are being taken away and how we can keep up the momentum gained during the day.

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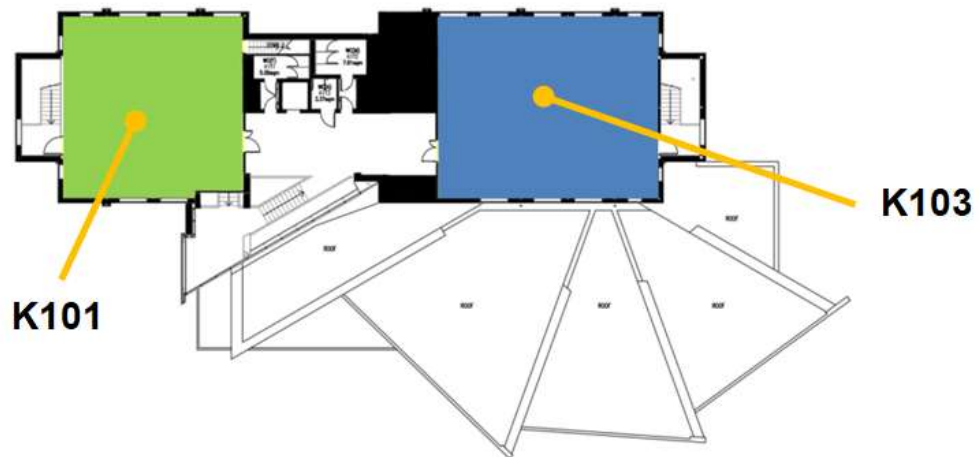
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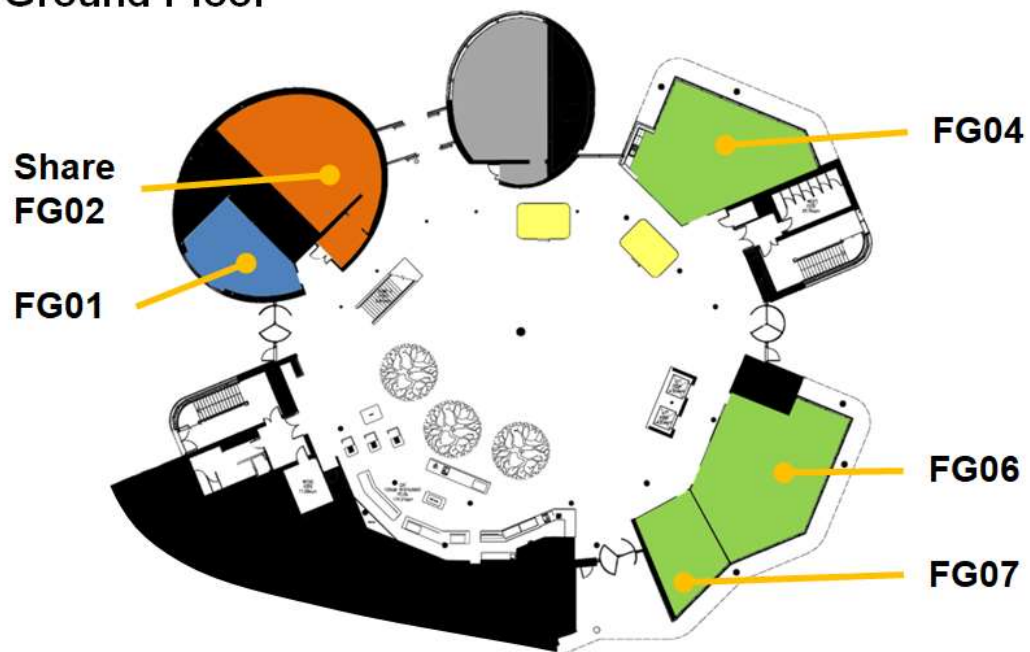
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