



Lincoln's Climate Emergency Centre Newsletter No.20

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Recent activities

Two months into 2024 and we have been very busy with our various Saturday afternoon activities. We have also been busy behind the scenes with our exciting plans for expanding and developing the EarthLincs project.

EarthLincs website

We have been in the process of putting together the new EarthLincs website for some time – a new way to promote our organisation and make information available easily.

We are now live with the website – use this url or scan the QR code

www.earthlincs.co.uk



Grateful thanks to both our anonymous donor and to Beth Alford of Perfect Patch Flowers for designing it for us!

Beth will be updating the information regularly so there is now a new way to keep up with our Mint Lane Drop-Ins and other activities.

<https://perfectpatchflowers.co.uk/>

Stuff to Borrow – Library of Things

We have now submitted our new bid to the National Lottery Community Fund.

If successful, the bid would enable a 2-year project (which would then continue on a self-sustaining basis) starting in the summer of 2024.

Fingers crossed we will be 'winners' this time around!



Mint Lane Saturday 2–4pm 'Drop-In' Events

- 2 March** Planting/gardening/composting/seed swap
- 9 March** Earth, Mindfulness & Seed Bombs with Debbie Mace*
- 16 March** Film & video showing
- 23 March** Climate Café with Rachael
- 30 March** Litter Pick in Lincoln. Meet 2pm
- 6 April** Knitting & Crochet skill-share
- 13 & 14 April** Permaculture weekend (see feature)

* Earth, Mindfulness & Seed Bombs

Appreciate the potential of Our Nature Connection for the Collective Wellbeing benefits it holds.



- *Become familiar with a traditional acknowledgment to our earth, our ancestors and nature.*
- *Experience a short Nature Connection*
- *Mindfulness/visualisation exercise (10-15 minutes) focusing on the 5 Pathways to Nature Connection developed by Professor Miles Richardson & the University of Derby and Wayapa Wuurk (Earth Connection).*
- *Create wildflower seed bombs.*
- *Share a word or thought from the experience.*
- *Create meaningful connections or collaborations.*

Part One: Nature Mindfulness, 2–3pm

Part Two: Seeds and Singing, 3–4pm

Composting and Seed Swap: 2nd March

It's that time of year, when thoughts turn to the vegetable patch. Swap your surplus seeds, find out how to make perfect compost and get excellent tips from experienced gardeners. Those new to the joys of 'growing your own' are especially welcome!

Defend Our Juries

Annie, Sandie and Rosemary posted a letter to the Solicitor General, protesting against Government plans to restrict the rights of both jurors and defendants in trials involving climate activists and other protest groups. Find out more about the Defend Our Juries campaign:

<https://defendourjuries.org/>



Divest from Fossil Fuels

Across the globe institutions are calling time on fossil fuels and are divesting, (the opposite to investing) from Fossil Fuel companies, to the tune of around \$40 Trillion dollars.

In the UK two thirds of all universities, including Lincoln, many faith groups, including the Cof E, and a number of Local government pension funds have committed to divest from fossil fuels. In Lincolnshire, the County, Districts and City Council are all part of the Lincolnshire Pension Fund, which also includes schools, UNISON, and other organisations. The total fund value is £3.1 Billion, with £94.7 million pounds invested in fossil fuels.

So what can we do about it? Across the country there are local council pension divest campaign groups working to encourage their pension funds to divest. The intention is to set up a group in Lincolnshire, If you would like to know more or help with the campaign please get in touch, more information can be found on the EarthLincs website.



Gaia at Lincoln Cathedral in February

Measuring seven metres in diameter, Gaia provided the opportunity for visitors to see our planet floating in three dimensions in Lincoln Cathedral's Nave.

'Contemplate the wonder of life on earth and experience the Overview Effect; astronauts report a feeling of awe for the planet, a profound understanding of the interconnection of all life, and a renewed sense of responsibility for the environment.'



Red Rebels Highlight Biscathorpe Campaign

XR Lincoln's Red Rebels stunned and amazed onlookers with their enigmatic performance in the uphill area of Lincoln on 18th February. They were raising awareness of the SOS Biscathorpe campaign to prevent oil drilling in the Lincolnshire Wolds. SOS Biscathorpe has so far raised half of its target of £20,000 to fund a legal challenge against the drilling permission. Visit the SOS Biscathorpe Facebook page for more information. Donations can be made by clicking the following link:

<https://gofund.me/85305081>

Find us on Facebook:
SOS Biscathorpe



A Message To You, Rishi!...

...is the title of an entertaining video produced by SOS Biscathorpe to promote their campaign. View it here:

<https://youtu.be/yMTZVkjQBVY?si=DdBK-WeqBMRzicmBW>

INTRODUCTION TO PERMACULTURE

A two-day course on the basics of Permaculture ethics, principles and theory

Working with nature to design for a resilient future. Learning to look at the challenges we face and explore the regeneration of depleting systems.

Saturday April 13 & Sunday April 14
9am till 5.30pm each day

Venue: Mint Lane Hub, Lincoln LN1 1UD

Tutor: Hannah Thorogood of Inkpot Farm.
Hannah is a permaculture designer & farmer.

Hannah is a senior tutor & tutor trainer in the permaculture diploma system. She has also been teaching permaculture design courses for 20 years and has been teaching permaculture teacher training courses for 15 years. She has a reputation for creating a very accepting and fun learning environment, putting people from all backgrounds at ease to enjoy their learning together.

<https://www.the-inkpot.co.uk/>

Fee: a suggested donation of £20* per person per day. Apply now to secure your place.

Email: earthlincs@gmail.com

* grants may be available



An opportunity... short course in Permaculture

'Permaculture is an approach to land management and settlement design that adopts arrangements observed in flourishing natural ecosystems.' Whether you have a smallholding, an allotment or a backyard, there is much to be gained by using it to best effect. Join this short course led by expert Hannah Thorogood of Inkpot Farm.

<https://www.the-inkpot.co.uk/>

It will be possible to visit the farm and following this 2-day introduction in Lincoln (13-14 April 2024), you can move on to a Permaculture Diploma course.

A donation of £20 per person per day is requested but we have some funding available to support participation so don't be put off by this. Apply now via earthlincs@gmail.com to secure your place.

Want to Find Out More about EarthLincs?

To book a Drop-in session, get involved as an individual or find out more about our plans, contact the EarthLincs team on

earthlincs@gmail.com

or find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/181394503851074

The EarthLincs Team

Other local Events and Activities

Jumble Sale

at Dunholme Village Hall

Saturday 16th March

1pm start. 30p entry, clothing items 40p.

All proceeds go to local charities

Clothing at Mint Lane

Mint Lane 'Thrift Fashion Thursdays'

Since December, Mint Lane Hub has been holding regular 'Thrift Fashion' events where anyone can donate and buy pre-loved clothing at bargain prices.

All proceeds go to the Mint Lane Café.

The events are planned for 10am–12noon on the first Thursday of each month. The next event will be on 7th March.



Charity Pot Event at Lush

On 27th and 28th April, 11 to 4 pm, come and visit our stall in the Lush Store (Cornhill) and help EarthLincs to raise funds.

(Mint Lane Drop-In will be closed on 27th.)

Wayapa Wellbeing Walks

Join this new mindfulness walking group on the first Friday of the month (1st March) 12–12.30pm.

£5 including lunch. More details below:



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