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# 2018 National Gathering

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# Margam Park

28-30 September 2018

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## "Sustainable solutions"



Get inspired at our next National Gathering at Margam Discovery Centre, Margam Park, Port Talbot SA13 2UA on the weekend of 28-30 September 2018.

Margam Discovery Centre is an award winning state of the art, low carbon footprint building situated within Margam Park, an 850 acre country estate. Glass walls and raised external walkways give visitors the feeling of being part of the natural environment.

## What's on?

**Friday** Arrive from 4pm. Craig Bennett, Chief Executive of Friends of the Earth, will open the event at 7.30pm with his talk on 'From Local to Global.' There is an opportunity to hear from those who have been nominated for the Mike Jacob Awards. A buffet will be available from 6.30pm.

**Saturday** is a mix of workshops and presentations. Listen to inspiring speakers give 'TED style' talks, for instance, Joe O'Mahoney from Repair Café Wales.

**Sunday** world café in the morning followed by a beach clean and picnic at Kenfig Nature Reserve in the afternoon. Child friendly activities will be available in the morning, leaving you free to enjoy the world café. Children are welcome to the beach clean and picnic.



**Accommodation** is in comfortable shared ensuite rooms with four or six beds.

**Entertainment** includes optional yoga and pub quiz.

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## How to get there

**By train** the nearest train station is Port Talbot Parkway. There are direct trains from Cardiff, Newport, Hereford, Shrewsbury, Crewe and Manchester, with connections at Cardiff from south and west of England.

**By car** exit M4, junction 38 and take the A48 signposted to Pyle. Pass the main gates to Margam Country Park. Just after the start of the dual carriageway you will see a brown sign on your left for Margam Discovery Centre.

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# 2018 National Gathering Programme

## Friday evening

6.30pm onwards Buffet (*Dining Hall*)

7.30pm - 8.20am 'From Local to Global'

*Craig Bennett, CEO, Friends of the Earth; Alasdair Roxburgh, Director, Communities and Networks, Friends of the Earth; Haf Elgar, Director, Friends of the Earth Cymru; Kay Polley, Board Member, Friends of the Earth & Friends of the Earth Llangollen*

8.30pm - 9.30pm Mike Jacob Award nominations

## Saturday morning

8.00am - 9.00am Breakfast (*Dining Hall*)

9.30am - 9.45pm Arrivals and registration (*Reception*)

9.50am - 10.00am Introduction to conference (*Reception Area - Rebecca Harford*)

10.00am - 11.30am Climate change panel discussion (*Reception Area - Joshua Virasami, Black Lives Matter; Rita Singh, Size of Wales; Oliver Hayes, Friends of the Earth; Julian Rosser, Facilitator*)

11.30am - 12.30pm - Free time/sign up to 3 waste-themed workshops

## Saturday afternoon

12.30pm - 1.30pm Lunch (*Dining Hall*)

1.45pm - 3.15pm Waste-themed workshops

\* How to set up a Bentyg (*Classroom 1 - Ella Smillie and Jane Booty*)

\* How to set up a repair cafe (*Classroom 2 - Joe O'Mahoney*)

\* How to live a 'plastic-free' life (*Classroom 3 - Ceri Mair Jones*)

\* The story of Ripple, zero waste shop (*Classroom 4 - Sophie Rae*)

\* Storytelling workshops for campaigns (*Classroom 5 - Joanna Lane*)

## Saturday afternoon

3.15pm Refreshments (*Dining Hall*)

3.15-3.45 Sign up for optional activities (*Reception Area*)

3.45pm - 4.10pm Local Group in the Spotlight & Mike Jacob Award (*Reception Area*)

4.10pm - 6.10pm Free time/optional activities

4.20pm-5.20pm choose between:

\* Yoga (*Classroom 1 - Kirsty Luff*)

\* Tai Chi (*Classroom 2 - Stephen Yeo & Heidi Green*)

\* Let's get Digital (*Classroom 3 - Tom Wright*)

## Saturday evening

6.30pm - 7.30pm Dinner (*Dining Hall*)

8.30pm - 10.00pm

Optional pub quiz and bar (*Dining Hall*)

## Sunday

8.00am - 9.00am Breakfast & make your own picnic lunch (*Dining Hall*)

8.00am - 9.00am Registration & sign up to World Café sessions workshops (*Reception*)

9.30am - 10.30am World cafe

\* Clean Air campaign (*Classroom 1 - Haf Elgar*)

\* Bee Friendly (*Classroom 2 - Bleddyn Lake*)

\* Nature2Nature - tackling plastic one piece at a time (*Classroom 3 - Huw Cook & Kirsty Luff*)

10.40am - 11.20am

Choose between two workshops

\* Electric cars (*Classroom 5 - Dave Dewson*)

\* Permaculture (*Classroom 4 - Stephen Yeo & Heidi Green with Peter Stopp from Paramaethu Cymru*)

11.30am - 12.00am Refreshments (*Dining Hall*)

12.30pm - 4.00pm

Litterpick and picnic, Margam Park (*meet in Reception area of Margam Discovery Centre*)

# Booking form

I/ We would like to book .... place(s) for the 2018 National Gathering

**OPTION A £45.00** accommodation on Friday and Saturday night. Friday - evening meal (buffet). Saturday - breakfast, lunch and dinner plus tea and coffee throughout the day. Sunday - breakfast and picnic lunch plus tea and coffee

Please tick

**OPTION B £25.00** accommodation Friday night only. Friday - evening meal (buffet). Saturday - breakfast, lunch and dinner plus tea and coffee throughout the day

**OPTION C £25.00** accommodation Saturday night only. Saturday - lunch and dinner plus tea and coffee. Sunday - breakfast and picnic lunch plus tea and coffee

**OPTION D £10.00** Saturday only with lunch plus tea and coffee

**OPTION E £15.00** Saturday only with lunch and evening meal, plus tea and coffee

**OPTION F £7.00** Sunday only with lunch plus tea and coffee

Please let us know if you have any special requirements e.g. vegan/allergies

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I / we enclose a cheque payable for £\_\_\_\_\_ payable to Friends of the Earth Cymru

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Group (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tick to give us consent to contact you by telephone

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick to give us consent to contact you by

Are you happy for us to keep in touch with you in the future about other ways you can help, including supporting our work?

**Please return by Monday 17 September 2018 to 2018 National Gathering, Friends of the Earth Cymru**  
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