



'GREEN RECOVERY'

A RESPONSE TO COVID-19 THAT ADDRESSES THE CLIMATE CRISIS

webinar on **Wednesday 3rd June 2020** at 11.00 - 11.45 BST

The Covid-19 pandemic has inflicted huge suffering in both its health effects and economic damage. At the same time the climate crisis has not gone away.

This webinar considers the rapidly emerging political consensus – amongst international bodies, national and sub-national governments, business, NGOs and academia - that the response to both the Covid-19 pandemic and the climate crisis should take the form of a “Green Recovery”. We will look at some of the implications of these trends for businesses, and the opportunities that they may represent.

Short presentations will be given by:

William Wilson, Senior Environmental Lawyer, with an overview of recent political developments pointing towards a Green Recovery, both internationally, and within the UK in the run up to COP 26.

Dr Richard Benwell, CEO of Wildlife & Countryside Link, on the economic and political case for a short-term fiscal stimulus, long-term structural reform, and domestic and international legal changes that would ensure we “grow back better”, with a green recovery focused on improving the natural environment.

THE WEBINAR WILL COVER:

- International organisations' calls for a Green Recovery
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- Links to the EU Green Deal
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- National governments' supporting the Green Recovery
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- The UK government's position and its COP 26 responsibilities
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- Links to the Paris Agreement process and COP 26
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- Business and academic support for the Green Recovery
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- Some contrary views, and investments in coal
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- The focus of a Green Recovery on improving the natural environment
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- The significance of the present as a turning point
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- Business opportunities from current trends

SPEAKERS:

WILLIAM WILSON

William Wilson is a Senior Environmental Lawyer at Prospect Law. He has over 25 years experience in government, consultancy and private practice. He has in depth experience of developing legislation and environmental regulation from emerging policy, in the UK, the EU and in legislative projects in the Far East and Middle East. He recently presented workshops on the UK Climate Change Act and options for climate change legislation in Malaysia.

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DR RICHARD BENWELL

Dr Richard Benwell is chief executive of Wildlife and Countryside Link, England's largest environmental coalition. Previously he was policy advisor to the Secretary of State at Defra, after working on policy and advocacy at WWT and RSPB. His PhD analysed the design of carbon emissions trading systems and he has taught sustainable development law and international environmental political economy at Cambridge. Richard has also been a director of Westmill Solar Cooperative, England's first community solar project.

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE LINK

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