

Chester World Development Forum

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Every Tuesday at 7pm: “Tellus” – Eco-Communities Crowdcast

Chester FoE runs Eco Communities TV at 7pm on Tuesdays each week. They say: “If you have something you want to say, a community project you are involved in, or you want to talk about anything in the eco/ sustainable world you think people should know about, get in touch. You can follow our Eco Communities TV Channel on Crowdcast.”

For instructions on how to join, [click here](#).

Throughout May, June and July, **CAFOD** will run its latest campaign: “Fix the food system”. They say “Our food system is broken. It doesn’t work for the people who work the hardest growing our food, and it doesn’t work for the planet.”

For more details, visit www.cafod.org.uk/food

Saturday 07 May: *Chester Friends of Palestine* street demonstration, 11:30am - 1pm.

Meet outside Debenhams in Eastgate Street. Placards will be available on the theme of ‘Disappearing Palestine.’ There will also be a supply of flyers to hand out.

Tuesday 10 May: CWDF AGM at The Unity Centre, 7pm.

The formal business of our Annual General Meeting is to review a report on our activities over the past 12 months, to discuss the Treasurer’s report for 2021, and to elect members of the Committee. Through ill health and job changes, we will shortly be three members down and really do need to strengthen our Committee.

***** Without YOUR renewed support, next year – our 30th – could also be our last! *****

We have a film in which one of the UK’s representatives at COP26 – John Murton – gives his insider’s view on implementing the agreements reached in Paris at COP21. We hope his unique insights will be informative and lead to an interesting discussion.

Christian Aid Week, 15 – 21st May: “Turn hunger into hope - with drought-resistant seeds, many could grow enough food for their families”. Look out for an envelope in your letter box to make a donation, or go online to www.caweek.org for full details.

From 16 to 22 May: “[The Big Plastic Count](#)”, promoted nationally by Greenpeace

Across the country, households of all shapes and sizes, schools, community groups and businesses will collect and record plastic waste. The aim is to gather hard evidence on the amount of plastic we are having to throw away or recycle, and what happens to it.

To help tackle the global “plastic crisis”, Greenpeace and the other organisations behind the initiative want to show the government it’s time for some *ambitious* commitments: halve single use plastics by 2025, and ban sending the UK’s plastic waste to other countries.

Saturday 28 May: Peace Vigil at The Cross, Chester, 12-1pm.

This will be the fourth of the Peace Vigils at The Cross held on the last Saturday of the month. The silent vigil will be held between 12 and 1 pm, and we will wear black, or dark, clothing if possible. The general theme will be Peace, with a decision to be taken in advance of each vigil as to what the focus will be for the next one, such as Ukraine, Myanmar, arms sales, etc.

Please contact Dai or Margaret Owen (dai.owen.art@gmail.com or tel 01244 679051), or contact Annie Bellinger (annie.bellinger@gmail.com or mobile 07821 192755), for more information.

It is possible that other peace vigils might be held at short notice if situations were to arise that we wanted to respond to quickly. Please let us know if you would like to be on a contact list in order to be advised if any were arranged.

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Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 June: 'Green Expo 2022' from 10am to 6pm daily at the Riverside, Castle Drive, Chester.

As well as a Youth Conference on 17 June, there will be displays, demonstrations, exhibits, and presentations on the latest sustainable technologies for powering industry, future homes, and transport. The organisers – [Chester Hydro Hub](#) – claim that there will be more new green jobs than the current birth rate.

More information is available from @greenexpochester and www.GreenExpo.uk.

Come along to learn how these technologies will impact our lives. Admission is free.

Tuesday 19 July: CWDF Forum meeting at The Unity Centre, 7pm.

Stalwart CWDF members Linda & Stewart Shuttleworth will give us an update on their ongoing work in Uganda to improve mental health services in this large developing country. Please note the date of this meeting as it is not on the second Tuesday of the month but on the third.

Tuesday 13 September: CWDF Forum meeting – time and venue to be confirmed.

Dr. Mark Bendall, Senior Lecturer in the University of Chester Department of Social and Political Science will talk about “Challenges in global politics: mis-use and mis-governance”.

Save the date: 24 September to 02 October 2022 is 'Great Big Green Week' in Chester.

Look out for details of events – we will be adding them as they are announced.

November: CWDF Forum meeting – date, time and venue to be confirmed.

We have provisionally booked Paul Tacon to give a talk, probably via Zoom, on aspects of the work of the Migration Team at the International Labour Organisation.

November, during COP27: “Chester Climate Fest”.

The University, Storyhouse and the Cathedral are putting on various talks, workshops and special performances. There will be a Climate Youth Conference on Friday 11 November, and on Saturday 12th there will be another Cathedral exhibition event similar to the one held in 2021.

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