



## **A MASS LOBBY**

## **FOR OUR CLIMATE, NATURE AND THE FUTURE**

## **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

On 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019, parishioners, students and staff from Jesuit works across the United Kingdom will join with the Climate Coalition to gather at Westminster, central London, to call on our politicians to set the foundations for a brighter, greener and safer world. People around the globe are suffering from the effects of climate change and our wildlife populations are being wiped out. The time is now for MPs to end the UK's contribution to climate change and pass ambitious laws that create a healthier environment for nature and for people. The need is urgent and the time is now!

**26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019**

**Jesuit Curia Offices at 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH**

### **Morning**

At 10.30 Participants from the Jesuit parishes, schools and works across the Province will gather at the Jesuit Curia Offices for...

- Briefing from Jesuit Missions staff who work to support projects in countries affected by climate change
- Fr Damian Howard SJ, Provincial of the British Province will speak about the importance of making our voices heard at this critical juncture of history
- Mr Tim Farron, MP for Westmorland and Lonsdale and Liberal Democrat Spokesperson on Environment, Food and Rural Affairs will speak about the urgent need for climate change action now

### **Afternoon**

#### **Walk to Westminster**

We would like you to bring some recyclable rubbish with you, e.g. tin can, plastic tub, and then you can join our 'Rubbish Band' who will make plenty of noise and music as we process to Westminster. No prior musical training needed. There will also be guest appearances by the Wombles and a Dragon!

14.00 THE EARTH'S ALARM CLOCK IS RINGING! While waiting in Lobby lines participants set off as many alarm clocks as possible to make our voices heard

Meet your local MP to urge climate action NOW. Together, let's send a message to Parliament that the Time is Now! for action.

## **Follow-Up**

- If you haven't had a chance to speak with your MP at the event, then complete one of Jesuit Missions *Postcards from the Edge* and pop it in the post or contact your MP by email or through social media. For some constituencies there can be a significant queue. Don't worry. It is still very important to show up. Turnout speaks volumes.
- Make contacting your MP part of your weekly or fortnightly routine to reinforce the message
- Visit your MPs surgery and discuss the issue

## **SOME TOP TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE LOBBYING**

- Get informed. Jesuit Missions will be providing resources and links
- Be clear when discussing what specific measures you hope WILL be achieved
- Bring a list of key action points with you to leave with your MP
- Be clear and objective when speaking. Your MP represents you it is their job to listen
- Stay on topic
- Avoid being argumentative or aggressive. Your MP is there to serve

## **WHAT ARE WE HOPING TO ACHIEVE?**

An end to the UK's contribution to climate change by setting a **net zero emissions** target

Ambitious **new laws** that will clean up our air, slash plastic pollution and restore wildlife to our countryside

## **WHY LOBBY?**

Members of Parliament represent us. They are the voice of the people. So, we need to tell them what we want! Sadly, few people contact their MPs, write letters to them or visit them in person at their constituency offices. By lobbying MPs we send a powerful message that the time to act on climate change is now!

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