

## FROM SCIENCE TO ACTIVISM: HOW SHOULD ACTION FOLLOW CLIMATE RESEARCH?

### SUMMARY

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Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October; online

Conference: 4.00 – 6.00 pm; AGM: 6.15 – 7.00 pm

For more details and to register (free!), go to: [www.sgr.org.uk/events](http://www.sgr.org.uk/events)

The Zoom link will be available after you register.

#### 4.00 Welcome and introduction

**Andrew Simms**, Assistant Director, SGR

Each speaker will speak for 7-8 minutes, followed by 7 minutes of Q&A/discussion.

#### 4.05 Keynote presentation

**Dr. Lewis Akenji**, director of the Hot or Cool Institute - a public interest think tank that explores the intersection between society and sustainability, bringing together researchers and practitioners to facilitate solutions to global problems. Lewis will speak about Hot or Cool's new 1.5C lifestyles report, using climate science to inform the kind of lifestyles we can enjoy while still preventing climate breakdown.

#### 4.20 Quick poll

Interactive bit!

#### 4.25 Acting on your conclusions: what is the responsibility for scientists to take climate action?

**Andrew Simms** on implementing SGR's Science Oath for the Climate – including speaking out more publicly on the scientific evidence, supporting climate campaigners, and taking action to reduce lifestyle carbon emissions.

#### 4.40 Breaking carbon chains in professional science: ending fossil fuel finance of science and technology bodies

**Dr. Liz Kalaugher**, Responsible Science Campaigner, SGR

Whilst some of the UK's professional bodies have committed to net zero and no longer invest in fossil fuels, that's by no means the case for all. Find out who's putting their money where their mouth is and how SGR is pushing for change.

#### **4.55 The military carbon footprint: uniting climate and peace activism**

**Dr. Stuart Parkinson**, Executive Director, SGR

The military has long been exempt from robust reporting of its carbon emissions, or serious targets for reduction. SGR's research into the real size of these emissions has highlighted that they are much larger than officially admitted - but also that new plans from, for example, NATO are likely to fail because they only focus on 'green' technologies to fight more wars. He argues that climate and peace activists need to work closely together to promote solutions that tackle the root causes of conflict - including tackling climate change itself.

#### **5.10 Encouraging climate education and activism in schools, colleges and universities**

**Dr. Jan Maskell & Dr. Emily Heath**, SGR

A brief overview of SGR's climate-related STEM education activities, and opportunities for creating a culture of climate activism in education settings.

[Quick comfort break 5.25 – 5.30]

#### **5.30 – 5.50 DISCUSSION IN BREAKOUT GROUPS**

**What types of climate action are you taking, or thinking of taking, and how can SGR support you?**

Share your experiences and ideas, be inspired by what others are doing, and identify barriers to action and how we could overcome them.

#### **5.50 – 6.00 Final reflections from Andrew Simms**

**Including a quick poll on future SGR events**

[Break 6.00 - 6.15]

#### **6.15 - 7.00 Annual General Meeting, using same Zoom link**

**The AGM agenda will be sent to everyone who registers, nearer the time.**

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