

# Faiths & Sustainability: Taking Responsibility for OUR Planet Conference

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
**St Peter's Conference Centre, Dormer Place, Leamington Spa CV32 5AA**

## Key aims of the Conference:

- 1) To raise awareness in the community of the current environmental and economic issues
- 2) To provide the community with an outline of services and support available to them.
- 3) To provide an opportunity for members of the Community to raise issues and concerns with key service providers.

## Timetable:

09.30 Registration and Refreshments

10.00 Introduction Jatinder S Birdi, Chairperson WDFE

10.05 Welcome Fr John, St Peter's RC Church

10.10 Faith Reflection Bill Heilbronn

10.15 Opening Reflection and Address DCC Richard Moore, Warwickshire Police

10.20 **Key Note: Beyond Religion to Tackle Environmental Issues - Don de Silva**  
Former Senior Official, United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)

Don de Silva is an environmentalist, writer and now a university Buddhist chaplain. He has direct experience of the way in which concern about the environment turned into a global movement. He was involved in organising key world environmental summits. A former senior official of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), he has initiated and managed environment and advocacy projects in many parts of the world. As a chaplain, he now works to promote mental health and well-being – through meditation and mindfulness. He also works to create awareness about what Faith can offer to Ecology, Climate Change, and Sustainable Development.

10.50 **Landscape and Reconciliation** Dr Alex Albans  
Reconciliation Ministry Coventry Cathedral

Alex Albans has a background in historical and cultural geography, mapping and cartography. After a number of years working for the Land Registry in Coventry he retrained as landscape architect. He has worked at Birmingham City University as a tutor and most recently as Research Fellow on a project to propose a new type of National Park which celebrates the connections between people and place. In tandem with his landscape work, Alex also works in the field of reconciliation as part of Coventry Cathedral's Reconciliation Ministry.

11.15 Break

11.30 **Local Environmental Issues** Ruth Payne  
Waste Strategy and Minimisation WCC

12.00 Discussion Groups: 1) Don de Silva  
2) Dr Alex Albans  
3) Ruth Payne

12.40 Feedback from Workshops

12.50 Plenary and Closing comments Dr Harriet Crabtree - Executive Director IFN UK

13.00 Vegetarian Lunch & Networking

The Conference is free and open to the public to attend. To register to attend or for further information, please email: [wdfaitsforum@yahoo.com](mailto:wdfaitsforum@yahoo.com), or telephone: 07958 589464.