READING CLIMATE FESTIVAL

6 - 20 JUNE 2026

PROGRAMME

READING
CLIMATE FESTIVAL

Fifty
FREE events
to inspire a
healthier, more
connected,
resilient &
climate-friendly
Reading

#ReadingClimateFestival2026

The Festival is curated and co-ordinated by
Reading Climate Change Partnership,
the voluntary steering group of
Reading Climate Action Network.

Thank you to REDA and Reading Borough Council
for sponsorship and support!

WEBSITE:

ReadingCAN
Climate Action Network

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NEWSLETTER

WEEK 1

Saturday 6 June

10:30am - 1pm

WALK: Town to Marsh 'n Back

Join the Marshians for a walk to Fobney Marsh - Reading's hidden nature gem!

GUIDED WALK

FREE ADMISSION

SOLD OUT



This event is hosted by Fobney Marshians.

Saturday 6 June

11am - 3pm

Collaborative Art Installation: Building a Recycled Community Together

Drop in and create a shared artwork.

ST NICOLAS CHURCH, EARLEY

FREE ADMISSION

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by artist Emma Major

Saturday 6 June

12 - 1:30pm	**Green Park Wind Turbine Tour** Join a tour of this iconic local turbine **GREEN PARK WIND TURBINE** *If sold out see identical tours on 10 & 14 June 2026* **FREE ADMISSION**	SOLD OUT



This tour is hosted by Reduce Energy Ltd.

Saturday 6 June

2 - 5pm	**Run the World:** **The 2030 SDG Game** A fast-paced collaborative simulation game where your choices create a model of our world for the future. **THAMES LIDO** FREE ADMISSION	SOLD OUT



This event is expertly facilitated by Wendy Stone, CEO, The Global Academy.

Sunday 7 June

10am - 12pm

Fabric Mending Workshop

Learn techniques for mending clothes and other fabrics. Suitable for beginners and more experienced sewers.

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FREE ADMISSION

SOLD OUT



This event was kindly hosted by Hilary Lainchbury

Sunday 7 June

3 - 4pm

Fossilheads Climate Crisis Cabaret!

Come and see this acclaimed duo's mix of music, theatre and comedy.

THE THREE GUINEAS PUB

FREE ADMISSION

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Fossilheads

Monday 8 June

12:30 - 1:30pm

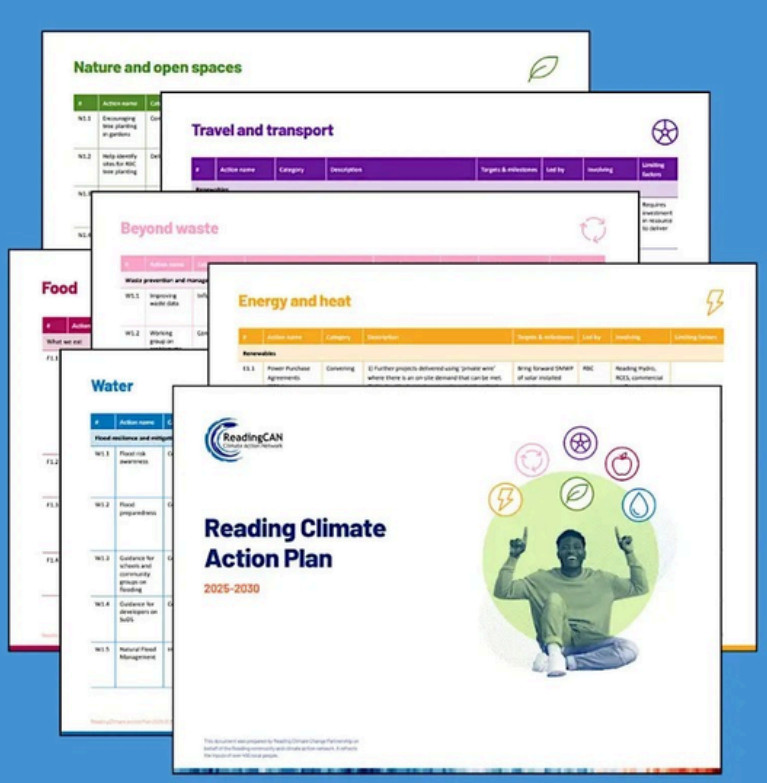
Reading Climate Action Plan 2025 - 2030

What it is and how you can get involved, as a local organisation, funder, volunteer or visionary.

ONLINE EVENT

FREE ADMISSION

SALES ENDED



Volunteer for RCCP Projects and Working Groups

Action Plan Working Groups

- Beyond waste
- Energy & heat
- NEW Food
- Nature & open space
- Travel & transport
- Water

Other Working Groups (not linked to Action Plans)

- NEW Supporting SMEs
- NEW RCCP Operations
- Fundraising NEW

Help raise funds for staff and projects!

Communications & Campaigns Team NEW

Bring your storytelling skills, help shape creative local climate campaigns and support the Action Plan Working Groups.

- News gathering and storytelling
- Content creation
- Social media
- Newsletter & email
- Website & inbound
- Climate action campaigns
- Reading Climate Festival
- Data & infographics
- Media & PR
- Climate Communications Alliance

Hosted by Reading Climate Change Partnership, the steering group of ReadingCAN and Reading Climate Festival and the convener of the Reading Climate Action Plan.

Monday 8 June

5 - 6:30pm

RCCP Nature Working Group Kick-off Meeting

Help more people connect with nature, and restore it, in Reading.

ONLINE EVENT

FREE ADMISSION

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Reading Climate Change Partnership's Nature Theme Lead, Adrian Lawson.

Monday 8 June

6 - 9pm

Biodiversity Collage

A game about saving nature. Recreate ecosystems and learn how we can protect them.

READING BIKE HUB

FREE ADMISSION

SOLD OUT





This event is hosted by Ruth Dobson, Paul Cooper and Ramandeep Nijjar

Monday 8 June

8 - 9pm

Creating Warmer Homes

Practical, affordable ways to reduce heat loss and improve comfort at home.

ONLINE

FREE ADMISSION

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Rayner Mayer from Sciotech.

Tuesday 9 June

12:30 - 1pm

Reading Community Energy's New Share Offer (Solar)

RCES is raising funds for 271 kWp of solar PV on the roof of Reading Buses' depot

ONLINE EVENT

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Reading Community Energy Society

Tuesday 9 June

1 - 2pm

RCCP Transport Working Group Kick-off Meeting

This group will help evolve and convene delivery of the Food section of the Reading Climate Action Plan 2025 - 2030

ONLINE EVENT

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Reading Climate Change Partnership's Transport Theme Lead, Chris Maddocks.

Tuesday 9 June

2- 3pm	**Demystifying Sustainable Advertising - WORKSHOP** Discover how sustainability can become a powerful driver of smarter and more efficient marketing. **APEX PLAZA** FREE ADMISSION	SOLD OUT



This event is hosted by Lisa Boyles, Head of Go To Market at giffgaff.

Tuesday 9 June

5 to 6:15pm

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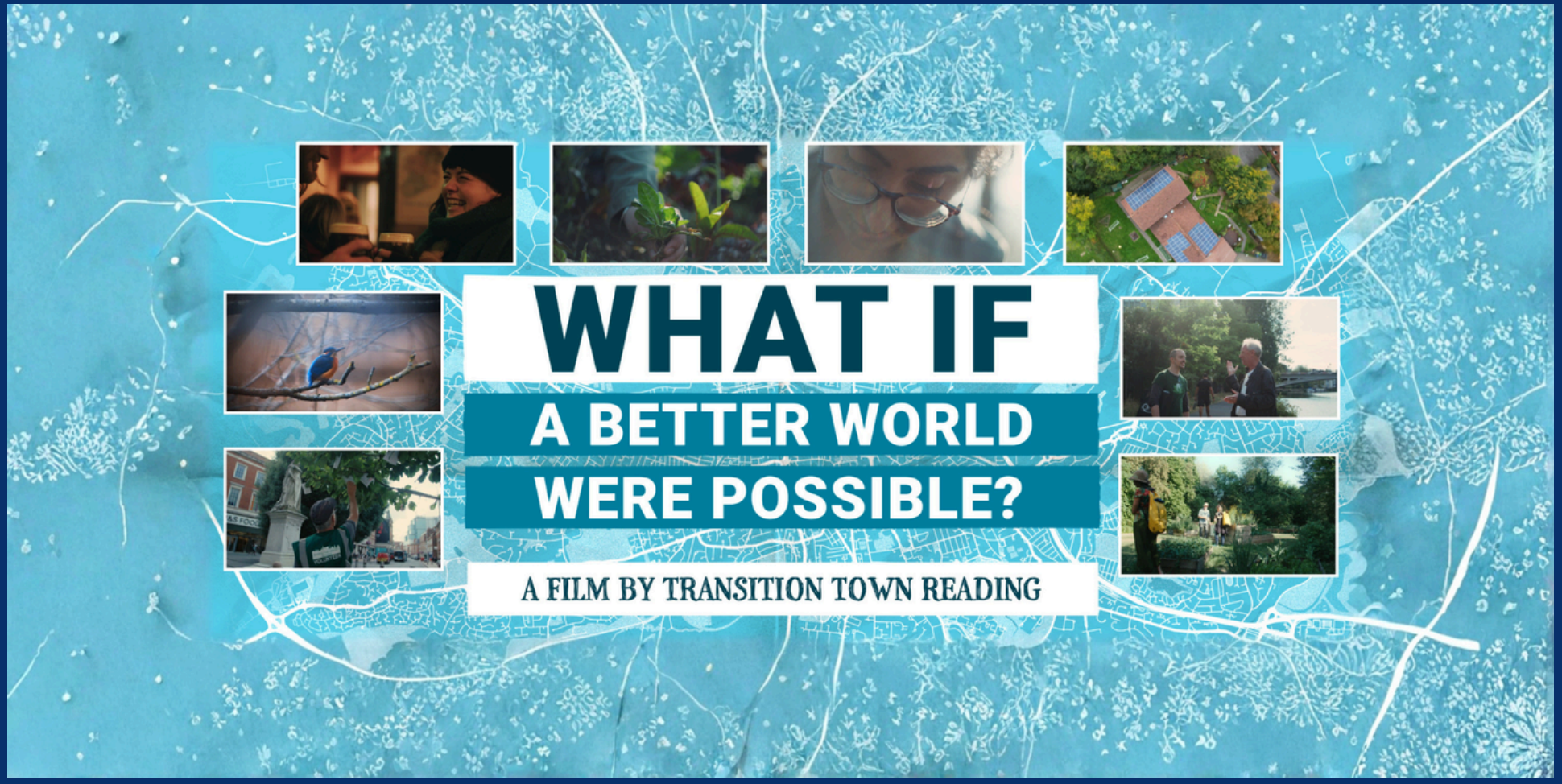
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This event is hosted by Reading Climate Change Partnership's Food Theme Lead, Eugene Mohareb.

Tuesday 9 June

7:30 to 9pm	**FILM SCREENING + PANEL: What if a Better World Were Possible?** New short film about Reading's most inspiring community-led sustainability initiatives. Commissioned by Transition Town Reading. Created by Liam Rooney. **MINGHELLA CINEMA, UoR** **FREE**	SOLD OUT



Hosted by ReadingCAN, University of Reading & Transition Town Reading

Tuesday 9 June

4 - 6pm

Saving Sustainability

How can local businesses stop sustainability from slipping down the list of priorities?

ZERODEGREES MICROBREWERY

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Ethical Reading.

Wednesday 10 June

12:30 to 1:30pm

RCCP Water Working Group Kick-off Meeting

This group will help evolve and deliver the Water section of the Reading Climate Action Plan 2025 - 2030

ONLINE EVENT

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Reading Climate Change Partnership's Water Theme Lead, Heather Marshall

Wednesday 10 June

2 - 3pm	**Echoes of Energy: Archiving our Renewable Transitions** Liz Bartram, Director of The Mills Archive Trust, explores documents capturing a long history of human adaptation to seasonal change. **ONLINE EVENT** **FREE**	SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by the Mills Archive Trust

Wednesday 10 June

5 - 6:15pm

How to be climate friendly in Reading

Experts answer questions about domestic solar, heat pumps, insulation, food and travel choices... and activism!

ONLINE EVENT

FREE ADMISSION

SALES ENDED



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Wednesday 10 June

7pm - 8:30pm

Green Park Wind Turbine Tour

Join a tour of this iconic turbine

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Wednesday 10 June

8pm - 9:30pm

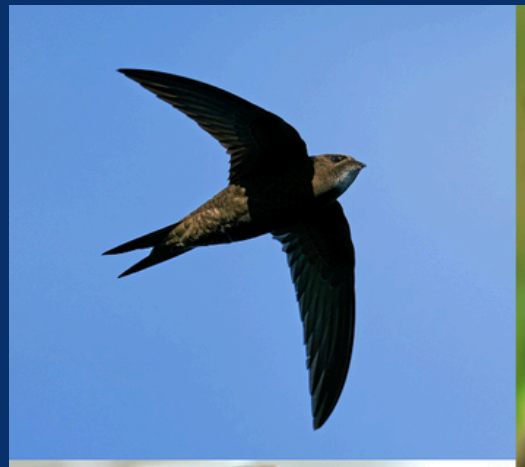
Hedgehogs, swifts and martins: Bringing them back from the brink

This online talk by Barbara Polonara will show that small, local actions can boost biodiversity and resilience.

ONLINE EVENT

FREE ADMISSION

SALES ENDED







This online talk is hosted by Reading & District Natural History Society

Thursday 11 June

12pm to 1pm

How Green is Reading Town Centre?

Hear about this brand new report commissioned by Reading's Economic & Destination Agency (REDA)

ONLINE

FREE ADMISSION

SALES ENDED



This online talk is hosted by REDA.

Thursday 11 June

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Reconnecting with our River Thames

Laura Reineke takes us under the surface of our beloved river - how we got here and how we can turn things around.

ONLINE

FREE ADMISSION

SALES ENDED



This online talk is hosted by Laura Reineke, founder of Henley Mermaids and Friends of the Thames.

Thursday 11 June

8pm - 9pm

Converting Heating Systems to Heat Pumps

Get up to speed on heat pumps: how they work, installation requirements and what grants or support are available.

ONLINE EVENT

FREE ADMISSION

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Rayner Mayer from Sciotech.

Friday 12 June

10am - 11:30am

Friday Fledgelings with MERL

Explore the wonders of nature through outdoor play, child-led discovery and hands on fun.

THE MUSEUM OF ENGLISH RURAL LIFE

Pre booking via MERL required - £5 per child

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Museum of English Rural Life

Friday 12 June

6:15 - 8pm

PADDLEBOARD RIVER CLEAN-UP

Join a small group river clean-up with Go with the Flow Paddleboarding

CHESTNUT WALK

FREE

SOLD OUT



Hosted by Go with the Flow Paddleboarding and sponsored by REDA

Friday 12 June

7pm - 9:30pm	**FILM & DISCUSSION: The People's Emergency Briefing** This powerful documentary project aims to unlock a mass response across the UK to the climate and nature crisis. **RISC WORLD SHOP** **FREE ADMISSION**	SOLD OUT

People's Emergency Briefing
READING

National Emergency Briefing

READING CLIMATE FESTIVAL

This FREE film screening is part of **Reading Climate Festival 2026.** Our thanks to the Reading NEB Steering Group who are organising screenings across Reading.

This event is hosted by ReadingCAN and the Reading NEB Steering Group.

Friday 12 June

8pm - 10pm

Eco Open Mic at Reading Poets' Cafe

A special climate-themed evening of poetry

SOUTH STREET ARTS CENTRE

£5 TICKETS

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Reading Poets' Cafe

Saturday 13 June

10 - 11:30am

The Practice of Hope

Join eco-distress expert Jo Musker-Sherwood to explore ways to cultivate hope without denying the reality of the climate crisis.

RISING SUN ARTS CENTRE

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Jo Musker-Sherwood as a companion event to the People’s Emergency Briefing.

Saturday 13 June

2-5pm

Climate Fresk: Connecting climate science and action

Join a guided journey to understanding climate change and identify practical actions you can take at work, at home and in your community.

READING BIKE HUB

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Paul Cooper, Giorgio Graffino and Ruth Dobson.

Sunday 14 June

11am - 1pm

WALK TO FOBNEY MARSH

A walking introduction to this hidden local gem and wildlife haven.

FOBNEY LOCK

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Fobney Marshians.

Sunday 14 June

11:30am - 3:30pm

Reimagine Reading Community Lunch

Climate-friendly food, creativity and community in Forbury Gardens

FORBURY GARDENS

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by ReadingCAN and sponsored by REDA and Reading Borough Council.

Sunday 14 June

11:30am - 3:30pm

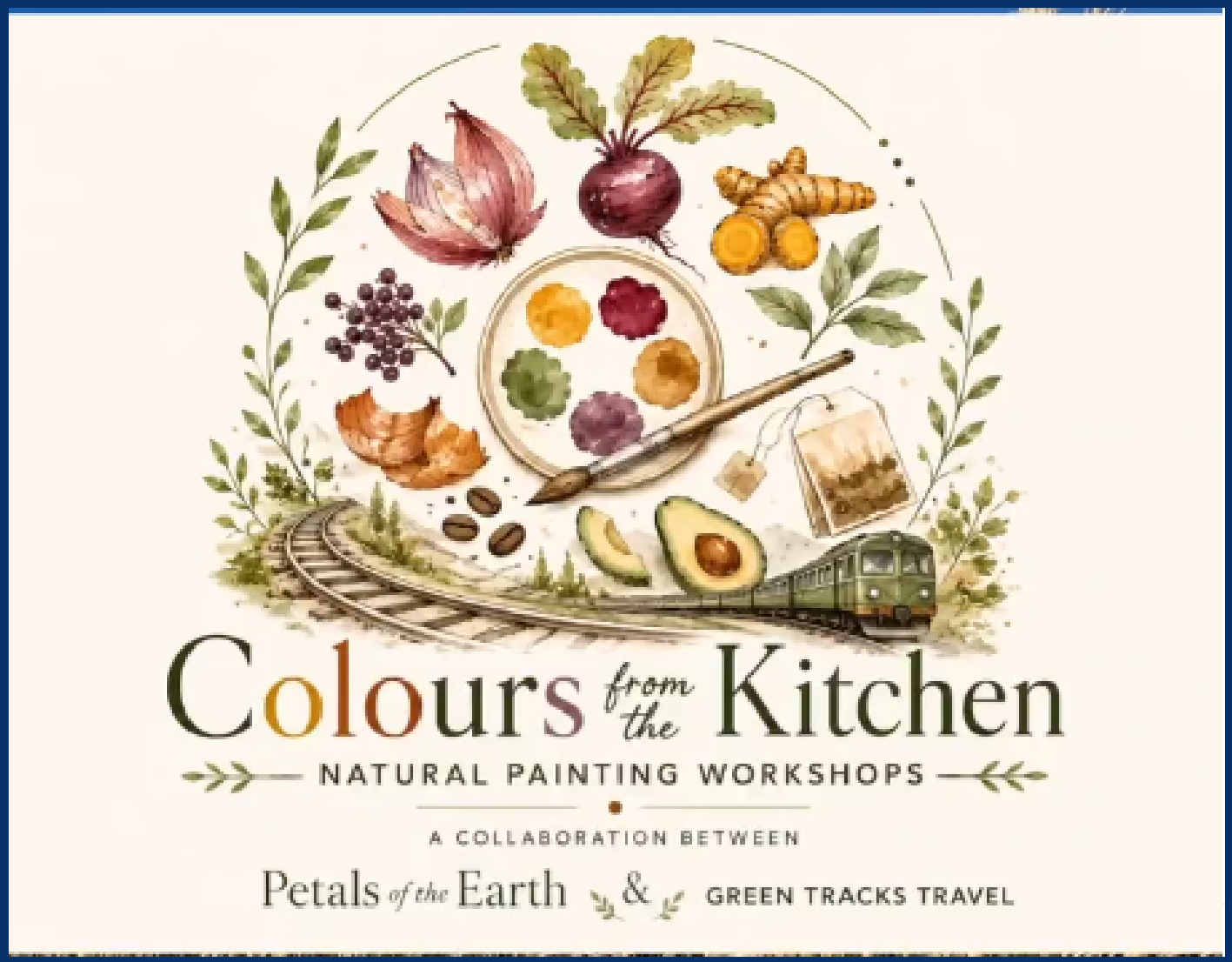
Colours from the Kitchen Painting Workshop

Creative, hands-on painting workshop for children and adults with curious minds.

FORBURY GARDENS

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Petals of the Earth and Green Tracks Travel as part of the Reimagine Reading Community Lunch.

Sunday 14 June

11:30am - 3:30pm

Imagine Ecotopia Workshop for Kids and Families

Explore hopeful futures for Reading through drawing, painting and storytelling inspired by ecology and community

FORBURY GARDENS

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Cinergy Studios and sponsored by REDA as part of the Reimagine Reading Community Lunch.

Sunday 14 June

10am - 3:30pm	**Imagining Your 2050 Ecotopia: Storytelling & Imagination Workshop** Imagine the future with London School of Solarpunk and others - includes a session with a professional screenwriter! **THAMES LIDO** **FREE**	SOLD OUT



Hosted by Cinergy Studios and sponsored by REDA.
Part of Reimagine Reading Community Lunch

Sunday 14 June

11:30am - 3:30pm

Incredible Edible Reading's Grow Where You Are

Learn how to grow your own food - in gardens, pots or balconies. Then take home a free growing kit.

FORBURY GARDENS

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Incredible Edible Reading.
Part of Reimagine Reading Community Lunch.

Sunday 14 June

11:30am - 3:30pm

What now? Future Creation Workshop with Commando Jugendstil

Explore what a future of abundance could look like in Reading.

FORBURY GARDENS

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Commando Jugendstil.
Part of the Reimagine Reading Community Lunch.

Sunday 14 June

3pm - 4:30pm	**Green Park Wind Turbine Tour** Join a tour of this iconic turbine **GREEN PARK WIND TURBINE** FREE ADMISSION If *sold out see identical tours on 6 & 10 June 2026*	SOLD OUT



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WEEK 2

Monday 15 June

12:30 - 1:30pm

BEYOND WASTE WORKING GROUP KICK-OFF

This group will help evolve and deliver the Beyond Waste section of the Reading Climate Action Plan 2025 - 2030

ONLINE EVENT

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Reading Climate Change Partnership's Beyond Waste Theme Lead, Erica Purvis

Monday 15 June

7pm to 8:30pm

PUBLIC LECTURE & DISCUSSION: The Climate Futures We Dare To Imagine

SPEAKER: Professor Hannah Cloke OBE, University of Reading

READING TOWN HALL & ONLINE

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by University of Reading

Tuesday 16 June

9:30am - 2:30pm

Climate Education & Action Event (Primary)

Local schools are invited to the University of Reading for activities linked to the four pillars of School Climate Action Plans.

UNIVERSITY OF READING

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by University of Reading's Climate Ambassadors for Schools

Tuesday 16 June

12:30 - 1:30pm

RCCP ENERGY WORKING GROUP KICK-OFF

This group will help evolve and deliver the Energy section of the Reading Climate Action Plan 2025 - 2030

ONLINE EVENT

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by Reading Climate Change Partnership's Energy Theme Lead, Ben Burfoot

Wednesday 16 June

9:30am - 2:30pm

Climate Education & Action Event (Secondary)

Local schools are invited to the University of Reading for activities linked to the four pillars of School Climate Action Plans.

UNIVERSITY OF READING

FREE

SALES ENDED



This event is hosted by University of Reading’s Climate Ambassadors for Schools

Thursday 18 June

5pm - 6:15pm	**Swapping, Sharing & Repairing: Circular Solutions for Reading Communities** Sam Drury Shore gives us a tour of community-led circular economy initiatives. **ONLINE EVENT** **FREE**	SALES ENDED



This event is commissioned by ReadingCAN and hosted by Sam Drury Shore

Saturday 20 June

11am - 5pm

Smart Energy Show

Two-day event with information stalls, expert advice and short talks to help you navigate your household's energy transition.

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FREE ADMISSION

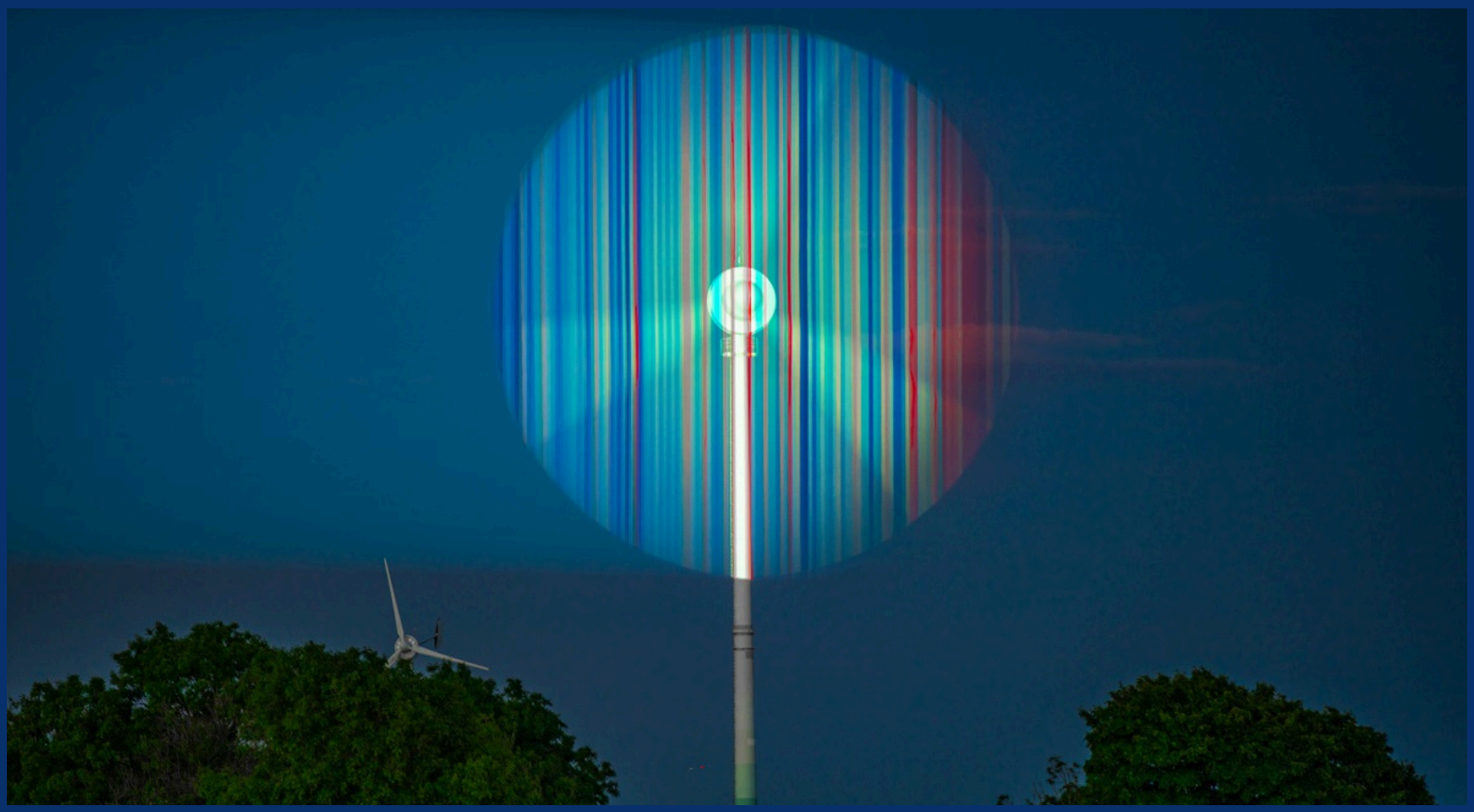
SALES ENDED



This event was convened and hosted by Austin Jacobs and the Reading Hydro Energy Champions

Saturday 20 June

ALL DAY	**Show Your Stripes Day** Join a global call to ‘Show Your Stripes’ and share a powerful message about our changing climate. #showyourstripes University of Reading	SALES ENDED



This global initiative is convened by the University of Reading.

Sunday 21 June

11am - 4pm

Smart Energy Show

Two days drop-in event with information stalls, expert advice and short talks to help you navigate your household's energy transition.

READING BIKE HUB

FREE ADMISSION

SALES ENDED



This event was convened and hosted by Austin Jacobs and the Reading Hydro Energy Champions.

Thank you to all event hosts & speakers!

Adrian Lawson
Andrew Nind
Austin Jacobs
Beatroots
Berkshire Local Exchange Trading Scheme
Chris Jardine
Cinergy Studios
Climate Ambassadors for Schools
Climate Fresk UK
Commando Jugendstil
Connect Reading
Culture Mix Arts & Music Centre
Design Nature
DraughtBusters
Emma Major
Erica Purvis
Ethical Reading
Eugene Mohareb
Fobney Marshians
Fossilheads Climate Crisis Cabaret
Giorgio Graffino

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Go with the Flow Paddleboarding
Green Tracks Travel
Heather Marshall
Hilary Lainchbury
House Martin Conservation UK & Ireland
Incredible Edible Reading
Jo Musker-Sherwood
John Holden
Laura Reineke and Friends of the Thames
Liam Rooney Productions
Lisa Boyles and giffgaff
Mills Archive Trust
Moyna Bawa
Museum of English Rural Life
Nature Nurture
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Reading Bike Hub
Reading Borough Council
Reading Climate Change Partnership
Reading Community Energy Society
Reading Economic & Destination Agency (REDA)
Reading Hydro
Reading Library of Things
National Emergency Briefing Reading Steering Group
Reading Poets' Café
Reading Repair Café
Reduce Energy Ltd
Resource Productions
RISC
Rosie Deane
Ruth Dobson
Sam Drury-Shore
Save Energy

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Screen Berkshire
Spirit Energy
Thames Lido
The Three Guineas
Transition Town Reading
Trees for Reading
Tutu’s Ethiopian Table
University of Reading
University of the Built Environment
Vegivores
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