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**Leeds scientists take to the road to talk about climate change**

How does climate change affect you, and what will it mean for your family in the future?

Experts from the University of Leeds are staging a mini-roadshow to explain, starting at Leeds Kirkgate Market **today** (12.00-2.00pm) and culminating at a public event at Mill Hill Chapel in Leeds City Square on Thursday 27 April, where members of the public can put their questions directly to climate scientists.

The scientists are conducting the public events for climate education week, which follows Earth Day on Saturday 22 April, marked this year by the March for Science. More than 600 demonstrations took place around the world (including underwater near Hawaii and in Antarctica), with a sister march in London attracting 10,000 marchers.

The climate action in Leeds will feature a film showing on the screen in the performance area of Kirkgate Market featuring BBC weather presenter Keeley Donovan, who introduces researchers from the world leading Priestley International Centre for Climate. The film will also be shown during the week on the big screen in Millennium Square.

The roadshow continues at the University of Leeds on Wednesday (12-2.00pm) in the Union Precinct week and on Thursday in the Priestley Hall at Mill Hill Chapel from 5.00-6.00pm. Questions collected from the public throughout the week will be put to a panel of climate scientists in the main event, Ask a Climate Scientist, in the chapel from 6.00pm.

**More details and booking information**: [https://climatescientist.eventbrite.co.uk](https://climatescientist.eventbrite.co.uk/)

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The [Priestley International Centre for Climate](http://climate.leeds.ac.uk)at the University of Leeds brings together world leading expertise in all of the key strands of climate change research. As well as forging new international partnerships, the Priestley Centre’s focus is on interdisciplinary research that better links our physical, technological, economic and social understanding of climate change with strategies for mitigation and adaptation. The Priestley International Centre for Climate is the University’s flagship strategic investments in response to the global challenge of climate change, with £7m invested over five years.

The director is [Piers Forster](http://www.see.leeds.ac.uk/people/p.forster), Professor of Physical Climate Change in the School of Earth and Environment. [www.climate.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.climate.leeds.ac.uk) @priestleycentre #climateleeds

Climate research at the University of Leeds:

* Leeds is the top UK university for impact of its environmental research and eighth in the world (THE, 24.11.16)
* Ranked first in the UK for the power of its world leading environmental science research (REF 2014)
* Over 150 experts working on climate and related research
* Over £100m in research income between 2010 and 2015
* Leeds had five authors contribute to the most recent IPCC report (2014) and 40 papers published in Nature and Science 2010- 2015
* Is a key partner in the development of our national climate modelling capability, making use of extensive local and national high performance computing resources
* Leeds has unique laboratories researching fundamental processes in the Earth’s atmosphere, transport simulation, engineering and air quality.
* Partnerships include [National Centre for Atmospheric Science (NCAS)](https://www.ncas.ac.uk/index.php/en/) (hosted by Leeds); [ESRC Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy (CCCEP)](http://www.cccep.ac.uk/) (run by Leeds and London School of Economics); [Met Office](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/); [UK Energy Research Centre](http://www.ukerc.ac.uk/) and the [Center for International Climate Research - Oslo](http://www.cicero.uio.no/en/).