

Simon Hughes MP presents

Opening the floodgates?

Three perspectives on tar sands and the EU Fuel Quality Directive

Thursday 3rd October 2013 3-5pm

Grimond Room, Portcullis House, Bridge St, SW1A 2LW (next to Westminster tube)

You are invited to a public meeting, hosted by Simon Hughes MP, that will bring together three powerful speakers to discuss the impacts of the highly polluting tar sands industry and the significance of the EU Fuel Quality Directive, which will be voted on by member states in the coming months.

This will be a chance to remedy the current of misinformation being spread by Canadian and oil industry lobbyists, who are pushing to weaken the FQD and promote tar sands as a sustainable fuel source.

As well as a first-hand account of how development of the tar sands is affecting Indigenous communities, you will hear why scientists are telling us we need to leave 80% of fossil fuels in the ground, why the Fuel Quality Directive will have significant global consequences beyond European petrol tanks, and why the UK's position could make or break it.

Host:

Simon Hughes is Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats in the Commons and has been Member of Parliament for Southwark, Bermondsey since 1983. He is also the Government's Advocate for Access to Education. He has held many significant roles including Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

Speakers:

George Poitras, former chief of the Mikisew Cree First Nation and resident of Fort Chipewyan, has been one of the most prominent Indigenous voices speaking out about the devastating local impacts of tar sands extraction, particularly on First Nation communities' health and traditions.

Franziska Achterberg, EU transport policy director of Greenpeace European Unit, is working in Brussels to shape the EU climate change policies in the transport sector. She leads Greenpeace's advocacy work for cleaner cars and fuels.

Jeremy Leggett is a social entrepreneur, author, and founder and chairman of renewable energy company Solarcentury and charity SolarAid. He chairs the financial-sector think tank CarbonTracker, and is an Associate Fellow at Oxford University's Environmental Change Institute. He is releasing a new book, *The Energy of Nations*, on 26 September 2013.

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