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What is the future for the developing world?
What sort of development is sustainable?

THE GREAT DEBATE

presents

a day of discussion on

Development, Sustainability and Environment

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday 27th September
Leazes Room
Civic Centre
Newcastle upon Tyne

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Environmental Ideas in the 21st Century
What Future for the Developing World?
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Convened by Caspar Hewett, Dave O'Toole and Jon Bryan
Sponsored by **Peer Review for European Sustainable Urban Development**

In the last twenty years environmental thinking has become very much a part of our every day lives. The term 'sustainable development' has entered the mainstream and is used to guide policy in both the developed and developing world. Yet whilst we in the West enjoy a safe, clean, pleasant environment coupled with high living standards the developing world is being discouraged from aspiring to anything more than basic needs. So what is sustainable development and what are its consequences? What is current in environmental thought?

Session 1: Environmental Ideas in the 21st Century

Chair: Dave O'Toole, *The Great Debate*

Speakers:

Derek Bell, Leverhulme Research Fellow in Politics, University of Newcastle

Joe Kaplinsky, Technology Analyst

Mary Mellor, author *The Politics of Money: Towards Sustainability and Economic Democracy*

Environmental ideas are taught in schools, discussed in the House of Commons and debated at world summits, but what does it mean to be an environmentalist today? This session will look at the impact of the environmental movement, what is behind the mainstreaming of environmental ideas and what consequences this has for the future.

Session 2: What Future for the Developing World?

Chair: Mo Lovatt, *The Great Debate*

Speakers:

Ceri Dingle, Director, WORLDwrite

Geoff Parkin, Lecturer in Sustainable Hydrology, Water Resource Systems Research Laboratory (WRSRL), currently working on Middle East water resources projects

Jan Simmonds, Christian Aid North East

The term sustainable development is defined as 'development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs' [Brundtland Report]. Where does this leave present generations? What can the developing world realistically aspire to?

Session 3: Sustainability Here and Now

Chair: Viv Regan, Assistant Director, WORLDwrite

Speakers:

Allen Creedy, Project Director, Peer Review for European Sustainable Urban Development (PreSud), Directorate of Enterprise, Environment & Culture, Newcastle City Council

James Heartfield, editor *Sustaining Architecture in the Anti-Machine Age*

Over the last decade work has been undertaken at international, national and local levels to advance sustainable urban development. The final session of the day will be a discussion about the benefits or otherwise of the sustainability paradigm in the context of the developed world. Contrasting views of sustainability will be offered by two prominent speakers on this important issue.

Come along, hear the arguments and have your say

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