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The climate emergency will impact on the whole charity sector, not just environmental charities. No Planet B is for anyone who cares about their charity's environmental impact and is committed to taking action to build a sustainable future for both their organisation and their service users. Join us to find out what other charities are doing to reduce their carbon footprint and adapt to the climate emergency, and how your organisation can join the campaign to limit global warming and avert climate catastrophe.

08:20 Registration, morning coffee & networking

O8:50 Chair's welcome: Dr Amiera Sawas, senior climate and gender justice advisor, ActionAid UK

09:00 Opening keynote: How bad is it really?

Extreme weather and climactic events are occurring around the earth much more frequently than ever before, and scientists and campaigners warn of dire consequences for humanity and nature if we fail to slow the planet's inexorable warming. Yet many of those with the most power to do something about it are still dismissing these warnings as "doom-mongering" and fake news. So what are the facts? Hear the latest analysis from geographer, geologist, historian, palaeoclimatologist and entrepreneur, Professor Mark Maslin.

Professor Mark Maslin, professor of climatology, University College London

09:30 What are charities already doing?

Fit for the Future is an environmental sustainability network for organisations primarily from the not-for-profit and heritage sectors. It facilitates the sharing of good practice on a wide range of sustainability issues to enable members to collaborate in order to make their organisations more climate-friendly, adaptive and resilient. Many of its members have pioneered new ways of working to reduce their carbon footprint, deploy cleaner energy and minimise waste. In this session, Fergus Rolfe will highlight Fit for the Future's successes, introduce two member case studies, and provide an update on "net zero" and how charities could approach it in the absence of any official government definition or target.

Fergus Rolfe, network manager, Fit for the Future

Case study one: Hannah Laywood will provide an overview of the environmental sustainability challenges, activity and successes at the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, with a particular focus on behaviour change initiatives.

Hannah Laywood, sustainability and energy manager, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association

Case study two: Lauren Wiseman will provide an overview of the environmental sustainability challenges, activity and successes at WWF, with a special focus on sustainable waste initiatives.

Lauren Wiseman, environmental manager, WWF

10:30 Engage, divest or something else?

How do we reconcile the challenge of delivering a financial return for our clients against the backdrop of a climate emergency? In this session, Kate Rogers will explain how rising carbon prices could reduce company profits and examine some of the issues facing organisations, and the ways in which we are helping our clients to use their assets to tackle climate change.

Kate Rogers, co-head of charities, Cazenove Capital

11:10 Networking break

11:35 RSPB case study: Taking people with you

As a conservation charity, tackling climate change has been a core part of the RSPB's charitable mission for some time. Over the last seven years, they have mainstreamed environmental ways of working as an integral part of their values and ethos. The charity has introduced carbon accounting budgets and working practices which seek continuous improvement in environmental impact, emissions reduction, use of water, sustainable procurement and so on. Last year they reduced their annual carbon emissions by 30 per cent per employee. The charity also supported staff to take time off to attend the Youth Climate strikes, encouraging them to wear RSPB branded clothing and carry RSPB banners.

Ann Kiceluk, executive director of people, RSPB

2:05 Campaigning and activism: What's allowed?

Natalie is a member of Extinction Rebellion and is also a charity lawyer, having previously been the head of legal at Barnardo's. She co-founded Lawyers for Extinction Rebellion, a group of legal professionals who carry out legal-sector based actions, provide pro bono support to other rebels facing criminal charges, provide legal advice to Extinction Rebellion head office and seek to change the public perception of the organisation. In this practical session, she will summarise some guidance she has written for charities who want to support XR and join the fight for policy change to address the climate emergency. The guidance covers issues such as charity law, political campaigning, use of charity assets, trustee duties and reputation management— everything you wanted to know to take the next step, but didn't know who to ask.

Natalie Barbosa, founder, Lawyers for XR

2:35 Chair's closing remarks

12:45 Conference closes

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