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MP Theresa May among speakers at Maidenhead climate summit



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A number of sustainability projects which aim to help Windsor and Maidenhead achieve carbon net zero status by 2050 have been announced.

The Climate Partnership revealed its four environmental schemes during an inaugural meeting at Maidenhead Town Hall on Friday.

The partnership, which was initially funded by the Royal Borough, is an independent organisation which launched in June last year with the goal of involving the community in tackling climate change.

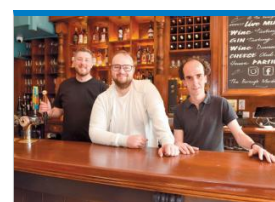
One project will see 240kW solar panels installed at Furze Platt Senior School this summer, boosted by a £90,000 investment by the Climate Partnership.

The initiative, delivered by MaidEnergy, offers residents the chance to help fund the scheme via a community share offer.

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The Climate Partnership is also helping schools and businesses reduce their carbon emissions through its Decarbonisation in Action programme.

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Barnaby Briggs, executive chair of the Climate Partnership, told the Advertiser: "What we've tried to show in our year of operation so far is having a good idea is only the start. There's a lot of work that needs to happen after that good idea to make it come to life.

"There are significant numbers of people with real skill, appetite and enthusiasm in the borough in a whole range of different organisations.

"Joining them up is a very good idea and I think the Climate Partnership doing that will add a lot of value and that means a lot less carbon dioxide."

Maidenhead MP Theresa May was among the speakers to feature at the climate summit.

She told guests: "Time is running out for us all and we haven't yet managed to galvanise collective action, which is why the Climate Partnership is so important in bringing together local government, business and the local community."

Other schemes announced at the event included the Bucks, Berks, and Oxon Wildlife Trust's 'Engaging with Nature' project which aims to give people living far away from nature a chance to enjoy time outdoors and improve their health.

A new organisation, Save Energy, is also being established to help deliver a fair approach to decarbonising homes, whatever the householder's circumstances.

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