

RSA Wales and Western Region; British Science Association, Bristol and Bath Branch  
University of the West of England Institute for Sustainability, Health and Environment; University of Bristol

A National Science and Engineering Week Event

*you are invited to*

# ***Barrage or What?***

***A Public Forum on Options for  
Renewable Energy from the Severn Estuary***

***Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>; 9.30 – 13.00***

*doors open from 9.00am for a prompt start*

***UWE, Frenchay Campus (Q block, room 2Q49),  
Coldharbour Lane, Bristol, BS16 1QY***

Our Public Forum coincides with the Severn Tidal Power Consultation currently being undertaken by the Department of Energy and Climate Change [http://severntidalpowerconsultation.decc.gov.uk/feasibility\\_study\\_overview](http://severntidalpowerconsultation.decc.gov.uk/feasibility_study_overview).

We aim to provide a neutral space for members of the public to consider the evidence and to develop their own informed opinions on the strengths and weaknesses of various options which DECC are examining to exploit the tidal energy of the Severn Estuary. Outcomes will be fed into the Government Feasibility Study and will be more widely disseminated.

The programme will include a brief overview of the Government's Severn tidal power study by Claire Gibson, Director of Sustainable Resources, South West of England Regional Development Agency, and four short presentations of key information given by specialists on the Engineering Options, Habitat-Ecology consequences, the Socio-Economic dimension and Sustainability issues. Speakers include Prof Colin Taylor, Bristol University Dept of Civil Engineering and Peter Jones RSPB Cymru. The remaining time will involve structured discussion in small groups in which your participation will be very important.

**£5.00 at the door**

**please register**

**to assist planning by emailing [Janetbrady@btinternet.com](mailto:Janetbrady@btinternet.com)  
and please arrive early to avoid disappointment**

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for campus map see [http://www.uwe.ac.uk/maps/frenchay\\_map.shtml](http://www.uwe.ac.uk/maps/frenchay_map.shtml)***

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