

Environmental Law Answers

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Please note: there was a mistake in the CHE newsletter - if you are looking for the Environmental Law event in September 2007, please see: <http://www.che.ac.uk/mambo/content/view/280/44/>.

Apologies for any confusion! A correction e-mail will be sent out soon (the newsletter software is currently not cooperating).

CHE Fellow Jamie Whittle will be among the panelists at an Environmental Law Foundation Question Time to be held at Strathclyde University in Glasgow later this month.

The event, which is open to the public and free of charge, begins at 6pm on Thursday 20th April. It includes a panel of ELF's lawyers and technical consultants who will respond to any environmental issues that concern people in their local area. The ELF anticipate issues such as wind farms, nuclear power, roads, air travel, climate change, waste, phone masts, landscape, countryside, wildlife and how to take legal action will be high on the agenda. They are hoping for a good turnout to take advantage of the panel's wide ranging environmental expertise.

In addition to Jamie, the panel is expected to consist of: Nick Atkins, solicitor (Morton Fraser LLP) (tbc); John Campbell QC, barrister (Faculty of Advocates); Barry Love, solicitor (Semple Fraser); Professor Colin Reid (University of Dundee); Alasdair Sampson, solicitor (Drummond Miller Solicitors); and Professor Mark Poustie (University of Strathclyde).

ELF are encouraging anyone interested to raise questions in advance, by e-mailing, phoning or writing to them as this will allow the panel time to research and prepare as full and comprehensive answers as possible and also to enable common areas of interest to be identified.

After graduating from CHE in 2002 Jamie qualified as a solicitor and began working for a law firm based in Inverness and Forres. Recently he has been particularly focussed on wind farm and electricity transmission related issues but is involved in other rural matters such as planning, agricultural and environmental cases. He has also qualified in mediation, a process which encourages communities and individuals to settle their disputes without the need to go to court. Jamie explained that mediation empowers people to make decisions themselves rather than giving the decision to a judge.

Outside legal circles, Jamie moonlights as a ski instructor and canoeing guide and has been working with CHE Fellow Dave Key on wilderness advocacy.

For more details on the Environmental Law Foundation's event at Strathclyde contact their Community Outreach Coordinator, Sarah Longhurst, at Suite 309, 16 Baldwins Gardens, London. EC1N 7RJ. She can be contacted by telephone on 00 44 (0)20 7404 1030 or email sarah@efflaw.org

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