

THE WILL HOWARD MEMORIAL LECTURE*



CLIMATE CHANGE: FIRST, THE BAD NEWS;

THEN THE GOOD

WITH DAVID WASDELL AND PETER READ

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Friday, April 18th, 2008

Emmet Theatre, Arts Block, Trinity College Dublin, 7.30pm

David Wasdell, Director of the Meridien Programme

This specialist in the dynamics of climate change will deliver the bad news. The pace of climate change has taken everyone by surprise, and greenhouse gases have already exceeded safe limits. In order to avoid the worst effects of climate change, from now on we will need to sequester not only future CO₂ emissions but also some of the CO₂ that is already in the atmosphere.

Peter Read, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Applied and International Economics at Massey University, New Zealand. Read will deliver the good news. Plants and soil lock up huge amounts of carbon. Read contends that it would take only a relatively small increase in the levels of that stored carbon to return atmospheric concentrations of CO₂ to safe limits. This would also improve soil fertility and raise incomes for millions of farmers.

Will Howard (1951-2008)

Will was Co-ordinator of Cap and Share in Britain (see www.capandshare.org). He worked in the 1980s for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, then as National Coordinator of the broad-based UK organisation Nuclear FREEZE. His new-media company produced The Carbon Gym for the Centre for Alternative Technology in Wales. Feasta wishes to join with his wife Lyn and his sons in honouring his work and celebrating his life by dedicating this lecture to him.