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Oil and Gas Industry - A beginner's guide, plus two great articles from Carbon Brief

Hi

A very quick email. 1. First, a reminder for this week's talk at the **White Bear on Wednesday, 7.30pm - A Beginner's Guide to the Oil and Gas Industry**. Anyone interested in the global economy - not just the environment and climate change - will be interested in this talk. What is Brent? How is oil priced? How has shale oil and gas changed world economics? And why are the oil and gas companies in such a crisis?

Please book through Eventbrite and please share with others. **See below for link.**

2. See below also for an **update from the Carbon Brief**. First up, a **simple grid giving easy comparison of the policies of the different political parties**; second, (link at the bottom of the Brief) a really exciting article from the **Financial Times explaining just where we are in the renewables revolution and why**; and third, an **important but worrying update on the state of Antarctica, complete with fantastic graphics and pictures**.

3. Third, for anyone interested, it's the **vegan festival in Bristol this weekend**.

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Many thanks. All good wishes.

Nikki



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Polls apart

With just three weeks to go till the UK takes to the polls yet again, key battle lines were drawn this week with the launch of several party manifestos. While energy and climate change will take a back seat in a predictably Brexit-heavy election, there was still plenty to chew on in the manifestos for those who were looking.

The Conservatives, Labour, Lib Dems, Greens and Plaid Cymru all expressed broad support for tackling climate change, with the three main parties even managing explicit mentions of the Paris Agreement. Among the specific policies that caught Carbon Brief's eye was Labour's pledge to source 60% of the UK's heat and power from zero-carbon or renewable sources by 2030, the Lib Dems' 2050 deadline for achieving net zero emissions, and an omission from the Conservative manifesto that potentially leaves the door open to future onshore wind contracts.

Peruse and compare where all the main parties stand on climate and energy issues with Carbon Brief's handy [interactive election grid](#). We will be updating it as more manifestos are published.

'Angry summer'

With the notable exception of the Green Party, the election manifestos omit to mention how their policies align (or otherwise) with the global aim to limit warming to 1.5C above pre-industrial levels. Over in the science world, however, the issue continues to pick up pace with another new study this week looking at the benefits of a 1.5C limit over a 2C one - this time for Australia.

[Carbon Brief](#) spoke to the authors, who told us that 2C of warming could see Australia hit by “angry summers”, like the one in 2012-13, in almost four out of every five years. With half a degree less warming, the risk is lower - though still significant. Lead author Dr Andrew King, a climate extremes research fellow at the University of Melbourne, told Carbon Brief:

“If global warming can be limited, we might avoid some of the very worst impacts of very hot Australian summers – such as heat-related deaths, power blackouts, severe bushfires – and we might be able to protect parts of the Great Barrier Reef from the effects of heat-driven coral bleaching.”

Bonn wraps up

One place where 1.5C won't have been far from people's minds is at the latest round of United Nations climate change talks, which drew to a close in Bonn last night.

Negotiators agreed a series of stepping stones towards the next climate summit in November, while countries attempted to iron out their differences on the "rulebook" to guide implementation of the Paris Agreement. Carbon Brief has a [summary of the main takeaways](#) from the past fortnight and a list of key dates for your diary.

Recommended reads

[Miles of ice collapsing into the sea](#)

Justin Gillis, The New York Times

[The Big Green Bang: how renewable energy became unstoppable](#)

Pilita Clark, The Financial Times

[Gagged Science](#)

Editorial, The Times

[How a Melting Arctic Changes Everything Part II: The Political Arctic](#)

Eric Roston and Blacki Migliozi, Bloomberg

[This week on Carbon Brief](#)

[Bonn climate talks: key outcomes from the May 2017 UN climate conference](#)

All you need to know about the latest round of UN climate talks.



[Antarctica's high elevation is slowing rate of warming, says study](#)

The great heights of Antarctica's land surface may be key to its (relatively) sluggish warming.



[Election 2017: What the manifestos say on energy and climate change](#)

Don't miss a climate or energy-related beat in the run up to the UK's general election.

A table comparing energy and climate change policies from various UK political parties. The table has columns for the party name and their policy details. The parties listed are Conservatives, Labour, SNP, Liberal Democrats, DUP, Green Party, and Green Party. The table contains detailed text for each party's stance on energy and climate change.

[Limiting warming to 1.5C has clear benefits for Australia, study says](#)

How half a degree of extra warming raises the chance of "angry summers" in Australia.



[This week's Daily Briefings](#)

[Climate talks end in call for solidarity, but real test is to come, Conservatives commit to shale gas and electric cars, & more](#)

Carbon Brief's media round-up from Friday 19 May

[Trump Acting as 'Bully' on Climate Galvanizes Work at UN Talks, Paris climate deal is 'lifeline' for world's poorest countries, & more](#)

Carbon Brief's media round-up from Thursday 18 May

[Nasa says April was world's second hottest in the 137 years on record, Labour manifesto promises to put UK 'back on track' to meet climate goals, & more](#)

Carbon Brief's media round-up from Wednesday 17 May

[India and China 'on track to exceed Paris climate pledges', South Korea's new president cracks down on air pollution, & more](#)

Carbon Brief's media round-up from Tuesday 16 May

[Theresa May accused of 'pact of silence' with Donald Trump about US threat to quit Paris climate agreement, Macron vows to fight terrorism, climate change as France's new president, & more](#)

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