

How can we transform economics and business to address the global polycrisis?

Public seminar and discussion
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We live in an age of overlapping and interlinked crises such as global conflict, the climate and nature emergencies, food and water insecurity, and extreme inequality. Economists and environmental experts agree that an important underlying cause of this global ‘polycrisis’ are our economic and business models that have focused on unbridled growth at the expense of the wider wellbeing of people and the planet.

This public seminar and discussion will highlight how we can reshape our economic systems and business models to embrace inclusivity, sustainability and shared prosperity.

Speakers:

Ben Tolhurst

Director, Business Declares and Business Leaders for Peace

Jasper Kenter

Professor, Aberystwyth Business School

Chair:

Ben Lake MP

Member of Parliament, Ceredigion Preseli

Refreshments will be provided.

Please contact ksd2@aber.ac.uk with any questions.

About the speakers



Ben Tolhurst is Director of Business Declares, a not-for-profit business membership network of 140 businesses whose mission is to support businesses to accelerate their plans to address the climate, nature and social justice crises (the "polycrisis"). Further details can be found in the Business Declares manifesto [here](#). Prior to joining Business Declares, Ben spent 25 years in numerous roles in the corporate sector, most recently as UK managing director of the property and asset management division for JLL, the world's largest corporate real estate organisation.



Jasper Kenter is Professorial Research Fellow in Deliberative Ecological Economics at Aberystwyth Business School. He leads the Global Assessment for a New Economics (GANE), a worldwide partnership between researchers, policy makers and practitioners to synthesise different approaches for transforming economies towards sustainability and justice. His research spans economics, ecology, political science, psychology, and philosophy. Professor Kenter is also a One Spirit interfaith minister.



Ben Lake is Member of Parliament representing Ceredigion Preseli. He was first elected as MP in 2017. He is the Plaid Cymru spokesperson for the Treasury, Foreign Affairs, and Science, Innovation and Technology. In 2019, Lake was nominated for the MP of the Year Award, which acknowledges MPs who actively work with under-represented and disadvantaged communities across the UK. He was born in Carmarthen and brought up in Lampeter.