



October 1647, Putney. The country has been devastated by civil war. The king has been imprisoned. The landowners in parliament are seeking to consolidate their power. But the soldiers of the New Model Army are camped just 8 miles from Westminster, with the dangerous idea that "the poorest he that is in England hath a life to live, as the greatest he". And they are not obeying orders to disperse.

Thus the scene is set for the first Putney Debate. The soldiers gather at St. Mary's Church, Putney to present their "Agreement of the People"; demanding universal votes for men, common rights and freedom for all.

After three long weeks, the king escapes and the transformational energy of the moment is lost. It is a further 271 years before the extremist notion of one man one vote is adopted into British politics. (Women have to wait a further 10 years). But although the radicals of 1647 miss their moment, their dream of "turning the world upside down" remains an inspiration to us today.

28th July 2008, St Mary's Church, Putney

The Camp for Climate Action presents:

'Turning the world upside down'

The Putney Climate Debate

The prospect of dangerous climate change and severe energy shortages looms larger, and our whole economic system seems on the verge of collapse. Government and big business procrastinate in the wings, but the people know better....

The need for countrywide debate is more urgent than ever.

The scene is set for the Putney Climate Debate. Activists from across the country will assemble in front of a public crowd and outline how they would 'turn the world upside down' to deal with climate change. Speakers and members of the audience, will present proposals for how we can make the transition to a just and truly sustainable society. Come and join us to listen to, contribute and debate these proposals.

Arrive from 6.30, Speakers from 7p.m.

Andrew Simms (New Economics Foundation),
Penny Eastwood (The Camp for Climate Action),
Jenny Jones (London Green Party),
Leila Deen (World Development Movement),
Simon Okotie (London Citizens), Keith Wilson (Treesponsibility),
Andy Goldring (Permaculture Association) and more....
Dr. Paul Chatterton (Leeds University) will introduce and facilitate.

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