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Clean energy challenges covered in public forum

The challenges of harnessing clean energy for sustainable regional development will be discussed at a free public forum at the Cradle Coast campus of the University of Tasmania next week.

The first of the campus's Ground Up Approaches to Sustainability café forums will be presented by Launceston-based Caroline Brown, who recently returned from an international fellowship to study leadership in a low carbon economy.

Ms Brown was one of 14 people selected from around the world this year to explore a range of climate change topics with international specialists and experts in the field and was based at the University of Edinburgh.

"As well as covering why we need to invest in renewable energy and how that can generate economic opportunities, I'll be discussing the behaviour change that's required from consumers through to policy-makers and investors," she said.

She will use two case studies in the United Kingdom to illustrate good and bad examples of microgeneration and of using organic sources for energy, such as wood and animal waste.

"The UK's aim is to decarbonise the country and in doing so, keep its energy supplies safe and secure. They also want to maximise their economic opportunities and ensure access for the most marginalised in the new energy age."

The clean energy forum will be held in the café of the Mooreville Road UTAS campus on **Tuesday 3 August from 4 to 5pm**. People interested in attending should contact the campus on (03) 6430 4949 or email ccc.support@utas.edu.au

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