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Dear

I am writing to invite you to participate in an important new project called [Delivering Net Zero](https://www.deliveringnetzero.org/), which seeks to build cross-sector consensus on the UK’s journey towards the government’s net zero target. The workshop will take place on **Tuesday 29th June 2021**.

**Introducing Delivering Net Zero**

The UK needs to undertake a rapid low carbon energy transition to ensure that greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reach net zero by 2050. This requires action to accelerate progress in the short-term, as well as putting in place plans to continue rapid, long-term emission reductions after 2030.

It is essential that the best available evidence and insights from multiple sectors and disciplines are used to guide this process. Due to the speed required, at present there is a serious concern that existing knowledge is not being leveraged effectively to guide these decisions, and that not all voices are being taken into consideration.

Delivering Net Zero therefore aims to create an effective dialogue between key stakeholders in the public sector, private sector and academia, drawing on research funded by UK Research & Innovation. We want this to have the maximum opportunity to inform the response of UK decision makers and to achieve net zero as soon as possible, by carrying out a deliberative consensus building process.

The project was commissioned by [UK Research & Innovation](https://www.ukri.org/) and is being led by Professor John Barrett (University of Leeds), Professor Nick Pidgeon (Cardiff University) and Dr Mike Colechin (Cultivate).

**Outcomes of the project**

Building on the success of the Climate Assembly UK, our Delivering Net Zero activity will bring together leading UK academics and key stakeholder groups to identify areas of consensus for addressing net zero.

By the end of the project, a shared vision will be developed that outlines pathways for net zero in the short term (next 10 years) and the long term (the following 10 years), to be presented to key decision makers. It will also identify those areas in which consensus cannot be achieved, clarifying where further research, wider engagement, or political interventions might serve to help resolve such conflict.

**Invitation**

**Your knowledge and expertise is essential to delivering net zero in the UK and to the success of our project. We are therefore delighted to invite you to be one of 16 participants in our Funders Stakeholder workshop, which will take place on Zoom on Tuesday 29th June, from 9am- 3pm.**

The workshop will explore your organisation’s conceptions of and approaches to addressing net zero; identify commonalities that exist with your 15 fellow participants and discuss what leaders in your organisation need from academics to build knowledge and drive the net zero vision forward. You will additionally be asked to complete a short survey before the workshop.

Please let us know if you are available to join us by **28 April**. If you are unavailable, we would be happy for you to nominate a colleague with a similar background for us to consider in your place.

If you have any questions regarding the project please do not hesitate to contact Clare Quigley: [clare.quigley@cultivatein.co.uk](mailto:clare.quigley@cultivatein.co.uk)

Thank you for taking the time to consider this invitation, we look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

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