

Gloucester's Clean Energy Future

Author, Environmentalist, Bill McKibben to Speak at Endicott College

Posted on February 2, 2012 by [gloucestercleanenergy](#)



BEVERLY, MA - Bill McKibben believes that we have changed the planet in such a fundamental way that it is no longer the same planet. On Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 pm in the Wax Academic Center Auditorium, Endicott College, 376 Hale Street, Beverly, he will explain why he called his new book Eearth. The lecture, "Eearth, A New Planet", is free and open to the public. McKibben's dire message is mixed with optimism. In a message to his readers he writes:

We've built a new Eearth. It's not as nice as the old one; it's the greatest mistake humans have ever made, one that we will pay for literally forever. We live on a new planet. But we have to live on it. So we better start understanding what is going on.

Bill McKibben is the author of a dozen books about the environment, beginning with *The End of Nature* in 1989, which is regarded as the first book for a general audience on climate change. He is a founder of the grassroots climate campaign 350.org, which has coordinated 15,000 rallies in 189 countries since 2009. *Time Magazine* called him 'the planet's best green journalist' and the *Boston Globe* said in 2010 that he was 'probably the country's most important environmentalist.' He is the Schumann Distinguished Scholar at Middlebury College and holds honorary degrees from a dozen colleges.

Endicott's President, Richard Wylie said, "We are excited to welcome Mr. McKibben to campus to discuss a topic that is of utmost importance to our students and to our collective future." In addition to the public lecture, Bill McKibben will meet with student, faculty, and campus leaders. The lecture is sponsored by Endicott's Office of the President, Endicott's Community of Learners Program, a program to engage the Endicott community in important issues, and the Endicott Sustainability Initiative, a college-wide commitment to increasing sustainable practices and education.

For more information, please contact Sarah Hammond Creighton at 978-232-2238 or screight@endicott.edu.

