

## **Send a green heart to your MP**

*Sending a green heart to your MP is a great way to show them that you care about people and places affected by climate change.*

*Start the letter by explaining why action on climate change matters to you. Explain why you have included a green heart with the letter and ask your MP to wear it in the run up to Valentine's Day. You may also want to ask them to:*

### **1. Show the love for the world's poorest people and help them to get the energy services they need.**

One in five of our brothers and sisters around the world currently don't have the electricity they need to power school, clinics, homes and businesses. I urge you to help make sure the world's poorest people get the energy services they need.

We know increased investment in decentralised, renewable energy can tackle climate change and poverty overseas. But currently the Department for International Development (DFID) spends under 15% of its total energy support in developing countries on access for poor people.

Please table a parliamentary question asking DFID what plans the Department has, beyond the Energy Africa Initiative, to increase the department's energy spending on decentralised renewable energy access for the poorest people?

### **2. Transform the economy with an ambitious emissions reduction plan.**

The Paris agreement sent a clear signal that we need to shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy. This shift provides many opportunities for innovation and investment in new low-carbon business. We want this future to become a reality.

The new department of BEIS has a prime opportunity to integrate low-carbon policy into the wider industrial strategy so that businesses, communities and individuals have the confidence to invest and play their part in the UK's low-carbon transition. The Government has promised a new "Emissions Reduction Plan" with new policies to transform the economy in line with the Climate Change Act.

Please write to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy asking him to publish an ambitious emissions reduction plan to transform the economy in line with the Climate Change Act.