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Rt Hon David Miliband MP
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Nobel House
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Please find below the text of an email which I originally sent on 28th July, following the screening at BAFTA of 'An Inconvenient Truth'.

Many thanks for inviting the ECA to yesterday's screening. I can understand why we were represented as we are a national educational organisation for the support of adult community learning, amongst other things.

Action on climate change is definitely an educational issue. We are happy to support Defra, and indeed have taken sustainability as the theme for our Autumn newsletter.

May I please ask if you will be getting adequate support from ministerial colleagues in post-16 education and skills?

This is because our contribution will mainly come under 'Adult Community Learning' activities, funding for which has unfortunately been relegated to a subordinate position in order to boost skills for work and the economy, casting doubt on ACL's own sustainability.

May there possibly be targeted funding support for sustainability and climate issues?

With grateful thanks.

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