

Earth Hour

Earth Hour is one hour every year when people around the world turn off their lights. They want to show others that they care about the Earth and want to help solve the problem of climate change or global warming.

Earth Hour started in Australia in 2007 when 2.2 million people in the city of Sydney turned off all non-essential lights for an hour. In 2013, millions of people in 7,000 cities and towns around the world switched off their lights for 60 minutes at the end of March.

Every year landmarks and well-known buildings around the world such as the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge, the Petronas towers in Malaysia, the UK Parliament, Buckingham Palace and the Empire State Building take part and 'go dark' for Earth Hour.

Earth Hour is organised by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). It was started by Andy Ridley, originally from Britain, who is executive director of Earth Hour Global, WWF.

Earth Hour is usually observed from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the last Saturday of March.

