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Diary Notice

Robin Cook To Give Evidence To The POWER Commission

Rt Hon Robin Cook MP will give evidence to the POWER Commission

**Wednesday 23 February
at
Jolly St Ermin's Hotel
2 Caxton Street, Westminster
5.45pm - 7.00pm**

Robin Cook MP will give evidence to the high-profile, independent Inquiry into the state of British democracy. The ex-Leader of the House of Commons and leading democratic reformer will answer questions from a ten-person Commission about declining election turnouts and the loss of public trust in politicians.

This will be the third public hearing for **POWER**, which aims to understand how political participation in Britain can be increased and deepened.

Chaired by Helena Kennedy QC, the Commission includes journalist Ferdinand Mount, Radio 1 DJ Emma B, former Director of the Institute of Contemporary Arts Philip Dodd and Chairman of the Women's Institute Barbara Gill. A full list of Commissioners can be found on **POWER**'s website: www.powerinquiry.org

POWER, launched in November 2004, is an independent inquiry launched by the Joseph Rowntree Trusts to mark their centenary.

The public are welcome to attend the event and will have a chance to ask questions.

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