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Devon Association for Renewable Energy



Events Diary – Devon Association for Renewable Energy – REID 20 - August 2009

Zero Carbon Future Conference at the Centre

CAT is holding a conference at the Centre from 28th to 30th August. The conference will provide the critical need-to-know solutions for the delivery of an affordable, achievable zero carbon future. Workshops, guided tours, discussions, practical insights and expert opinion will be on the agenda throughout the weekend.

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Wind & Solar Electricity—residential weekend course—4th—6th September 09

Run your household appliances with the power of the wind and the sun. This course provides an overview of the basic principles and the technology of solar and wind electrical systems.

For more info visit <http://www.lowimpact.org/courses.htm>

Local Food & Drink – Free Event – Open To All – Supporting Devon’s Celebration Of Food – Friday 4th September 10.30am – 3.30pm Hatherleigh Community Centre, Hatherleigh, EX20 3HB

Meet the producers of: cheeses, chutneys, preserves, jams, vegetables, breads, cakes, pastries, beef, pork, lamb, venison, sausages, organic burgers, hog roasts, cordials, fruit juices, cider, wine and beers. All available to taste and buy.

For more information contact Robin Deitch Food & Drink Devon 07817 043 588. “A great opportunity to source some of the best local produce.”

Understanding how to influence and work with local government – training for Transition/Climate Action People

Tuesday September 8th – 6.00 – 8.30pm Venue TBC (Central Exeter)

£5.00

Are you bewildered, baffled and just a tiny bit fed up with the mysteries of how local government works? Not sure how to make your voice heard or feeling ignored? You are not alone – the Transition Network believes that getting to grips with how local government is a core skill for groups.

Come and find out about the ABC of how to work with local government and their even more mysterious friends, Local Strategic Partnerships, in the company of others trying to also

influence and work with their local authority. The training will be very much shaped around the needs and questions of the participants.

For more information, or to sign up for a place, contact

Andi: andi.tobe@virgin.net for Transtion Exeter

S South West Woodland Show: 11 September, Wiltshire

The South West Woodland Show is a specialist forestry show, organised by the Confederation of Forest Industries. It is aimed at forest growers and owners, farmers with woods, landowners, forestry professionals and contractors, timber buyers and processors, potential owners of woods, and anybody with an interest in the rural environment. It is inviting traders and demonstrators from the biomass and heat technology sector to take part.

For further information and booking details

<http://www.confor.org.uk/NewsAndEvents/Default.aspx?pid=174>

Book your place on the 'Living the City' conference taking place at the University of Plymouth Levinsky Building 11th September 2009

The Living the City conference focuses on the 'post-regenerated' city and the themes of conservation, culture, transport, habitation and energy.

The speakers are significant makers and shapers of the modern city. The conference will be of interest to architects, planners, urban designers, design champions and national, regional and local policy makers.

Conference details and booking form at

Living the City booking form and information

or contact e: artsresearch@plymouth.ac.uk or tel: 01752 585029

£125 booking until 31 July/ £155 booking after 31 July/ £95 Concessions

Price includes refreshments, lunch and drinks reception at 5.30pm

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in Schools

Exeter: Tuesday 15th September 2009

Truro: Tuesday 29th September 2009

Schools are interested in energy efficiency and renewable energy so they can: reduce their expenditure on utilities, minimise their environmental footprint and as an educational tool.

These two identical events are for schools interested in renewable energy and energy efficiency. They have been organized by Devon CC, Cornwall Council, Torbay Council, Somerset CC and Plymouth City Council in conjunction with the University of Exeter.

The talks will explain options and opportunities and how to obtain funding. The talks are designed for school staff, governors, council officers, councilors and architects but are open to everyone—not just those from the above authorities. The talks will present numerous examples and your questions will be welcomed.

Those attending will be given a copy of the ReX renewable energy software tool which will allow you to approximately size and price a renewable energy system for your school.

Price £10 including lunch

9.00 Coffee

9.30 Introduction and the Carbon Reduction Commitment

9.45 The Science of Climate Change, David Coley (University of Exeter)

10.00 What Climate Change Means for the Southwest, Paul Gompertz (Devon Wildlife Trust)

10.30 Biomass. Dick Bradford (Barnsley Council)

11.00 PV, Andy Tanner (Plug into the Sun).

11.30 Coffee and networking.

12.00 Wind, Christine Griffiths (Aeolus Power)

12.30 Solar hot water, Luke Hutchison (Southern Solar)

1.00 Lunch

2.00 Where energy is used in our schools, Dan Lash (University of Exeter)

2.30 Funding: National funding and support from your local authority

3.00 Tea?

3.15 Energy efficient refurbishment of schools, the ReX software and the School Renewable Energy Guide, David Coley (University of Exeter)

3.45 Summing up and close

4.00 Finish

For more information, or to book a place, please contact David Coley (d.a.coley@ex.ac.uk), 01392 264144. See www.ex.ac.uk/cee/RE for more details and directions to the venues.

2009 COURSES FOR COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

FUNDING FOR THE FUTURE YOUR ROUTE TO FINANCIAL SECURITY

Wednesday 16th September 10:30 – 3.30pm TEIGN VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL, TEIGNBRIDGE

THIS COURSE WILL:

- Enable you to identify the barriers to long term financial sustainability.
- Help you explore practical solutions to good financial planning and income generation
- Allow you to identify how to diversify your funding streams (across donations, grants, service level agreements, contracts, trading and loans)
- Provide an overview of effective Financial management including full cost recovery

Courses cost £20 per person for DACB members and £30 for non-members. Lunch and refreshments are provided. (events are subsidised by Devon County Council Funding)
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Transition Exeter New Members night: 22nd September Venue TBC Early warning of this event which will be a great opportunity for anyone who'd like to know more about what Transition Exeter is up to and maybe to find a way of getting a bit more involved. It will include a 50 mile supper challenge (bring a dish to share with all ingredients being sourced within 50 miles), and a celebration of all that the Transition Exeter groups are doing.

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GAP and Devon Wildlife Trust's Grazing Conference 2009 - GAP and the Devon Wildlife Trust are co-hosting a three-day conference on '[Re-connecting fragmented landscapes](#)' to be held at the University of Exeter from 22nd-24th September. The conference will feature presentations from leading farmers, technical advisers and farming commentators including Graham Harvey the author of "We Want Real Food", "The Carbon Fields" and writer for "The Archers." There will be a whole day of inspiring field trips with options to visit the Culm, Dartmoor, Blackdown Hills or South Devon coast and hinterland. A formal dinner of locally sourced food, key note speech and live entertainment will follow the field trips.

For further information please view the attached flyer and draft conference programme and also visit the GAP website

[**www.grazinganimalsproject.org.uk**](http://www.grazinganimalsproject.org.uk)

or telephone **01392 260880** or email

gapconference@devonwildlifetrust.org

Innovate '09 - 13 October 2009

The Technology Strategy Board's annual conference and showcase event, Innovate '09, will be held on 13 October 2009 at the Business Design Centre, Islington, London. Pre-registrations for the event opened on 18 May 2009, see www.innovate09.co.uk for further information.

M Marine Energy Seminar: 22-23 October, Truro, Cornwall

The Conference of Peripheral & Maritime Regions (CPMR) is holding a marine energy seminar in Truro in October. It will explore how the EU, through its policies, can ensure that innovation in maritime energy technologies increasingly benefits peripheral maritime regions. It will involve presentations from key representatives of the European Commission and

parliament, and involve practitioners and representatives from municipalities, regional governments, marine energy institutes and agencies.

For more information, http://regensw.co.uk/downloads/RegenSW_317.doc

To book online <http://www.crpm.org/index.php?act=12,2,b,39,147>

Local Food & Drink – Free Event – Open To All – Supporting Devon’s Celebration Of Food – Thursday 29th October 10.30am – 3.30pm Two Bridges Hotel, Nr Princetown, Dartmoor, PL20 6SW

Meet the producers of: cheeses, chutneys, preserves, jams, vegetables, breads, cakes, pastries, beef, pork, lamb, venison, sausages, organic burgers, hog roasts, cordials, fruit juices, cider, wine and beers. All available to taste and buy.

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A Changing Climate for Maritime Biodiversity: linking science to practice - Thursday 5th November

The South West Climate Change Impacts Partnership (SWCCIP), Natural England, Biodiversity SW, the Marine Biological Association and the Marine Environmental Change Network are holding a conference on **5th November 2009** to address issues surrounding maritime biodiversity and adaptation to climate change.

The recent UK Climate Projections 2009 highlight the very real climate changes that the UK is seeing, and will continue to see in the future. The aim of this conference is **to support action to help marine, coastal and estuarine biodiversity adapt to the impacts of this changing climate in the South West**, by bringing together scientific evidence and examples of good adaptation practice. The day will be used to:

- share knowledge and increase understanding of the likely impacts of climate change on marine, coastal and estuarine ecosystems in the South West.
- provide practitioners with ideas for delivering adaptation responses through showcasing examples of good practice.

The one-day conference is being hosted by the **Met Office** at their site in Exeter. Focussing specifically on the South West of England, the day will include an overview of climate change impacts for the marine environment, followed by specific examples of how maritime ecosystems are being effected and, most importantly, what can be done to help biodiversity adapt to the changes which are now inevitable.

It is hoped that the conference will prompt suggestions for future action and instil delegates with the confidence to take these forward. Case studies and key messages that emerge from the congerence will be placed on a dedicated page on Biodiversity SouthWest's website.

I hope that you will be able to join us for this conference. Please do pass this email on to any contacts that you think may also be interested in attending. The full agenda and details of how to register will follow shortly, but if you have any queries in the meantime please contact Becca Eastman, SWCCIP Project Officer, on 01392 352230 or becca.eastman@environment-agency.gov.uk

Renewable Futures 2009: Power for Growth – tickets now on sale

Assembly Rooms, Bath, 10-11 November 2009

Tickets are now on sale for Renewable Futures '09: Regen SW's annual conference and the biggest sustainable energy event in the south west. This year's conference will focus on the challenges that the sector is currently facing, with the aim of showing how we can look beyond the recession and *power up for growth*. Held over two days – with the South West Green Energy Awards in between – and hosted by Jonathan Dimpleby, the conference will kick off with a high-level 'Any Questions' style debate, followed by eight in-depth seminars.

INFORMATION: For more information, <http://www.regensw.co.uk/south-west-england/renewable-futures/>

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW: <http://regensw.eventhq.co.uk/>

EXHIBITORS: For more information, <http://www.regensw.co.uk/south-west-england/renewable-futures/whos-exhibiting.php>

SPONSORSHIP: For sponsorship opportunities, <http://www.regensw.co.uk/south-west-england/renewable-futures/whos-exhibiting.php>

General Events News

Low Carbon Exeter Open Meetings: These happen on the 3rd Thursday each month at the Global Centre. They are a chance to meet each other, share ideas, hear speakers and show films. We need some help organising next year's meetings - if you'd like to share ideas for a programme and take on some aspects of organising these, it would be great. Please contact David at dmezzetti@ukonline.co.uk.

'Finding Out About Energy' - training specifically tailored to your needs

Great training is available for anyone working in their community who wants to know more about the opportunities and benefits of sustainable energy. 'Finding Out About Energy' provides a basic A-Z of energy efficiency and tips on saving energy and money on fuel bills in the home. The training examines practical ways in which community buildings can be improved with energy efficiency and renewable energy options, and also offers an overview of funding and grants. You will leave with a basic understanding of energy efficiency and the options available to you and your community to develop a community based energy project. Best of all, the training can take place on your own premises and at a time that suits you. Interested? Then simply email or call the CAfE team: CAfE@est.org.uk, 08701 261 444.

Green Drinks in Bideford

Green Drinks is a regular meet in Bideford on the last Thursday of every month from 5-7pm – put it in your diary. The venue is the Blacksmiths, East the Water, next to the Tarka Trail. For those of you who haven't been before, we get together to meet and socialise with others working on, and interested in, 'Green issues'. Everyone welcome! Please note this is not a political gathering, just a social way of keeping in touch.

Directions: Go across the old bridge from Bideford town to the mini roundabout on the other side. Turn right and the Blacksmiths is 50m on your left.

Parking: Go across the old bridge from Bideford town to the mini roundabout on the other side. Turn left past the Kathleen & May and the car park is behind the bus stop.

'Kitchen Table Wisdom' meets once a month in Chagford to share ideas, anecdotes, experiences, skills and wisdom relating to living a sustainable lifestyle. **All welcome.** For more information contact: Claire Ash Wheeler: 01647-432273 or Nicky Scott: 01647-432880

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- Southwest Wood Fuels, Station Road, Brushford, Dulverton, Somerset. TA22 9AD
- Celtic Solar, The Shippon, Lanzion, Egloskerry, Launceston, Cornwall. PL15 8RZ Tel: 01566 781509 www.celticsolar.co.uk
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