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Devon Association for Renewable Energy



Renewable Energy In Devon

Events Diary

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Low Carbon Buildings Programme training sessions

Your local authority could be among those eligible to apply for grants of up to £200,000 for obtaining and installing renewable technologies - solar, wind, ground source heat pump and biomass. The Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and the Building Research Establishment (BRE) are hosting a series of free half-day regional events across the UK, promoting the extensive grant funding available under Phase 2E of the Low Carbon Buildings Programme (LCBP2E). To find out how to attend one of these events visit our <http://www.lowcarbonbuildingsphase2.org.uk/page.jsp?id=32>

Its Bag Week – please let everyone know....

16th - 21st November

A week of awareness about reducing our use and reliance on plastic bags

More Info. <http://totnes.transitionnetwork.org/BagWeek>

Events YOU can participate in:

Thurs 19th - Film Night at the Methodist Church Totnes

7pm: **The Story of Stuff** with Annie Leonard, takes you on a tour of our consumer driven culture....

7.30: Open discussion about plastic bags (+ refreshments)

8pm **Message in the Waves** The BBC film by Rebecca Hoskins that led to the end of plastic bags in Modbury

£3 / T£2 concs

Sat 21st Bags of Change – new patterns for waste

Birdwood House, Totnes. 10am-3pm

Innovative and imaginative Bag Making workshop with Janey Hunt & Lin Simmeons

Round-up all those old remnants, sequins and interesting old scraps and turn them into an interesting bag.

Some materials, patterns, sewing machines, ideas, help and teas will be on hand

A productive way to spend a wintery Saturday. Bring a friend

£3 / T£2 concs

YOUR Plastic Bag awareness EVENT?? - just let us know and we'll help you publicise Help is needed for the TTT actions as follows:

Publicity - circulate the poster and pin a few up

Encourage your favourite shop to participate in Bag week

Get people to come along to the film night and workshop

Help at the film night and workshop (door & teas at both)

If you can help please email jacqihodgson@gmail.com

Devon CAN (Climate Action Network) Saturday 21st November, 10 - 3pm The Belmont Centre, Western Way, Exeter, EX1 2DB

Following on from the launch of Devon CAN (Climate Action Network) in March 2009, the Interim Steering Group has been busy setting up the necessary steps to give the Network some structure. They are now inviting all those interested in Climate Action, Transition and Sustainable living to join our Network formally and come together to help move Devon CAN into the next phase.

Location: The Belmont Centre, Western Way, Exeter, EX1 2DB: for map please click below: <http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?x=292699&y=92898&z=0&sv=EX1+2DB&st=2&pc=EX1+2DB&mapp=map.srf&searchp=ids.srf>

The event is free of charge although any donations will be welcome. Light refreshments will be served at the start and there will be a light lunch. In order to help the catering please can you let them know if you are coming and which group, you will be representing. Please reply to admin.devoncan@googlemail.com.

Sustainable Coppice Workshop - November 22 and 29

Are you interested in...

- A career in sustainable countryside enterprise?
- Working in woodland management?
- Gaining practical skills in traditional, heritage crafts?
- Learning about woodland ecology?

Enjoy one of our free one-day workshops in the ancient hazel woods of Dartmoor National Park

Once common, coppice woodlands provide a truly sustainable source of food, shelter and raw materials for people and wildlife. Today, we have almost none left. The Sustainable Coppice Partnership has been set up to **revive and revitalise coppicing in Devon** for the benefit of wildlife and people, and to make heritage products for today's consumers. The project aims to inform, educate and train people in traditional coppice skills and to create opportunities for **new sustainable rural jobs** and new sustainable woodlands for future generations to use and enjoy.

Limited places so book NOW

For further details or to book your place, call Dr Tean Mitchell 0845 458 1732 or email tean@sustainablecoppice.org

Energy Saving Trust Green Communities conference 25 November 09 - Liverpool

The Energy Saving Trust's Green Communities annual conference takes place on 25 November at the Adelphi hotel in Liverpool. Whether you are thinking of developing a scheme or are part of an established community group looking to advance your project, this interactive conference aims to assist and inspire you with an exciting mix of speakers, stands, networking opportunities and workshops. To find out more visit the

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/cafe/Green-Communities/Get-inspired/Green-Communities-Annual-Conference>

RIBA SW/Green Register conference, Thursday 26 November 2009, 8.30am – 6.00pm Steam Museum of the Great Western Railway, Swindon

The UK has as many historic buildings as in all the countries of Europe put together and we are rightly proud of our architectural heritage. But are we trying to preserve these buildings at the expense of the environment?

Many aspects of historic building preservation are compatible with the principles of sustainable design - making use of local, low impact materials, employing natural, unprocessed materials and using passive solar gain - but there are other aspects that are in apparent opposition.

Approaches can differ radically and this conference will seek to explore these challenges using case studies to illustrate where collaboration has resulted in successful, sustainable and sensitively renovated solutions.

Speakers include RIBA President Ruth Read, designer & presenter Kevin McCloud & Chairman of the UK Green Building Council Paul King.

For more details go to

<http://www.architecture.com/Files/RIBAProfessionalServices/Regions/SouthWest/Events/2009/TowardsAGreenHeritage.pdf>

Fire and Ice, Friday 27 November, 7pm-11pm

You are invited to a curry dinner in the new restaurant at **Castle Drogo** cooked by their eminent new chef.

Meet and hear from renowned animal sculptor, Mark Coreth, as he sculpts a polar bear, listen to Animal Planet's Nick Baker and Pen Hadow on his latest Arctic expedition.. You will also have a chance to win some great prizes and bid for one of Mark's sculptures. The event is organised courtesy of the National Trust in association with The Ice Bear Project (www.icebearproject.org) and WWF-UK. All proceeds will go towards the London Ice Bear, an extraordinary life-sized ice sculpture of a polar bear with a bronze skeleton to be exhibited in Trafalgar Square from December 11th in order to focus attention on the threatened Arctic. Tickets - £22.50 per person. Booking essential.

To purchase tickets email christine.gray@nationaltrust.org.uk or they are available from **The Courtyard in Chagford**.

New short film by Transition Newton Abbot, Saturday, November 28, 3pm

The first screening of a brand new short film by Transition Newton Abbot about the development of the Vicary's Field community garden at Baker's Park in Newton Abbot. Market Rooms, Adult Education Centre upstairs at Newton Abbot Library FREE <http://www.devon-cornwall-film.co.uk/viewfromhere/view-from-here-premiere/>

Water Power Transformation Trail – 4th December 2009

Are you interested in harnessing the power of nature? Do you see an opportunity in your local river or stream? Then join DARE (Devon Association for Renewable Energy) on its tour of four hydropower sites in the Greater Dartmoor area on Friday 4th December. See how others have utilised water to generate electricity, through a variety of technologies, scales and situations.

This tour will be lead by a DARE technical officer and each delegate will receive an information pack brimming with case studies, factsheets and data. The delegates will be transported by minibus to each site and will be able to ask the site owners questions about their technologies discovering the process from inspiration through to installation.

Are you a member of a community group who want to exploit the local water source to create energy? Are you a householder with a river frontage that wants to find out more? Are you a farmer with a river running through your land which could be earning you money? Or are you a local business who could utilise a hydropower resource to make your company greener and assist to reduce your running costs? We welcome all kinds of delegates to see these hydropower installations in operation; the sites themselves include business, agricultural, domestic and a visitor attraction.

The delegate fee is based on a sliding scale dependant upon the type of delegate: community representative (£5 pp), individual (£10pp) & business representative (£20pp). The cost includes transport, refreshments and lunch.

Please contact DARE by telephone 01837 89200 or email mail@devondare.org if you are interested in attending. You can also visit our website for more information www.devondare.org

This Transformation Trail is the first in a series of tours, there will be a specialist day for each technology including solar thermal, photovoltaics, heatpumps, windpower and biomass. These tours have been funded and supported by The Dartmoor Sustainable Development Fund, West Devon Borough Council's Community Project Grant, Greater Dartmoor Local Enterprise Action Fund and Renewable Energy 4 Devon project.

Connecting, Informing and Supporting Campaigners Exeter Campaigning Workshop 4th December 2009

Do you want to make your voice heard by people in power? Do you want to influence decisions made by the council, UK government, the health service or other bodies that affect your community? Have you started to campaign for change and want advice on how to get to the next level? If so, the Sheila McKechnie Foundation campaign workshop is for you. The day will provide:

§ Insight into the successful features of a campaign – what are the 'keys to success'?

§ Sessions on the key steps in planning and evaluating a campaign.

§ An opportunity to consult experts such as experienced campaigners, MPs and journalists on how to put your theories into practice and what tactics have the most impact.

The campaign workshop is for individuals and voluntary organisations and will be held on **Friday 4th December 2009** at **Exeter CVS, Wat Tyler House, King William Street, Exeter, EX4 6PD**.

If you would like more information about the workshop, or to book your place, please contact Ruby Coote: ruby.coote@smk.org.uk or 020 7700 8231. Spaces are limited so book your place now. The workshop is £10 per individual; this fee covers lunch and refreshments too. Please contact us to discuss any accessibility requirements you may have. This project is supported by the CLG, under the Empowerment Fund Programme and is delivered in partnership with The Exeter Take Part Programme

The Wave climate march, London

On Saturday 5 December 2009, ahead of the crucial UN climate summit in Copenhagen, tens of thousands of people from all walks of life will flow through the streets of London to demonstrate their support for a safe climate future for all. The Wave is organised by the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition, <http://www.stopclimatechaos.org/the-wave>. A special return train has been organised, with lower fares and activities on board, leaving from Plymouth and calling at Totnes, Newton Abbot, Exeter and other stations to Paddington. For times, costs and the booking line, see the attached leaflet for more.

If you are interested in going to the Climate Change demonstration in London on Saturday 5th December then take advantage of the chartered trains. Please see below.

Yuli Somme, Kesella Scot Somme and Claire Ash Wheeler will be going. You can contact them for more information: Yuli: 01647-433148 Claire: 01647-432273

Tickets are available from the CAFOD Office in Plymouth:

Number : 0845 678 2976

The line is open from Monday to Friday (9am to 5pm)

Train will leave Exeter at 8:18am and arrive at Paddington at 11:34am

Return journey from Paddington at 5:14pm. Returns back to Exeter at 8:08pm

Ticket price is £30 from Exeter and Taunton.
Please book early as the train will fill up quickly.

Conference on Climate Change

Cornwall College are hosting a series of events in early December to raise awareness of climate change and carbon management. The keystone will be a Conference on Climate Change held at the Princess Pavillion in Falmouth on December 8th 2009 from 11am to 10pm. There is some space for organisations and businesses to attend and feature their work through publicity materials.

Full details can be found at <http://www.cornwall4c.blogspot.com/>.

If you need any further information please contact Rory MacPhee on rory.macphee@falmouthmarineschool.ac.uk and 07800869626.

Opportunities and potential for small scale anaerobic digestion (AD) plants in the UK.

**REG Knowledge Network event
10th December 2009**

North Wyke Research, Okehampton, Devon EX20 2SB

Presentations will be followed by a demonstration of the North Wyke AD pilot plant.
The event is due to close at 15.30

If you are interested in receiving more information or attending one of these events please contact Jane Housley jane.housley-jeive@plymouth.ac.uk.

The Bear in the Square

On December 11th animal sculptor, Mark Coreth, will carve a life-sized ice sculpture of a hunting polar bear in Trafalgar Square, just outside the National Gallery. Over ten days it will melt, leaving a bronze skeleton, a pool of water and a powerful environmental message. Anyone who comes to Trafalgar Square will be able to reach out and touch the Ice Bear. Everyone who does will become sculptors as they shape it - symbolic of how we all have the power to affect our delicate environment.

Building Health, Friday 22 January 2010

Planning and designing for health and happiness

One-day conference: Frenchay Campus,
University of the West of England, Bristol
a Early bird rate – book before 1 December 2009: £149.

Full rate: £199. Concessions: £85

More information: <http://www.architecturecentre.co.uk/events/buildinghealth.htm>

Book online: <http://www.tinyurl.com/buildinghealth-booking>

Ecobuild – last exhibition spaces left - 2-4 March 2010, Earls Court, London

Regen SW has just a few subsidised spaces remaining on the south west stand at Ecobuild, Europe's biggest event dedicated to sustainable design, construction and the built environment. The show combines an exhibition of sustainable construction products with more than 75 free seminars, the Innovate & Green conference, and a series of events in the arena. Costs are £1,500 for a 1x9m² shell-scheme trade stand in the south west area.

For more details and to book tickets, visit:

[http://regensw.eventhq.co.uk/ecobuild_2010 - earls court london -
2nd to 4th march 2010](http://regensw.eventhq.co.uk/ecobuild_2010_-_earls_court_london_-_2nd_to_4th_march_2010)

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