

Community Climate Action Email January 2015

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Welcome to the Community Climate Action newsletter, with all the latest news, events and resources in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. A special hello to new subscribers and thanks to those who have contributed items this month.

Highlights This Month:

New Online Community Forum!

Following local demand, our *Everybody's Talking About Climate Change* website now features an [online community forum](#) where you can share ideas and information and problem solve with others in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire who are taking action on climate change. With more than 80 community groups in the area taking action on climate change there are plenty of people locally with experience, knowledge and skills to share.

Visit our [website](#) to create an account and get talking.

We are looking for **Volunteer Community Forum Moderators** to help make the Forum a lively engaging place for people to discuss local action on climate change. No prior experience of online forums is necessary. We are provisionally planning an online session for volunteers in the evening on 22nd January, although the date may be amended to suit participants. If you are interested in volunteering please contact [Caroline Harmon](#).

Get news throughout the month:

www.everybodys-talking.org

Twitter: @CCANNetwork

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ccan.network

Got Any News?

Most of the items in this newsletter are contributed by readers. If you have anything you'd like us to include in the February e-newsletter please send it to us by Monday 2nd Feb: ccan@mea.org.uk

You can also submit information about events via our [website](#)

A. Local Events

Frack Free Nottinghamshire: Demo & Handing in Petition

Thurs 8th Jan, 1pm-1:30pm

County Hall, NG2 7QP West Bridgford

Frack Free Nottinghamshire are running a petition calling on Nottinghamshire County Council to reject planning applications for fracking:

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/stop-fracking-nottinghamshire-county-council>

Help the group hand it in to the council:
www.facebook.com/events/408275122655157

Rich World-Poor World

Tues 13th Jan, 7:30pm-9:30pm
Friends Meeting House, Chapel Row, Bakewell
Organised by Bakewell Quakers

One of a series of evening events. Is charity enough? A look at economic systems which shows how we can encourage the rich world to downsize and the poor world to upsize in order to build a fairer world. Changing goals!

www.bakewellquakers.org

Buxton Economic Resilience Study Launch

Wed 14th Jan, 7:30pm
Shrewsbury Room, The Old Hall, Buxton, SK17 6BD
Organised by Transition Buxton
RSVP: contact@transitionbuxton.co.uk

Transition Buxton will launch their new study which reveals exciting new opportunities for the local economy, local businesses and the local community. Hear about the multi-million pound opportunities to grow our local economy, find out what bouncebackability means, discover the skills we need to invest in locally, and learn why where you buy and who you buy from matters. Explore an evidence-based approach to building a resilient economy that respects the environment on which we depend; join the shared discussions on how best to take these findings forward and discover achievable, affordable actions you can take in your business, and home for a more secure future.

www.transitionbuxton.co.uk/node/573

Hand Held Bouquet Workshop

Mon 19th Jan, 10am-1pm
£25 (£20 per person for students or for a group of three or more)
Organised by Hockerton Housing Project

Learn how to create a beautiful hand-tied bouquet to take home or give as a gift. Residents from Hockerton will take you through selecting your flowers and foliage, and preparing them to keep them fresher for longer, before learning the stem spiralling technique to build a beautiful domed bouquet. The ticket price includes materials for making a bouquet to take home with you, and home-made refreshments. Homemade soup and bread lunch available for an extra £5.00.

www.hockertonhousingproject.org.uk

Fundraising for Beginners

Tues 20th Jan, 10am-1pm
£10-£75 depending on your group set up
Whaley Bridge
Organised by High Peak CVS

Is your group short of cash? Would you like to know how to go about making grant applications – and be successful? This is an introductory session for those with little or no experience of making applications for grant funding. It will provide you with a step-by-step process including where and how to find out who to apply to, how to make your cause look attractive to the funder, and inspire you with confidence to have a go!

<http://highpeakcvs.org.uk/events.asp?ID=128&bookingform=show#bookingform>

Rights of Nature Conference

Sat 24th Jan, 10am-4pm
Nottingham Contemporary
FREE

This one day event explores the Rights of Nature from the perspectives of artistic practices, indigenous knowledge and activist engagements in the Americas. Drawing from lived and theoretical frameworks that de-privilege the human and recognize the agency of non-human entities, the conference addresses a core debate between the understanding of ecological rights deriving from legal and evidentiary frameworks and those grounded in experiential and situated struggle. Readings of the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) Summary Report for Policymakers will take place throughout the day.

www.nottinghamcontemporary.org/event/rights-nature-conference

Chesterfield Potato Day

Sat 31st Jan, 10am-2pm
Unit 25, Pavements Shopping Centre
Organised by Transition Chesterfield

Come along to buy seed potatoes, onion sets, shallots, garlic and other vegetable seeds. All money raised will support Transition Chesterfield' activities. Pre-orders can be collected from 9:30am. The shop unit is currently 'The Calendar Shop'.

www.potatoday.org.uk

Film screening: The Truth Behind the Dash for Gas

Wed 4th Feb, 6:30pm
Nottingham Contemporary
Organised by Frack Free Nottinghamshire
Free

This film examines the potential impacts of fracking and coal bed methane extraction in Somerset and beyond. It includes the social, health and environmental consequences associated with unconventional gas drilling. Introduced by Frack Free Notts.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-truth-behind-the-dash-for-gas-tickets-15006444680

An Introduction to Permaculture

Thurs 12th Feb, 7 - 9pm

Meeting Room 2, The Assembly Rooms, Market Hall, Chesterfield

Paul Paine, Garden Co-ordinator of Ecoworks Community Garden and Market Garden in Nottingham will speak about permaculture and the project. Ecoworks works on 10 adjoining allotments growing a wide range of food using organic and permaculture principles. The group also offers willow workshops in a straw bale shed and works with users and ex users of the mental health services, people with learning difficulties and those with an interest in the environment.

www.transitionchesterfield.org.uk

Mass Closure of Fossil Fuel Bank Accounts

Sat 14th Feb, 10:30am

Nottingham Market Square

Organised by Move Your Money

The big banks have invested billions in fossil fuels. It's time to get our money out! Open a new account with a greener bank (www.moveyourmoney.org.uk), then on 14th February come into Nottingham and we'll make a morning of closing our old fossil fuel accounts together. If you can't close your account, or you already have, come anyway because your belief to inspire others is what's most important. The event will also include something approachable to get noticed by other account holders and hopefully by the press too. There will be a petition people can sign.

We'll be talking to interested people who want to know more, helping them sign a petition for their bank to divest itself, and of course we'll be keeping warm with hot drinks and food.

<http://act.350.org/event/gdd/9939>

Whistlewood Common Tree Planting

Sat 20th & Sun 21st Feb, 10am-3pm

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Supporters of Whistlewood Common, a community-owned woodland and Permaculture project, will be planting 1000 more trees over two days. Every tree planted will have a specific use or uses for our community. Edibles, craft materials, timber, wildlife value and much more. Everyone welcome. Please dress suitably and bring a spade if you have one. For travel arrangements please see the website: www.whistlewoodcommon.org

Derbyshire Eco Centre Courses

Jan-Feb 2015

Middleton-by-Wirksworth

Courses coming up in January and February 2015 include Permaculture Design Certificate, Introduction to Beekeeping, Family Bird Boxes Using Recycled Materials, Explore Renewable Energy, Organic Gardening and Introduction to Green Homes.

www.ecocentreexchange.org.uk

Transition Chesterfield Skillshare Workshops

Jan-Feb 2015

All workshops £2 per person. Booking essential

Upcoming workshops include Chinese vegetarian cooking, fruit tree pruning, bread making and Indian vegetarian cooking.

Booking essential: workshop@transitionchesterfield.org.uk.

Locations: www.transitionchesterfield.org.uk/content/new-workshops-added-0

Nottingham Bus to the Time to Act Climate March

Sat 7th March

London with buses from Nottingham

The People's Climate March back in September saw an estimated 40,000 in London, and many more thousands around the world, march to demand action on climate change from our governments. Ahead of the General Election people will once again be taking to the streets. Join blocs which together tell the story of climate change: from the causes (fossil fuels and investment in them), the consequences (for food and water, for example) to the solutions (renewable energy, climate jobs, better transport). Following imaginative actions to highlight these, we will all assemble around Parliament for a mass wake-up call - Time to Act!

200 people from Nottingham travelled to London in September. Buses are being organised for March: www.facebook.com/events/1623106067916887

National event: www.facebook.com/events/983117875035949

B. Local News

Vote for Solar For Grindleford Primary School

Grindleford Primary School has made it through to the initial shortlisted of finalists in the Friends of the Earth Run on Sun competition. The winning school will receive a set of free solar panels. Please vote for the school before 9th January to see more solar generated in Derbyshire!

www.foe.co.uk/page/run-sun-competition-gallery?item=74995#.VKpWRL6_7m3.mailto

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Taken down the tree? Recycle it in Nottinghamshire: bit.ly/1AilR6f or Derbyshire: bit.ly/177GIWL.

Some district councils are offering kerbside collection – contact your local authority for more details. For every 50 trees received at a Nottinghamshire recycling centre, Veolia will donate £100 to The Ear Foundation.

New Climate Change Display Boards at Derbyshire Eco Centre

The Derbyshire Eco Centre has recently installed a new set of display boards about Climate Change. The six boards explore what climate change is, how it could affect

us, how we can tackle it, and how local community groups, businesses, councils and individuals already are.

Grants for Community Buildings in South Derbyshire

South Derbyshire District Council are looking to re-launch the Community Partnership Scheme. The intention is to provide capital grants to community groups, sports organisations, voluntary organisations, church groups, parish councils. The scheme will offer grants between £1,000 and £25,000. Project supported will include the refurbishment of existing community buildings.

For more information please contact Ian Hey, Community Partnership Officer on 01283 228741

ian.hey@south-derbys.gov.uk

New Mills Widen Their Horizon

13 members of Transition New Mills and some members of Sustainable Hayfield attended a Widening Horizons Workshop in November. The aim was to envision what New Mills and the Sett Valley would look like in a sustainable future using a process called 'backcasting'. The group started with the future as they would like to see it in 10 years and worked out how they might get there. Ideas include sustainable bio-diverse woodlands with fruit and nuts, bananas growing locally in greenhouses, and more than 3000 homes generating solar electricity.

More information: <http://transitionnewmills.org>

C. National News

FUNDING: Grants available for Boilers, Double Glazing, Insulation and More

Grant funding is still available for home owners, private landlords and private tenants who want to install a range of energy efficiency measures. The Green Deal Home Improvement Fund is offering up to £1000 towards the cost of two or more measures from a list of 11. Another £500 is on offer if you have bought your home in the last 12 months. And £100 is available towards the cost of a Green Deal assessment.

www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures/get-money-back-from-the-green-deal-home-improvement-fund

FUNDING: Fuel Poverty Community Action Awards

Are you involved in a project that is tackling fuel poverty? If you are why not apply for a one of National Energy Action's Community Action Awards, £1500 to help you further your work. There are regular deadlines throughout 2015 and into early 2016.

www.nea.org.uk/campaigns-events/community-action-awards

PROJECT: Join the Big Energy Race

Community groups are invited to join the Big Energy Race starting in January 2015. Register as teams and undertake energy-saving challenges. The more challenges

completed, the more points you'll earn and the better chance you'll have of winning the race – and there's great prizes for the best teams and team members! To register your interest visit www.bigenergyrace.org.

www.facebook.com/bigenergyrace / Twitter [@bigenergyrace](https://twitter.com/bigenergyrace)

NEWS: Solid Wall Scheme Runs Out of Money in 24 Hours

A grant scheme for solid wall insulation for older homes ran out of money within 24 hours of being launched. The Green Deal Home Improvement Fund offered up to £4000 towards the cost of insulating the walls of a home without cavity (typical pre-1930s homes). More funding is expected to be released in February, although this too is likely to run out quickly.

www.clickgreen.org.uk/news/national-news/125379-latest-green-deal-giveaway-runs-out-of-cash-in-just-24-hours.html

NEWS: Plans to Replace the 'Big Six' with the 'Big Six Thousand'

The Co-operative Party and SERA have set out their plans for Britain to develop a 'Big Six Thousand' of community-owned energy suppliers to challenge the dominance of the 'Big Six' in the energy market, providing a fairer deal for consumers and reducing their carbon footprint.

It sets out plans for the creation of a national community-owned renewable energy fund, community feed-in tariffs and renewable heat incentives as well as allowing community-owned energy groups to be able to supply energy direct to residents for the very first time.

<http://party.coop/nextgen>

News in Brief

- Campaigners lobby Newark MP: www.nottinghampost.com/Campaigners-lobby-Newark-MP-bid-protect/story-25803255-detail/story.html
- 'Carbon emissions past, present and future', an interactive timeline showing past, current and predicted future emission by country: www.bit.ly/15Mr64Z

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