

Community Climate Action Email February 2013

Welcome to the latest edition of Community Climate Action, with all the latest news, events and resources in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. A special hello to new subscribers.

From the Editor

It's been a very busy and exciting month for the CCAN service. Just two of the many highlights:

- The website for the first ever **Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Week** went live today. If you'd like to visit an eco friendly home in your local area take a look: www.everybodys-talking.org/ecohomes. All visitors will have the opportunity to enter a prize draw to win a free Green Deal Assessment of their home.
- We confirmed the keynote speakers for the **Derbyshire Community Climate Action Conference**. They are Ruth Mayne of Low Carbon West Oxford and Jerome Badley of Nottingham Energy Partnership. If you'd like to be inspired by them, and a whole host of workshops from local community groups and support organisations, book your free place now: 01629 538304 or nicholas.pigula@derbyshire.gov.uk.

Got Any News?

If you have anything you'd like us to include in the March e-newsletter please send it to us **by Thursday 28th February**: ccan@mea.org.uk.

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Ñ1 Local Events

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Eco Homes Open Day

2nd-10th March, various locations and timings

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Residents living in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire have the opportunity to visit real eco homes on their own doorstep this spring. Householders across the two counties who have made their homes more eco friendly will open their doors to inspire the public between 2nd and 10th March as part of the first ever *Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire EcoHomes Open Week*.

Visitors will be able to see improvements including solar panels, solid wall insulation, a straw bale extension, air source heat pumps, grey water recycling systems, vegetable growing and much more. As well as many ordinary homes, the week also involves the opportunity to visit a community-owned hydro project in Derbyshire; some research eco homes at the University of Nottingham; the Derbyshire Eco Centre, an environmental learning centre near Wirksworth; and the Gloworm training centre in Belper.

Caroline Harmon of Marches Energy Agency, one of the organisations behind the event, said: 'This is a fantastic opportunity to visit real eco homes in your own community and get inspired to make your own home more environmentally friendly and cheaper to heat. It will be a bit like an Open Gardens Day, but householders will be showing off their insulation and solar panels instead of their sunflowers and chrysanthemums!'

Details of houses which are open, and when, are listed on the event's new website: www.everybodys-talking.org/ecohomes.

Derbyshire Community Climate Action Network Conference

9th March, 9:45am-4:15pm

Derbyshire Eco Centre

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A free one-day conference for individuals and community group members in Derbyshire who are working to tackle climate change.

Keynote Speakers: Ruth Mayne of Low Carbon West Oxford and Jerome Badley of Nottingham Energy Partnership.

Workshops include:

- How can you r community group engage with the Green Deal and ECO?
- Tour of the Derbyshire Eco Centre
- Finding funding
- Running local food growing projects
- Encouraging energy efficiency in your community
- Running a small business with the environment in mind
- Community renewable project and planning considerations
- Working with you local council
- Improving the energy efficiency of a community building
- Developing resilience to the impacts of climate change

A great opportunity to network with others in the area who are taking action.

Book your free place: 01629 538304 or nicholas.pigula@derbyshire.gov.uk.

More information on workshops is being posted on www.everybodys-talking.org as it is available.

Transition 2.0 Film Showing, Sherwood

7th February

7pm-9pm

Sherwood Methodist Church, Mansfield Road / corner of Devon Drive,
Sherwood, Nottingham NG5 2EN

Cost £2.

Transition 2.0, a film from the Transition Network, captures inspiring stories from Transition initiatives around the world, showing how groups are responding to uncertain times with creativity, solutions and 'engaged optimism'. Find out more about the film at www.intransitionmovie.com/about/. There will be an interval with refreshments and time to socialise. The venue is on Nottingham City Transport purple and lime bus routes, there is level access, and the film is subtitled

Derbyshire Eco Centre - February Courses

- Introduction to Renewable Energy, 9th February
- Building with Straw, 16th February
- Fairytale Castle with Junk, 20th February
- Organic Gardening – Fruit, 27th February

For more details and prices for all courses visit:

http://derbyshire.gov.uk/education/adcommmed/contacts/derbyshire_eco_centre/

Derbyshire Community Foundation Funding Surgeries

Chesterfield – Tuesday 19 February

Ashbourne – Thursday 21 February

Buxton – 1st March

Bolsover – Monday 4 March
Bakewell - 22nd April (more info about this session below)

Derbyshire Community Foundation is holding funding surgeries across the county. They provide a chance to discuss your community group's funding requirements with a member of the Foundation's grant team, get 1:1 support advice on your funding ideas, and get hints & tips to put you on the right path to getting the financial investment you need.

To book a half hour appointment at one of the surgeries please contact Misbah Ramzan on 01773 514850 as soon as possible as places are limited. Please note the Bakewell sessions will take the form of a half day workshop, providing more in depth advice and a background to decision making within the Foundation.

www.derbyshirecommunityfoundation.co.uk/news/2013-funding-surgeries/17/

Give or Take Event

2nd March, 10am-12:30pm (bring items from 9am onwards)
Methodist Church Hall, St John's Street, Wirksworth
Organised by Transition Wirksworth

Bring things that you no longer need that are too good to throw away. Take things that you need or like. All are welcome to take without giving or give without taking. Please bring only usable, safe goods and do not bring CRT televisions.

www.transitionwirksworth.org

Gedling Funding Fair

March 5th, 2pm-7pm
Richard Herrod Centre Foxhill Road Carlton NG4 1RI
Organised by Gedling CVS
Free

A free event for all voluntary and community groups in the borough of Gedling and beyond who are looking for funding. Come along and discuss your project with representatives from the following advice and grant giving organisations:

The Big Lottery Fund, Nottinghamshire County Council Community and Voluntary Sector Team, Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme, Gedling Homes (administer Community Chest Grants), GCVS (Gedling Community and Voluntary Services), RCAN (Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire), Gedling Borough Council Leisure and Culture, Heritage Lottery Fund, Sport Nottinghamshire, WREN, Sported, Youth Music, TSELF Big Issue Trust, Community Accounting Plus.

To register your interest or find out more, contact Gedling CVS on 0115 987 1981 or email info@gedlingcvs.org.uk. Free parking, bar selling drinks and snacks on site.

Ñ1 Local News

Help to Keep Warm in Nottinghamshire this Winter

Approximately 400 vulnerable people die in Nottinghamshire a year due to winter weather and its impact on their health. Many of these deaths could be avoided by people being more aware of the dangers and taking simple steps to keep warm. Nottinghamshire County Council has launched a campaign to help people 'Keep Warm this Winter'.

People with disabilities and long-term health conditions, older people and those on a low income in particular may benefit from some of the information and schemes available. Explore the links below to see what help you might be able to get.

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/caring/keep-warm/

Switch 'n' Save

Nottinghamshire County Council has launched an energy tariff switching service to help people pool their buying power. Energy suppliers will be invited to offer a special discount deal to scheme members. By pooling your buying power with other people, you could save up to £200 a year on an average bill of £1,300. The more people that join, the bigger the likely savings for everyone.

From 12th February you'll be able to register for the scheme online: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/living/switchnsave/ or you can visit one of Nottinghamshire County Council's Customer Service Points where an advisor will help you complete the 'Switch 'n' Save form. You will need to have your most recent electricity and gas bill to hand when you register.

The registration period closes on Wednesday 20 March and energy suppliers will make their offers soon after that. You'll get an email that shows the best deal available on your gas and electricity. There's no obligation to take it up but if you do you'll be taken seamlessly through the process of switching supplier to get the better deal.

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/living/switchnsave/

Derbyshire Big Deals

Derbyshire County Council is also launching a switching scheme: Derbyshire Big Deals. This will make it easier for local people to cut their bills by switching energy companies. It works by bringing people together to pool their buying power to get the best price. It's based on an idea pioneered in the Netherlands where people saved up to £200 a year on an average bill of £1,300.

Register your interest on our website and when the scheme goes live we'll let you know and ask for a few more details. Then when enough people have said they'll join – we're hoping for 5,000 – we'll strike a deal with an energy company. There's nothing to lose and it's completely free to register. You choose whether to take up the offer from the energy supplier. And if you do opt to change, we'll make the process of switching easy.

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/derbyshire_big_deals/default.asp

Peak Business for Community Action

Peak Business for Community Action (PB4CA) is a new service for local charities, community groups and businesses in the Peak District.

Local charities and voluntary groups often need help with operational or management issues, whether its access to practical help, advice, finance, premises, volunteers, equipment or other resources. Much of this kind of support is available from organisations like CVS and Volunteer Centres, but sometimes groups need other professional and specialist services in addition to this. Finding the right help and advice available locally can sometimes be a daunting experience - this is where PB4CA can help. The project will create a new website that will match businesses based in the Peak District who are able to offer specific pro-bono (free) support to local community groups who need help and advice.

If you would like to be kept in touch about the project's launch please register your interest at the PB4CA landing page: <http://pb4ca.com>.

Carbon Reduction Manager Required

New College in Nottingham is recruiting a Carbon Reduction Manager: www.navo.org.uk/jobs/carbon-reduction-officer-ref-2207-ncn.

Ñ1 National News

Community Green Deal and ECO Resources Launched

The authors of Plan Local, a resource for communities interested in community-owned renewable projects and community-led planning, have produced a new resource to help communities keen to explore how they might engage with the Green Deal and ECO. CSE explain:

'We want to see community groups taking the lead in promoting the Green Deal within their own neighbourhoods, enabling people to access loans for energy efficiency improvements, reducing carbon emissions and improving quality of life in their own neighbourhoods. So, we've launched a whole new PlanLoCaL resource pack and have overhauled the website to bring it all together.'

The new resources (there are 88 of them!) can be downloaded for free: www.planlocal.org.uk.

Climate Week – 4th-10th March

Climate Week is Britain's biggest climate change campaign, inspiring a new wave of action to create a sustainable future. Culminating in a week of activities, it showcases practical solutions from every sector of society. Each year, half a million people attend 3,000 events in Britain's biggest ever environmental occasion. Events are run by schools, businesses, charities, councils and many others. You can help accelerate action on climate change by making Climate Week happen where you are. Ask an organisation or group you know to start planning an activity now for Climate Week in March 2013.

www.climateweek.com

SuperHomes Week – 16th-24th March

Pioneering owners of some of the UK's most eco-friendly SuperHomes will host free Open Days in March. SuperHomes are older homes refurbished by their owners for greater comfort, lower bills and far fewer carbon emissions - at least 60% less! Achieving such a high standard requires major home improvements. In short, this is a chance to see eco renovation at its impressive best. Visitors can expect to come away with plenty of ideas for greening their own properties. They'll also gain a better understanding of the home improvements now eligible for Green Deal finance.

Most SuperHomes have superior insulation; many have alternative heating sources and some produce their own energy. Georgian, Victorian, Edwardian and post-war properties are amongst those open to the public. Visitors will learn more about both the benefits and challenges of eco renovation. SuperHomers are genuine early adopters who can speak from experience.

www.superhomes.org.uk

Ñ1 And Finally

Save paper and send an e-card this Valentine's Day:

www.foe.co.uk/living/cards.html

Thanks to everyone who provided items for this newsletter. If you have any events or news you would like to be included in future newsletters please send the details to: cgan@mea.org.uk. You can send comments about the e-newsletter to the same email address.

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