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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.

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A. Local News

Everybody's Talking Website Re-Launched!

The Everybody's Talking Website (www.everybodys-talking.org) is the climate change portal for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire and it's just been re-launched. The new site includes a range of exciting features:

- Read a guide explaining the basics of climate change.
- Make a pledge to cut your carbon dioxide emissions.

- Visit the communities' area to download resources for your group.
- Find out about climate change events that are happening in your area.

If there are any links or resources you think we should add to the website please let us know by emailing ccan@mea.org.uk.

Free Online Profiles Available to Climate Community Action Groups

All climate change-focused community groups in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire are entitled to a free online profile on the new Everybody's Talking website (www.everybodys-talking.org). **A profile will give your group an online presence without requiring you to create and maintain your own website.** It could help you to advertise your group and recruit new members.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer please fill in the form attached to this email and send it to ccan@mea.org.uk by **25th June 2010**. Please only submit one form per group.

Networking and Signposting Service Proves Popular

It's a month since we launched our Networking and Signposting Service and enquiries have ranged from how to set up a community-owned hydro project to how to get photovoltaics on a church roof.

Just a reminder: the service allows Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire-based community groups taking action on climate change to enquire about projects or activities they might want to set up or topics they would like to know more about. We can help you to find other groups and organisations that you would like to work with, learn from and share with. We can also direct you to resources, websites and courses. **No question is too easy or too hard** and we aim to respond within 10 working days. So if your group is big on ideas but short on time to research those ideas let us know.

The service has been set up in direct response to the needs of local community groups as identified in a recent survey of those groups.

How do you access this wonderful new service? Email your question or enquiry to:

By phone: 07748 508704

By email: ccan@mea.org.uk

Guide to Micro Hydro Published

A new guide exploring the potential for micro hydro power in the Peak District National Park has been published by Friends of the Peak District. *Peak Power* explains how the organisation spent three years surveying and analysing 150 river sites in the park and found that 80 could be developed as source of local hydro power.

Download the guide here:

www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk/Campaigns/Climate_change/Small_scale_hydro_power/ or request a hard copy by calling 0114 266 5822.

Green Job Opportunities

The Partnership Council, a registered charity based in Nottingham, is aiming to help the environment and those who are unemployed at the same time with an exciting new project.

The Community Garden project offers volunteer placements with green organisations across the city designed especially to help people who are unemployed or in low income jobs to get back into work or find a more rewarding career. Volunteer placements will initially be three months long and are available to people who are over 18 years and resident in Nottingham City.

Opportunities exist in areas such as developing community gardens and allotments, working on a city farm and event organisation. Volunteers will also have the chance to attend free training courses such as an OCN-accredited course in horticulture or short courses in food hygiene, first aid, healthy eating or health & safety. The Community Garden project is part of One Nottingham's Community Programme and Nottingham City Council's Job Plan to help get over 2,000 city residents into employment and training.

To find out more please contact Dori Kirchmair at the Partnership Council on 0115 970 8200 or Dori@partnershipcouncil.co.uk

Case Studies of Adaptation Sought

Climate East Midlands is gathering case studies which demonstrate the steps people are taking to increase their resilience to climate change and severe weather events, and how people are preparing to take advantage of the opportunities that a changing climate might bring.

They are interested to hear from anybody (from individuals to businesses and community groups) who has taken such action. Please email Alex.Hopkinson@emcouncils.gov.uk for more information or to submit a case study. See: www.climate-em.org.uk/

Free Factsheets on FITS and RHI

Marches Energy Agency has produced two free factsheets: one on Feed-in Tariffs and one on the forthcoming Renewable Heat Incentive. Download both at: www.me.a.org.uk/fact-sheets.

B. Local Events

How to Build Your Own Wind Turbine

8th June, 5.30pm

No 1. Nottingham Science Park, Jesse Boot Avenue, Off University Boulevard, Nottingham, FREE with a light buffet, but pre-book on 0115 934 9582

Part of 'The Climate Change seminars' series this event includes guest speakers from the village of Hockerton who have developed the first community-owned renewable in Nottinghamshire: a 31.5m high wind turbine. The event is intended to provide inspiration and practical aid to anybody who is thinking of installing their own domestic or community renewable energy scheme. The organisers are also hoping that the Department of Energy and Climate Change will be making some contribution to the event.

Please register by contacting Vanessa Corns on vc@nde.org.uk or 0115 934 9582 no later than 12pm on Thursday 27th May 2010.

Free Tour of Derbyshire Eco Centre

29th June, 2pm-4:30pm

18th June, 10am-4pm

Wirksworth

FREE but pre-**book on** 01629 824765

Derbyshire Eco Centre, a new eco building which will host adult education, is due to open this summer and they are organising some free tours of the building before it completed. The full-day course will also include a chance to try your hand at straw bale building.

Eco Building Courses

16th-19th June, 10am-4:30pm each day

National Stone Centre, Wirksworth

£39 per day. Book on 01629 824765

If you're interested in sustainable building then these courses are for you. Topics include:

Self build with timber – Friday 16th July

Building with straw – Saturday 17th July

Lime mortars and renders – Sunday 18th July

Derbyshire Climate Change Network Meeting

8th June, 2pm

Venue TBC

Derbyshire-based project Voices for the Voluntary Sector is looking to establish a climate change network to allow climate change-focused community groups to explain to the Local Strategic Partnership what support they would like. This event will be a chance to have a say on how such a network is run and what it will do.

If you would like to attend please contact Claire Thornber on 07827 243800 or C.Thornber@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk. Find out more about Voices for the Voluntary Sector at: [www.3Dsupport.org.uk/Voice Project](http://www.3Dsupport.org.uk/Voice_Project).

C. National News

Heathrow Third Runway Scrapped

The new government has scrapped plans to build a new runway at Heathrow and said that it will refuse additional runways at Gatwick and Stansted. It has not, however, ruled out building extra runways elsewhere.

A Greenpeace campaign called Airplot saw more than 90,000 people take up the opportunity to 'beneficially own' a piece of land which would have been required if the runway were to be built. The intention was to 'create a significant legal headache for any government trying to build the runway'. All of the Liberal Democrat's front bench are beneficial owners and David Cameron agreed to plant a tree on the land in his name.

Greenpeace also ran a competition to design a sustainable structure which could be built on the land to fortify it against any bulldozers. The best designs submitted will be on display at the Bargehouse Gallery in London from 2nd-6th June. Get a sneak preview at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/greenpeaceuk/sets/72157624038922614>. Greenpeace plan to hold on to the designs in case the government approve runways at other airports in Britain.

Environmental Commitments in Coalition Agreement

The news about Heathrow was included in a section on the environment in the coalition agreement drawn up by the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats. Read it in full here (skip to page six for the environment section):

www.conservatives.com/News/News_stories/2010/05/Coalition_Agreement_published.aspx.

Local Food and Climate Change: Report Published

Making Local Food Work have produced a report on the links between local food and climate change and the role that communities can play in this. Download it for free here:

www.makinglocalfoodwork.co.uk.

D. And Finally...

Want do you think is the **one most important thing you can do** to help the environment? Check out people's thoughts here: www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2010/may/10/lifestyle-change-environmental-impact.

A very readable guide to the **psychology of climate change** is available to download for free at <http://www.cred.columbia.edu/guide/>

That's all for this month.

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 me the details: ccan@mea.org.uk.

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