

DARE

Devon Association for Renewable Energy



Renewable Energy In Devon (REID) DARE Newsletter – Issue 22 Events Diary

Wood Heat Transformation Trail – 14th January 2010

Are you interested in heating your property in a sustainable way? Do you see an opportunity growing? Then join DARE (Devon Association for Renewable Energy) on its tour of four sites in the Greater Dartmoor area all generating heat from wood, on Thursday 14th January. See how others have utilised wood fuel through a variety of technologies, scales and situations. The tour begins and ends in Okehampton. 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 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 second in a series of tours; there will be a specialist day for each technology including solar thermal, photovoltaics, heatpumps and windpower. This tour is funded by Greater Dartmoor LEAF, incorporating funding from the EU, Defra, SWRDA and LEADER and The Dartmoor Sustainable Development Fund, West Devon Borough Council's Community Project Grant and Renewable Energy 4 Devon project.

Crops for Energy: Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th January 2010

This highly interactive two day accredited course covers all aspects of energy crop growing, processing, supply and end use. The course involves a number of group exercises, a crop walk and a visit to a biomass boiler, concluding with a short exam. To be held at Globin Combe Environment Centre, North Somerset. 9am - 5pm. This event is fully funded and free of Charge*. For more information or to book your place, please contact Kevin Lindegard Tel: 01179 089057 or e-mail kevin@crops4energy.co.uk

BUILDING HEALTH – Planning and Designing for Health and Happiness is on **22nd January** at UWE's Frenchay Campus (J1 M32) organised by the Bristol Architecture Centre and is about considering both building design and peoples' health. Entry is not free as this event has to be self-funding, but early bird registration before the end of November gets you in for £150 instead of £199. There will also be opportunities for trade stands at a reasonable rate for local RSLs, consultants and companies. Please contact Gill Fearnough [gillianf@architecturecentre.co.uk] if you'd like a trade stand or just an opportunity air your best schemes/ make new contacts.

Rural Communities: Right to Try Conference

27th January 2010 – Cavendish Conference Centre, London

If a village shop is threatened with closure, the community should have the right to try to replace it before it is sold off. If lack of affordable housing is a concern, rural

communities should have the right to try to secure land and raise finance. If a bus operator plans to withdraw a service, the community should have the right to try to put in place an alternative service. In short, the scales need to be tilted more firmly towards the community. This conference will explore what rural community-owned enterprises are doing across the world to take control of the issues affecting rural people. The event will engage politicians, policy makers and shapers, funders and support organisations – those with the ability to make change happen. For further information on this event, please email info@plunkett.co.uk.

Wind Power Transformation Trail – 28th January 2010

The answer to your energy needs could be blowing in the wind. Join the Devon Association for Renewable Energy for a tour of sites across the Greater Dartmoor area that have harnessed the power of the wind to generate clean, green electricity. The day will consist of visiting four wind turbines of differing scales, situations and applications. The tour begins and ends in Okehampton.

Are you a member of a community group who want to secure a local electricity supply? Are you a householder who wants to generate your own energy? Are you a farmer with land that could be developed for wind power production? Or are you a local business who is concerned about fossil fuel supply and security? We welcome all kinds of delegates to see these wind power installations in operation; the sites themselves include business, agricultural and domestic examples.

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The Rushlight Awards Clean Technologies Show and Gala Dinner

Thursday, 28 January 2010 The Royal National Hotel and the Grand Connaught Rooms

More information: <http://www.rushlightawards.co.uk/>

At the Best of British & Irish Clean Technologies Show, entrants to the Rushlight Awards and others will display their technologies throughout the day, with specific meet-and-greet areas. Morning workshop themes include asset finance, R&D tax credits, IP management, grants, accessing chosen markets, product communication, region-specific business advantages. An afternoon conference with a specific focus on clean technology funding solutions. David Kidney, Parliamentary Under Secretary of DECC, will be giving the opening keynote speech at the conference. Confirmed participants include The Carbon Trust, the EPSRC, the Energy Technologies Institute and the Technology Strategy Board. The day concludes with the Rushlight Gala Awards Dinner at the Grand Connaught Rooms.

Green Tourism Business Network event - Thursday, 28 January 2010

Save your business money - reduce your water and energy costs now!

The winter Green Tourism Business Network event is being held from 11.30 - 2.30pm on Thursday, 28 January 2010 in the Lakeside Suite at Roadford Lake, West Devon. Come along and find out about South West Water's water saving tools and

certification scheme, Energy Action Devon's schemes and grants, also learn how leading Devon business, Silversprings Hotel in Exeter has saved money through reducing water and energy consumption. Open to all green tourism businesses in Devon, and those aspiring to be green! To find out more or reserve a space at this free event please visit: www.devontourismadvice.co.uk/green-business-network

FWAG Climate Change Mitigation on Farm Seminars - Wednesday 10th

February 2010: Series of seminars on climate change issues and mitigation for farmers to complement the SW climate change trade fair. To be held at Exeter Racecourse, Exeter, Devon. This event is FREE* of charge. The day will run from 10am - 4pm. For more information or to book your place please contact FWAG on 01823 355427

Funding your vision "The Steps to success" 10th February 2010

The Boniface Centre Crediton 9.30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"Funding is not just about getting better at fundraising or finding a single, secure source of income".

The days training will take you through key steps in achieving and developing a more successful funding base for your organisation:

Planning

- Putting 'planning' at the heart of your organisation's income strategy to secure funding
- Knowing your organisation's full costs and how to calculate them
- Understanding and accessing the right funding sources for your organisation

Funding

- Raise your awareness of the various funding options available to the voluntary and community sector.
- Explore generating an income through trading goods and services
- Writing grant applications, develop your skills

Beyond grants

- Staying on mission and having clear priorities
- The importance of diversifying your income streams
- Loan finance a tool to help your organisation grow and develop
- Explore generating an income through trading goods and services

What can we learn from each other? An opportunity to learn and share

Quotes from previous participants:

"Thank you so much for yesterday's session it was a fantastic opportunity for people to really get to grips with sustainable funding issues."

"Many thanks to you for yesterday's event - I found it really helpful in developing our strategy and will report back to our village hall committee with some suggestions at next week's meeting"

This event is free including buffet lunch (subsidised by Devon Community foundation). Participants are required to make a £10.00 refundable deposit.

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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)