

The Environment Council Activities

The following is a synopsis of some of our current work, past activities and publications.

Current Activities

Sustainable Development Commission Tidal Power Stakeholder Consultation is part of the SDC's exploration of the potential of tidal power in the UK, as committed to in the Dti's 2006 publication, The Energy Challenge.

WWF One Planet Business is a process engaging stakeholders from all sectors involved in mobility to develop a shared understanding of what sustainable mobility might look like; explore key issues and barriers to achieving that vision and develop a community of practice to pursue sustainable mobility.

Royal Mail Sustainability Strategy Review provides critical advice on the strategy and gets consensus from the original stakeholder group on its effectiveness.

Environmental Agency Better Engagement Group brings together the range of environmental statutory agencies to share and develop good practice to improve engagement and participation activities in environmental decision-making.

Waste Prevention Policy Research is part of the larger Defra Waste and Resources Research and Development Strategy. It aims to identify where Government policies can best be introduced along supply chains to reduce the amount of waste that ends up in the household bin.

Learning and Development Programme. See <http://www.the-environment-council.org.uk/training.html> and the enclosed flyer for more details!

Recent Activities

Royal Mail Carbon Offset Workshop to explore the changing landscape of voluntary offsetting and the implications of fit for purpose offsetting schemes.

Renewable Energy and Community Involvement Regional Training Workshops based on Planning Policy Statement 22, with funding from Dti and Renewable Energy Systems. They were aimed at helping those at a regional and local level build their capacity to engage with local communities on renewable energy developments.

Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM) conducted substantial public and stakeholder engagement, which was commented on by UK Government who said "It recognises the extensive and highly successful and innovative public and stakeholder engagement work carried out". The Environment Council planned and delivered a variety of engagement activities over a two and a half year period.

Publications

Better Engagement in the Waste Sector & Designing Engagement in the Waste Sector

The Environment Council has developed a set of guidelines and training courses to help practitioners implement successful and effective engagement processes, derived from numerous waste practitioners' own experiences.

Coming Soon!

Nick Hurd MP Sustainable Communities Bill Event 22nd May 2007.

This Private Members' Bill covers four main concerns: local services and economies, environmental protection, social inclusion and democratic participation.

Mr Hurd has kindly agreed to address an event on this subject, hosted by The Environment Council. Please contact Winsome Grigor for further details (card enclosed).