

The Environment Council Activities

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

Current Activities

Crystal Palace Park Regeneration Dialogue has been running since 2003 and brings together a range of community members and stakeholders to develop a package of solutions for the regeneration of the park and sports centre.

Hampstead Heath Draft Management Plan Review 2007 incorporates several elements of community and stakeholder engagement, including online and paper-based questionnaires, consultation stalls, discussion groups and door-to-door surveys. Views are being sought to inform the draft management plan for the coming 10 years.

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. For information on our public open courses and how we can work with you by developing bespoke training solutions please see <http://www.the-environment-council.org.uk/training.html> and the enclosed flyer and booking form for more details.

Recent 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.

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. COMMENT what we need here is something along lines of PPS promoted engagement but we recognised LAs do not have capacity to deliver so created the training course.

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.

Upcoming Government Consultations

Marine Bill consultation closes on 8th June.

Climate Change Bill consultation closes on 12th June.

Find out more

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