

Welcome to the March 2008 edition of e-Thumbprint, Envolve's monthly e-newsletter

ABOUT ENVOLVE

e-Thumbprint is Envolve's e-newsletter. Envolve Partnerships for Sustainability (Envolve) supports wiser ways of living that lead to more healthy and sustainable businesses, schools and communities. We are a charity based in Bath's Green Park Station, which we also have responsibility for running. We deliver our work through three teams: Business - delivering specialist environmental consultancy to small and large businesses, charities and local authorities; Education - working with schools to promote better knowledge and understanding of the relationship between people and planet; Community - providing the support to enable individuals and communities to make a significant and lasting difference to where they live.

1) Schools Leap into Green Action

More than half a dozen local schools took part in our first Green Leap day on 29 February. Reports are still coming in and it appears that teachers organised an amazing range of fantastic fun activities to raise awareness of environmental issues. Activities included dressing in green to raise funds for charity, Eco spot checks, reducing electricity use, a recycled eco fashion show, litter picking and zero waste lunchboxes. Thank you to the pioneering schools who got involved. We plan to make Green Leap an annual event so watch this space for more details for next year.

More info: <http://www.envolve.org.uk/education/index.html>

2) Business Team Develops Skills

Congratulations to Margot McGinty, Environmental Consultant in the business team, who has just achieved Associate membership of the Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment (AEMA). Her qualification forms part of the business team's continual investment in training and professional development to ensure clients are provided with the most up to date and appropriate advice on environmental issues.

3) Online diary of local green events

Don't forget to visit Envolve's Green Diary to find out what is going on this month (and future months too). And let us know of any of your events which you would like us to include in the diary.

More info: <http://www.envolve.org.uk/diary.html>

NATIONAL NEWS

**SPOTLIGHT ON... WWF Earth Hour

On 29 March 2008 at 8.00pm, millions from around the world will collectively switch off their lights for one hour to demonstrate their support for action on climate change. A similar event held last year in Sydney, organised by the World Wildlife Fund,

resulted in 2.2 million people and over 2000 businesses taking part in the switch off. The city's energy consumption during that hour was reduced by 10.2%. The event is now going global. There are numerous ways for individuals, communities and businesses to take part and work together to raise awareness and reduce their environmental impact. For more information visit <http://www.wwf.org.uk> or the dedicated website.

More info: <http://www.earthhour.org/take-action>

LOCAL NEWS

****SPOTLIGHT ON... Green Light on Bath**

Anil Markandya, Professor of Economics at Bath University, will be speaking on green economics in practice at the next of this series of lectures on 25 March. Professor Markandya is a lead member of the intergovernmental panel on climate change which recently shared the Nobel peace prize. He co-authored one of the most influential green books of all time, Blueprint for a Green Economy. As an advisor to governments, development agencies, universities and projects around the world, he will look at how putting economic values on environments and resources can help stabilise the climate.

More info: <http://www.envolve.co.uk/diary.html>

****SPOTLIGHT ON... Transition Bath**

The Transition Bath group is now up and running with a fully functional website. There are a range of action sub-groups with particular responsibilities, regular events and meetings. The website also contains background information on the transition movement, peak oil and links for more detailed research.

More info: <http://www.transitionbath.org.uk/index.html>



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