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We have rebranded!

The Business Environment Partnership has a new name, Green Business Partnership. Our new name says what we do: we help businesses become greener and maximise the business benefits of doing so, like being more profitable, increasing efficiency, finding new markets, motivating their workforce and enhancing their reputation. Our new name reflects the increasing importance of greening your business and the growing number of ways to do so, such as resource efficiency, green procurement, renewable energy, creating green jobs and carbon reduction. The Green business Partnership covers the whole spectrum of being green for business.



Green Business Network - Survey

We have put together a short questionnaire to assess how environmentally friendly your company is! It will only take 5 minutes to complete, so please take a look.

Click on the link to carry out the survey:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/greenbusiness>



FSB Sponsor the Environmental Placement Programme

Britain's biggest business organisation is backing an initiative to help companies save millions by going green. The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB), who has 210,000 members in 33 regions and 230 branches nationwide, has agreed to sponsor an innovative student programme. The initiative matches companies with students who spend eight weeks working on



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environmental projects. Now in its eleventh year, the scheme has already generated almost £9million in cost savings, diverted more than 58,000 thousand tons of waste and cut CO2 emissions by 11,400 tonnes.

Andy Willox, the FSB's Scottish Policy Convenor, said: "This innovative scheme produces real results for students and businesses."

Gregor Murray, Executive Director of The Green Business Partnership, said: "The FSB's contribution will ensure that the profile of the scheme is raised throughout the country."

Applications from companies and students are now open with projects due to take place in July and August. Contact Barbara at the Green Business Partnership for more information Barbara@thebep.org.uk / 0845 129 4846

Zero Waste Scotland

Zero Waste Scotland is the new programme created by the Scottish Government to support delivery of its Zero Waste Plan.



Zero Waste Scotland has been created to provide a one-stop-shop for support and advice to individuals, businesses and local authorities in order to help them reduce waste, recycle more and use natural resources more efficiently.

It will integrate the activities of WRAP Scotland, Waste Aware Scotland, Keep Scotland Tidy, Remade Scotland, Envirowise in Scotland, NISP in Scotland, and some programmes delivered by the Community Recycling Network for Scotland.

The full integration of these programmes will take place throughout 2010/11.

For more information see the Scottish Government website:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Environment/waste-and-pollution/Waste-1/DeliveringZeroWaste>

Green Business Partnership sponsors the Scottish Hotel of the Year Awards

The Green Business Partnership sponsored the Eco category at the annual Scottish Hotel of the Year Awards. The awards took place on Sunday 25th April at the Prestonfield House Hotel, Edinburgh.



The winners were:

Eco Hotel of the Year 2010 – Large
Jurys Inn Edinburgh

Eco Hotel of the Year 2010 – Medium
Ten Hill Place

Eco Hotel Group of the Year 2010
Jurys Inns in Scotland

Green Business Fife Awards

The Green Business Partnership is sponsoring the Green Product and Service category at the Green Business Fife Awards. The Awards will be presented at



a gala dinner at Balbirnie House Hotel on the Wednesday 12th May 2010.

The first Green Business Fife Awards programme was launched in 2008 to highlight the environmental achievements made by companies, of all sizes and sectors, operating in Fife during the past 2 years.

In recognising and rewarding companies that have introduced new initiatives and projects for better sustainable business practice, the Green Business Fife Awards aim to promote greater awareness and environmental innovation throughout Fife.

For more information visit: www.greenbusinessfife.co.uk/awards/

VIBES Awards 2010

Applications are invited from Scotland's businesses for the 11th annual Vision in Business for the Environment of Scotland (VIBES) Awards.



VIBES is Scotland's leading environmental awards scheme, which is free to enter and is open to any Scottish-based business that contributes to sustainable development in some way. If you have taken an effective approach to environmental improvement and sustainable development, either across the whole of your business or by focusing on only one of your activities, you could be eligible for a VIBES award.

The awards are accredited by the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA), which means that VIBES winners are also considered for the prestigious European Business Awards for the Environment (EBAE), which are held every two years.

Businesses and organisations can obtain an application form for VIBES 2010 by visiting the awards website at: www.vibes.org.uk or by contacting Fiona Whyte, VIBES Awards Co-ordinator, on 01349 860398.

The closing date for entries is Friday 9th July 2010. Entries are assessed on the application form and a site visit, and winners will be announced at a prestigious award ceremony on 1 December 2010.

Join the Green Business Network today!

Green Business Network is a Scotland wide community of businesses, academics and graduates who are committed to improving and demonstrating their green credentials, whilst working together towards a low-carbon economy.

- Learn through accredited training workshops and best practice examples
- Network and knowledge share with other businesses
- Integrate the green agenda into your core strategy
- Access the latest information and resources available
- Target a significant growth market
- Promote your green credentials



The Network provides the platform to profile your business as responsive to the green agenda, whilst highlighting potential new markets.

EMS Internal Auditor Training (IEMA certified)

The EMS internal courses are a regular feature in the training calendar - but why attend?

There are many reasons why this course is good value for money and essential to the ongoing maintenance of your Environmental Management System.

- It will help you demonstrate the competency of your internal EMS auditors to meet this requirement of the ISO 14001 standard when externally audited.
- Increases awareness of environmental legislation that your company needs to comply with to avoid fines
- Investing in your staff allows for development of you EMS and decreases your dependence on consultancy support.

This course will equip trainees with the skills and knowledge needed to enable them to conduct internal audits of the relevant environmental management systems and the related environmental performance to ensure that these comply with the requirements of ISO 14001 and are effectively implemented.

Dates/locations: 2nd-4th June 2010 Aberdeen

Prices: Member: £460 / Non-member: £590

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There will be lots of new and exciting training courses coming up this year – please check our website for more information or to book onto this course.

www.thebep.org.uk/training

Events & Training:

Green Business Networking: CMYK

6th May 2010

CMKY, Butlerfield Industrial Estate, Bonnyrigg EH19 3JQ

Zero Waste Scotland: Focus on Food Waste

24th May 2010

Apex City Hotel, Grassmarket, Edinburgh. EH1 2JF

Carbon Trust Workshop: Save Energy and Increase Profits

1st June 2010

The Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow, G2 8DL

IEMA Internal EMS Auditor

2nd - 4th June 2010

Aberdeen, tbc

Zero Waste Scotland: Focus on Food Waste

7th June 2010

Thistle Hotel, Cambridge Street, Glasgow, G2 3HN

Green Business Networking: EAE Distribution

10th June 2010

EAE Distribution, Edgefield Industrial Estate, Loanhead, EH20 9TB

Carbon Trust Workshop: Save Energy and Increase Profits

16th June 2010

The Hilton Dundee, DD1 4DE

Zero Waste Scotland: Focus on Food Waste

21st June 2010

Malmaison Aberdeen, 49-53 Queen's Road, Aberdeen. AB15 4YP

Member Special Offer: The Hydrogen Office Project

The Hydrogen Office project is run by The Hydrogen Office Ltd (HOL) a not for profit organisation. Our aim is to demonstrate the role that the energy efficiency, renewables and hydrogen can play in reducing the future impact of climate change and energy security of supply concerns.

The Hydrogen Office Demonstration Centre is a flagship building in Methil, Fife, which is powered by renewable technologies. These include:

- Heating provided by a Ground Source Heat Pump
- Electricity provided by a Wind Turbine/Hydrogen Storage System*

To assist in the support of education and training in the renewable sector, the Demonstration Centre houses three flexible meeting areas, the size of which can be increased by removing internal partitions. Our smallest area takes 10 board room style or 16 theatre, increasing to 28 board room or 50 theatre style for the largest room combination. All rooms are lockable and have natural light or blackout facilities. Computers, projectors, flipcharts etc are all available to hire, and catering can be arranged upon request.

As a special offer for the Green Business Network, we are offering an exclusive 20% discount off of room hire, on events taking place on or before the 31st June 2010.

For further information or availability, please call Karen on 01333 439 321 or email karen.philip@thehydrogenoffice.com

*Due for completion May 2010

EAE's Electric Green Leaflet Machine takes to the

EAE Ltd, Scotland's premier leaflet marketing specialist, has added a state of the art electric van to its fleet of delivery vehicles. The 'Electric Green Leaflet Machine', will be used to deliver leaflets to some of Scotland's most prestigious visitor attractions and venues over the coming months.



The purchase of the van is the latest sign of EAE's commitment to becoming a carbon neutral company and further demonstrates its desire to develop eco-related solutions to the sustainability issues faced by leaflet distribution organisations.

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Bon Accord warn against Copenhagen assault on green technology

Edinburgh-based international intellectual property (IP) specialists, Bonaccord, warn of a concerted effort to undermine the IP rights for green technologies by developing countries with significant manufacturing capability.

Patricia Barclay, founder of Bonaccord, says, "Companies developing new "green" technologies should keep a close eye on any mention of IP in their sector in international talks and make any concerns known to their local Chamber of Commerce or trade association.

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Tip of the month: Easy notepads

If your office uses a lot of paper, before recycling build a stack of about 50 sheets, then cut into quarters leaving 4 smaller stacks of paper. Attach a bulldog clip to the top, and you have your own eco-friendly notepad, sketch pad or jotter. You won't need to buy any more and you can re-use the clip afterwards. When finished, recycle the paper as normal!

<http://gogreen.theconsortium.co.uk/category/eco-facts-quotes/>

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