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Green Business Partnership Supports 10:10

During 2010, we at the Green Business Partnership will be supporting the global 10:10 campaign to cut emissions by 10% in a year. A simple concept, yes. Simple to achieve? Well, we think it's doable - our members have been doing it for years!



The campaign is all about simple, practical measures that we can take in our businesses, homes, schools, hospitals, well just about everywhere really, to cut carbon.

SURVEY: Do you think your business could achieve a 10% reduction in emissions in 2010? Tell us your answer here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PR7NKSD>

Learn from the Best: Site Visit to EAE Distribution

EAE - exemplars of sustainable business practice - have invited us for a site visit. This gathering will allow you to explore all of the amazing projects that EAE are have undertaken in order to demonstrate their commitment to the environment; from a fleet of electric vehicles to their very own wind turbine.



EAE distribute and display leaflets, brochures and posters nationwide. With thousands of quality, tailor made display racks throughout Scotland and the North East of England. [Click here for their website.](#)

The event will take place: 10th June, Edgefield Industrial Estate, Loanhead. 4-6pm. Members free, non-members £20. [Click here to register.](#)

Branching Out in 2010

The Green Business Network is branching out with a new benefit for 2010!

We are working with Trees4Scotland to restore native Scottish woodland by creating our own Green Network Wood. Each member receives a free tree that will be planted in Teaghlach Wood in



Perthshire and we'll even soon have a webcam link on our website where you can see our wood grow. Members will get a certificate and logo they can use to show their commitment to being a shade greener.

You can help our wood to grow by buying additional trees at www.trees4scotland.com.

Supreme Summer Student Scheme

The summer is nearly upon us and it's your last chance to get in touch with us to host a student this year through the Environmental Placement Programme.

Last year, 50 students helped their companies cut carbon emissions, divert waste from landfill and identify almost £1m in cost savings. We were honoured to have First Minister Alex Salmond as our key note speaker and prize giver at our 2009 awards ceremony.

This year's placements are already looking exciting, with one placement looking at resource efficiency within a cheese factory and another putting in place green employee engagement strategies. Other projects, spanning Thurso to Dumfries, include local area climate change impacts and green transport and tourism. We're looking set for a varied and exciting year!

It's not too late to get involved. Visit www.greenbusinesspartnership.org.uk/epp for more information and to apply for a student.



100% of our Members Recycle Waste!

Last month we asked you to complete a survey telling us how environmentally friendly your company is and we were pleasantly surprised with the results. A huge 95% of you monitor your energy consumption - which is the vital first step to reducing your usage. 65% of you have seen a decrease in your energy consumption since you became more environmentally aware and a whopping 100% recycle waste – well done! The highest materials recycled were unsurprisingly paper and cardboard (97%), with plastic (77%), cans (74%) and batteries (66%) not far behind. It's great to see our members are leading the way with environmental change.

CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme Workshop: Take 2

After the success of our last CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme workshop in Edinburgh, and the great feedback we received, we have decided to run it again in Aberdeen.



CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme

Date: 2nd July 2010

Venue: Subsea 7, Prospect Road, Amhall Business Park, Westhill, Aberdeenshire, AB32 6FE

Time: 9.30-12.30

Prices: Member: £55.00 | Non-member: £65.00

The CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme (previously known as the Carbon Reduction Commitment) is a new, mandatory, energy saving and carbon emissions reduction scheme for the UK. If you qualify for the scheme (participation in CRC will be a legal requirement if you had a total half hourly electricity consumption of at least 6,000 megawatt-hours in 2008) you must register your organisation before 30 September 2010.

If you're a bit unsure of what it all means, we will tell you all you need to know at this event – as well as give you practical advice on all the math-sy bits. [For more information and to register, click here.](#)

This event is kindly sponsored by Subsea 7.

Zero Waste Scotland: Focus on Food Waste Events

Eagle-eyed readers will be aware that the Zero Waste Scotland Small Business Resource Efficiency programme are running a series of free



food waste events. If you're in Edinburgh, you're too late, as the Edinburgh event has been and gone. Chair Anna Scott said: "The event was great. We had loads of discussion from participants and they are all really keen to save money by recycling their food waste. Especially as the environmental benefits are so obvious". But don't worry, there are more events in Glasgow and Aberdeen, which we are sure will be just as interactive and informative.

One of the speakers, CORE, is instrumental in reducing food waste in Scotland. CORE aims to deliver a waste recycling service which is professional, environmentally friendly and ethically sound for commercial and industrial food and catering as an alternative to landfill. They create job, work placements and training opportunities for disadvantaged people affected by or with a background of homelessness, so to help them to become again a positive contributor of our society. Get your scraps picked up and start saving money!

The next FREE food waste events are:

[7th June 2010, 15.00 - 17.00, Thistle Hotel Glasgow](#)

[21st June 2010, 15.00-17.00, Malmaison Aberdeen](#)

Green Jobs

Members, don't forget that we will promote your green jobs in our newsletter and on our website for you for free. It's a great way to reach your target audience, not to mention the millions (ok, maybe not quite millions – but a lot!) of work-ready students we've trained over the years. If you have any jobs you would like to promote, email aimee@thebusinesspartnership.org.uk.

Events & Training:

[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

[New Environmental Manager](#)

22nd - 23rd June 2010

Green Business Partnership, 42/3 Hardengreen Business Park, Dalhousie Road, Dalkeith, Edinburgh, EH22 3NU

[Leith Business Hub: cut costs & increase profits](#)

30th June 2010

Leith Business Hub in the McDonald Road Library

[Energy Management Systems](#)

2nd July 2010

Green Business Partnership, 42/3 Hardengreen Business Park, Dalkeith. EH22 3NU

[CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme](#)

2nd July 2010

Prospect Road, Arnhall Business Park, Westhill, Aberdeenshire, AB32 6FE

Tip of the Month: Opt out of Junk Mail

17.5 million pieces of junk mail are produced every year. You don't want them delivered to your door. The trees don't want to be made into them. And the world doesn't want them in landfill.

As an organisation, you can register numbers on a Facsimile Preference Service so you won't receive junk faxes. Click here: <http://www.mpsonline.org.uk/fps/>

As an individual, you can opt out of receiving junk by post here: <http://www.mpsonline.org.uk/mpsr/>. Why not encourage your employees to register their addresses with this service? Just think of the trees you could save if all your employees did this!

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.

42% by 2020: Are you signed up?

The Prince's Mayday Network actively supports the Scottish Government's ambitious climate change legislation of a 42% carbon reduction by 2020.



Scottish businesses have a vital role in leading the transition to a low carbon economy and the Mayday Network, working in collaboration with environmental agencies, supports private and public sector organisations to measure, manage and report their environmental performance.

We are a UK wide network, managed in Scotland by Scottish Business in the Community, with over 2,500 businesses already signed up, sharing best practice and taking advantage of the numerous business benefits available to businesses reducing their environmental impact.

Sign up for free at www.sbcscot.com/mayday and lead the way in creating a low carbon future.

*** The first 30 Green Business Network members signing up online before 15 June will receive a [free ecobutton](#)

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