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Farewell to Jo!

Jo Paulson is leaving the Green Business Partnership after devoting over 3 years to building up the Green Business Network. Jo has done a fantastic job and she will be missed. She said "Thank you to all Green Business Network members! You've helped to create a fantastic membership scheme which I am very proud to have seen grow year on year. It's been great meeting so many of you at our events and I've enjoyed working with you all."

July Business Survey

Thank you for taking part in our June survey... 100% of you agree that businesses can achieve a 10% reduction in emissions in 2010! That's the kind of positivity that we love! You also asked for support through workshops and events - have a look at our packed events and training calendar below.

This month we would like to find out what drives you to making environmental improvements. Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey -<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/gbnsurvey>



Green Business Networking: A Better Way to Work

A Better Way to Work is a travel choice project hosted by the Bike Station, Edinburgh's cycling charity, with the aim to help Edinburgh workers change their commuting habits. By tailoring our free services, which include cycle training, travel planning advice and a loan bike scheme, to the needs and requirements of each business, we can help encourage employees to make travel choices that are healthier, wealthier and better for the environment.



The Bike Station is holding an Open Doors event on the 26th August for businesses to learn about how they can use A better way to work services in their workplace. The afternoon event from 2pm to 5pm will include a tour of the Bike Station, a short cycle ride into the Meadows (optional) and a chance to find out how we can tailor our services to your business. To sign up for this event, [click here](#)

To find out more information on the project please visit www.findabetterwaytowork.org. You can also contact us on 0131 667 3558 / better@thebikestation.org.uk

Hydrogen Office Site Visit and the Role of Renewables

The Hydrogen Office invites all Green Business Network members to witness the ground-breaking renewable and hydrogen energy system.

This demonstration project is the first of its kind and is set to put Scotland at the forefront of renewable technology development. The office is powered by a wind turbine when it's windy and is heated by a ground source heat pump when it's chilly. When it's not windy, the office gets power through the unique hydrogen fuel cell system which is able to store renewable energy.



The event is taking place on 5th October, to sign up [click here](#)

Environmental and Clean Technologies: Scotland's Green Technology Revolution

Tuesday 26th October – Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh

www.holyrood.com/greenrevolution

Holyrood magazine is hosting a major one day event on the Scottish Government's drive to create thousands of new jobs and bring millions of pounds worth of new investment to Scotland. The Government will later this year be publishing their Environmental and Clean Technology (ECT) strategy which will focus on realising this green revolution and fulfilling Scotland's potential. This conference will provide a detailed understanding of the ECT sector and give delegates an opportunity to discuss the strategy with policy makers and deliverers.

For further details on ECT and to view the conference programme please go to www.holyrood.com/greenrevolution

Scores of university students are getting down to work

Scores of university students are getting down to work this week on improving the environmental management of companies and public sector organisations throughout Scotland.

Up to 70 projects are being handled by students under the Environmental Placement Programme (EPP) which is backed by the Scottish Government, sponsored by the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) and run by the Green Business Partnership.

Some 500 students applied for places on the scheme, with fewer than one in seven being accepted following rigorous selection procedures. They will spend two months

working on projects to improve host organisations' environmental management and help them achieve cost savings.

Successful applicants attended induction workshops at Scottish Enterprise in Edinburgh and Dundee, receiving presentations from the FSB, the Energy Saving Trust and the Green Business Partnership.

"Last year companies and local authorities put forward just over 50 projects. This Summer there will be around 20 more," said Barbara Schweitzer-Thompson of the Green Business Partnership. "This may be an indication that Scottish businesses are more aware than ever of the need to be greener and make savings which go straight to the bottom line."

The students will be given mid-project reviews and have the support of expert mentors throughout their assignments. "These are valuable jobs, with practical environmental outcomes," Schweitzer-Thomson added.

The best projects judged by a panel of experts will receive prizes from Scottish Enterprise and Energy Minister Jim Mather at a final ceremony at the Royal Society of Edinburgh on 8 September. Guest speaker at the event will be Professor Martin Siegart, Head of the School of GeoSciences at the University of Edinburgh.

For more information on the Environmental Placement Programme, contact Barbara Schweitzer-Thompson on 0131-561 6276 or email barbara@thebusinesspartnership.org.uk.

For more information on the Federation of Small Businesses email Gordon.henderson@fsb.org.uk or see www.fsb.org.uk.

Carbon Trust endorses Dyson Airblade™ hand dryer

The Dyson Airblade™ hand dryer is the first hand dryer to be awarded the Carbon Reduction Label from the Carbon Trust.

To secure the Carbon Reduction Label, the machine's total carbon footprint – the amount of carbon emissions (CO₂ and other greenhouse gases) produced from its materials and manufacture, transport, in-use and end of life – were measured and certified by the Carbon Trust. As part of the certification, Dyson has committed to reducing the Airblade™ hand dryer's carbon emissions further in the next two years.

The footprinting process revealed that the Dyson Airblade™ AB03 hand dryer emits 1,100 kg/ CO₂e total emissions during its lifetime or 3 g/CO₂e per dry1 - equal to the carbon emissions created by watching 2 minutes and 9 seconds of television.

James Dyson:

"Good design and environmental responsibility go hand in hand. By considering the environment from the start, our engineers develop machines that are more powerful, perform better and work using less energy and materials."



National Spring Clean 2010 such a resounding success!

Thank you for helping to make National Spring Clean 2010 such a resounding success!

For those of you who love facts and figures... This year 83,668 volunteers took part in 1,406 litter picks across the whole of Scotland during the month of April. That's more than 1.5% of the Scottish population, who took action to clean up the country this spring. Amazingly, 891 schools and nurseries took part and young people accounted for 79% of participants overall – putting us adults to shame. If you'd like to know more, please see the press releases on our Media Centre:

<http://news.keepsotlandtidy.org/SpringClean.asp?c=press>

The campaign has made lots of new friends this year, so welcome if you're new to the campaign and thanks for your ongoing support if you'd taken part before. We hope to see you all again in 2011!

In the meantime, thanks again for helping to spread the word to your members, colleagues and contacts about how they can take action to help keep Scotland litter-free.

Events & Training

[CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme](#)

2nd July 2010

Subsea 7, Prospect Road, Arnhall Business Park, Westhill, Aberdeenshire, AB32 6FE

[Energy Management Systems](#)

2nd July 2010

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

[EMS Auditor Conversion](#)

9th July 2010

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

[Green Business Networking: The Melting Pot](#)

15th July 2010

The Melting Pot, 5 Rose Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2PR

[Integrated Management Systems](#)

19th - 20th July 2010

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

[Risk Assessments](#)

30th July 2010

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

[Environmental Auditing](#)

3rd August 2010

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[Producer Responsibility](#)

4th August 2010

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

[Lead Auditor Course](#)

23rd - 27th August 2010

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

[Green Business Networking: A Better Way to Work](#)

26th August 2010

The Bike Station, 250 Causewayside, Edinburgh, EH9 1UU

[QHSE Auditing](#)

30th - 31st August 2010

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

[Hydrogen Office Site Visit and the Role of Renewables](#)

5th October 2010

The Hydrogen Office Ltd, Ajax Way, Methil Docks Business Park, Methil, KY8 3RS

[Green Business Networking: Keenan Recycling](#)

9th November 2010

Keenan Recycling, New Deer, AB53 6YH

Tip of the Month: Don't throw away old computers

Sell them online (www.ebay.co.uk), donate them to charity (www.digital-links.org), donate them to someone else (www.donateapc.org.uk) or recycle them (www.wasteonline.org.uk).



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