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SustainabilityNow is the e-bulletin from **Sustainability South West (SSW)**, the region's independent Champion Body for sustainable development. SSW is a registered charity and its Mission is:

'To champion and assist action now to achieve a South West that is genuinely sustainable: resilient, healthy, productive, socially-just and living within environmental limits.'

'Laissez Faire' – green and fair?

'The Big Society' demands DIY localism in a new 'Age of Austerity.' But will all this lead us to a more sustainable future?

The switch to an economically and environmentally viable and socially-just future will need a systemic approach. The transition from relentlessly damaging consumption patterns and growing inequalities, to a preventative approach to ill health and a fair shares approach to managing our limited resources (which respects the needs of future generations) requires a change of direction.

Change in challenging times requires strong, visionary leadership. Whilst people can be cramped by too prescriptive an approach, we need a shared vision and a holistic overall framework based on sound sustainability principles to guide the way ahead and offer measures of real progress.

A hands-off 'Laissez Fair' approach offers no such grounding. And – whether based on naive optimism that things will simply 'work themselves out' or general indifference – is simply weak leadership.

We await the Government's new Localism Bill with interest. Sustainability South West will be looking for news of the preparation of an overall principles-based sustainability framework, to guide the efforts of the thousands of individuals and organisations who could cultivate 'the common good'.

For guidance on applying and getting the most out of sustainability principles – whether as an organisation, community group or individual – go to www.sustnav.org.uk.

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Planting Places Awards – now open for applications!

Applications are now open for the fourth annual Planting Places awards, celebrating top examples of local greenspace across the South West of England.



The awards recognise the input of these spaces in supporting healthy, sustainable communities and acknowledge the people who work to make them special. Any public greenspace in the South West of England can be nominated for an award; everything from parks, community gardens and allotments to green routes (ie cycle paths), playing fields and even cemeteries and rooftops. The greenspace can be privately funded, NHS Trust, community, conservation group or council land, but it must be free and accessible to the public, and for public use and enjoyment.



This year, ten 'top example' winners will be chosen, highlighting how local greenspace can have a positive impact on local communities. Visit the Planting Places website, www.plantingplaces.org.uk for more info and to download the application form. Completed application forms must be returned to SSW by 5pm on 29 January 2011. For more information contact us, email: lynn.gibbons@sustainabilitysouthwest.org.uk or call: 0117 929 0989. For some new green infrastructure resources available, see below.



New online Green Infrastructure resources available



South West GI Web Portal Is there anything you need to know about Green infrastructure in the South West? Let the Green Infrastructure Network web portal help you. Find out what's happening in your area through signposts which include: news and updates; sustainability tool; GI evidence and research; planning and delivery and community delivery. There is also a strategic activity map which details local activity updates, case studies and key contacts. Visit: www.ginsw.org.uk.

Slideshow for Green Infrastructure Champions A new PowerPoint presentation has been created to help champion Green Infrastructure. The slideshow consists of 11 slides and includes useful evidence within the notes. It can be adapted to suit your needs. Access the slideshow via: www.ginsw.org.uk/pages/gi-evidence-research/gi-evidence-continued.php.

Forestry Commission GI Knowledge Portal This portal is a great summary of all the evidence that exists of the benefits of GI: www.eforestry.gov.uk/forestdss/webpages/bgi/home.jsp.

Volunteer opportunities at Sustainability South West

Current Opportunities

SSW is currently looking for part-time or full-time (week days) volunteer support for data entry and help with a mail-out to start as soon as possible until 21st December. Ideally volunteers will have had previous experience using Excel. This work is unpaid but travel and lunch costs will be reimbursed. SSW's office is located in the centre of Bristol.

If you, or your networks, are interested in adding support work for a sustainable development charity to your CV, please email Freiny.Miles@sustainabilitysouthwest.org.uk with your CV and list days available.

Future opportunities

All CVs can be kept on file for further future volunteer opportunities so if you have other areas of interest that you would like to get involved with (which would be unpaid but with lunch and travel costs reimbursed) such as volunteering at events; research work; administration support; supporting specific projects or even sourcing and writing content for Sustainability Now! etc. please email your CV and a covering letter outlining specific areas of interest to Freiny.Miles@sustainabilitysouthwest.org.uk and we will contact you should opportunities arise.

Sustainability decision-making DIY packs available

A new pack is available to help with sustainable decision-making in the workplace or community.

SustNav sustainability DIY rulers and notepads

incorporating SustNav's 10 sustainability principles are now available. Email your contact details to: Freiny.Miles@sustainabilitysouthwest.org.uk. For a pack of five sets we ask that you make a charitable donation to SSW for the cost price of £10. Cheques are payable to 'Sustainability South West', send to: SSW, 3rd Floor, Bush House, 72 Prince St, Bristol, BS1 4QD, or email us to request an invoice.



For more resources, visit the SustNav website (www.SustNav.org.uk) which offers free tools based on the principles including a workplace Sustainability Checklist and Assessment Toolkit to help you to make the best of any plans, projects or policies.

Sustainable Tourism project work

Sustainability South West is re-engaging with the sustainable tourism agenda – taking on this remit from South West Tourism.

We will be looking for a freelance individual to join us as an Associate to help us deliver a new programme of work. A daily rate will be agreed depending on the skill and experience of the individual.

If you are interested in this project work, please send a CV and covering letter to Freiny Miles, Freiny.Miles@sustainabilitysouthwest.org.uk, by 5pm Friday 10 December 2010.

Work for a council? Training and support subsidy available from SSW

Sustainability South West (SSW) has been awarded **funding to work with local authorities** in 2010-11. The subsidy can be used for sustainability staff training (at both executive and officer level) and on the application of a sustainability framework to highlight compatibilities and incompatibilities across policy and delivery and to identify opportunities for more integrated approaches. The programme can be tailored to suit the particular needs of your authority.



We understand the significant impacts of the Government Spending Review on local government. The combination of reducing financial resources with increasing pressure to improve public service delivery presents a tough challenge. The programme offered provides a framework for identifying the least sustainable activities (which can be prioritised for cost cutting) and could also help you to avoid policies which may prove to be costly – whether financially, socially or environmentally – in the long term.

If you are interested in partnering with us in this subsidised programme, or to find out more, contact SSW on: 0117 929 0989 or email: Leslie.Watson@sustainabilitysouthwest.org.uk.

This is a limited offer until March 2011 only.

On Your Radar?

Rural England, Big Society reports available online

Two new reports from Commission for Rural Communities are available online. 'Rural Economies Intelligence Report: The Big Society' and 'Economic conditions for organisations contributing to the Big Society in rural England' can be downloaded via:

<http://ruralcommunities.gov.uk/2010/10/15/big-society-risks-and-opportunities>.

New strategy for charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises

The Minister for Civil Society, Nick Hurd, has unveiled a new strategy aimed at helping civil society organisations seize new opportunities arising from the empowerment of local communities and the reform of public services. The strategy includes ways to reduce procedures, secure ownership of community assets and ensure efficient and effective charities get a fair chance to bid for public contracts. Read more via: www.rise-sw.co.uk/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=1243.

Energy efficiency grants for communities

The Centre for Sustainable Energy and Western Power Distribution have teamed up to launch two projects which aim to help communities reduce their energy use and improve knowledge of microgeneration, such as solar PV. To read more about the projects and to apply for funding visit: www.cse.org.uk/wpdcc.



SDC report – Improving Young People's Lives: The role of the environment in building resilience, responsibility and employment chances

This new report from the Sustainable Development Commission proposes a green thread through policy and practice, where the impact of the environment is considered alongside social and economic factors – the building blocks of sustainable development. To date, this has been the missing element in most policy making for young people, and is only sporadically evident in local delivery. It demonstrates how taking this broader approach can improve outcomes for young people, whilst supporting the Government's aims for a Big Society and being the 'greenest Government ever'. Download the report from:

www.sd-commission.org.uk/publications.php?id=1113.



National Tree Planting campaign and National Tree Week 2010, 29 November – 5 December

The number of trees being planted annually across the country is declining each year. National tree week aims to increase the number of trees planted in England's towns and cities. People are encouraged to plant trees in their gardens or volunteer at local tree planting events. The campaign will also support community groups and organisations to plant and care for trees and bring together the wide range of people and organisations already involved in tree planting. To find out more email: nationaltreeplantingcampaign@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

Carbon and energy savings opportunity for Local Authorities and schools

Local authorities and schools seeking to meet their carbon reduction targets may be able to benefit from a free pilot programme in the South West, offered by the company called RM. The system developed – 'RM Utileyes' – uses probes to monitor energy consumption across all four forms: oil, gas, electricity and water. This information is then analysed to see whether reductions can be made. For more information visit: www.rm.com/utileyes or contact Stephanie Douthwaite at: sdouthwaite@rm.com.

Free HR consultancy service for two social enterprises, apply now

To celebrate Social Enterprise Day, which was on 18 November, Roots Human Resources CIC are offering a free one-year retained human resources consultancy service of up to two hours per month for two social enterprises working towards sustainability. Social enterprises deriving 25%+ of their income from trading can apply at: www.rootshr.org.uk/FREEHRSERVICES. Deadline: 3 December.

Local Food fund from the BIG Lottery

This £50 million programme, part of the Big Lottery's Changing Spaces programme, will distribute lottery grants to a range of schemes to support the accessibility and affordability of locally-grown food. More information available at: www.localfoodgrants.org/.



Publication on sustainability cities

To support the UN-Habitat's collective vision of a sustainable urban world, Routledge have compiled the top 100 papers on improving cities and urban life to assist research and development of actions and policies that impact on this area. The five steps set out in the vision are: Improve quality of life; Invest in human capital; Foster sustained economic opportunities; Enhance political inclusion; and Promote cultural inclusion. See: www.tandf.co.uk/journals/access/world-habitat-day.pdf.

LGA climate change survey

A new Local Government Association report summarises local authority activity on climate change and estimates the resources and support required to keep momentum going. Of the authorities who took part in the survey around two thirds had a climate change strategy/action plan whilst 80 per cent had established a portfolio holder for climate change. The future capacity of councils to advance their work around climate change is questioned, with two-fifths of respondents expecting a decline in available budgets. See: www.lga.gov.uk/lga/aio/12891259.

Living Planet Report 2010

The 2010 Living Planet Report has revealed that humanity is using nature's services 50% faster than the Earth can renew. Humanity's Ecological Footprint has more than doubled since 1966; in just 40 years, humanity is using the equivalent of 1.5 planets to support its activities. Based on UN projections for population growth, consumption and climate change, by 2030 humanity will need the capacity of two Earths to absorb carbon dioxide waste and keep up with natural resource consumption. However the report, produced by WWF in collaboration with Global Footprint Network and the Zoological Society of London, also presents scenarios based on actions that could change the curve, as well as the outlook if we remain on our current course.

See: www.footprintnetwork.org/en/index.php/GFN/page/2010_living_planet_report/.

BNHC Skills for the Future placements

Bristol Natural History Consortium has been awarded a four year grant from Heritage Lottery Fund to deliver short placements training new media skills in a heritage context. Applications are now open for the first placement, which will be from January – June 2011. Applicants should have a passion for the heritage sector, basic IT skills, and demonstrated creativity and enthusiasm. Placements are full time and trainees receive a monthly bursary stipend of £1200. For further details and an application form, visit: www.bnhc.org.uk/home/about/skills.html.

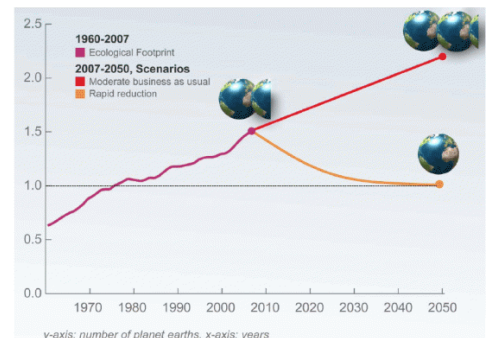
South West Rural Update event presentations available online

For anyone unable to attend the latest South West Rural Update events, including: Trees ~ The Untapped Agricultural Asset; Is a Zero Carbon Future Possible?; Power to the Farm; and Water: Our Most Important Resource, presentations have been made available to download online: <http://rac.ac.uk/business-services/networking-events/south-west-rural-update/south-west-rural-update-presentations>.

New E-zine for co-op member organisations



Greener Together – the co-operative way, is a project seeking to engage, support and provide the means to share lifestyle changes that reduce environmental impact in the areas of energy, waste and personal transport. Part of the Greener Living Fund sponsored by Defra, the project enables member organisations of Co-operatives UK, the Confederation of Co-operative Housing and the Plunkett Foundation to work with their members and customers in achieving greener behaviour. A new e-zine has been launched for people signed up to the project offering competitions and tips to save even more energy and live greener – see: www.greenertogether.coop.



Support for councils on EU funding

Local authorities can now more easily keep abreast and target relevant European Union funding programmes, courtesy of a new online tracker launched by the Local Government Association's European and International Unit. During the current seven year EU funding cycle more than two billion will be made available to the UK yet many funds are currently overlooked. See:

www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pagelid=14112201.

South West People's Millions



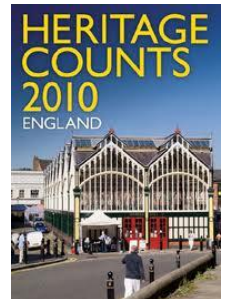
The People's Millions Big Lottery Fund and ITV partnership is currently running a number of contests in which the public get to vote which local community projects will receive up to £50,000 of lottery funding. The overall aim of the competitions will be to fund the projects that provide opportunities for people to get the most from their local community and to improve local facilities. 16 South West community groups are involved – see the results as they come in: www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/2010-finalists/westcountry.

Green companies wanted for Science and Engineering Careers Fair, Bristol

In response to student demand, The University of Bristol Careers Service is looking for green companies to take part in their forthcoming Science and Engineering Careers Fair. If your company is interested in having a presence at this Careers Fair, email: info@lowcarbonsouthwest.co.uk for more information.

Heritage Counts 2010

The ninth annual report on the historic environment, Heritage Counts, provides insight on the historic environment and aims to help everyone make informed decisions about the future of England's heritage. The full report and South West regional report are available at: www.heritagecounts.org.uk.



Grant funding available in Weymouth & Portland

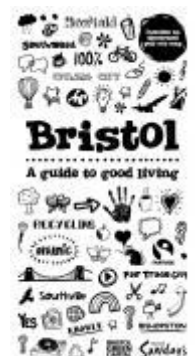
The Weymouth and Portland Partnership has £7523 remaining to allocate to projects in the Weymouth and Portland area. The funding has been made available through the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Partnership from the Department of Health's 'Communities for Health' fund and the Local Transport Plan through Dorset County Council.

Communities for Health: Funding of £5810 is available for projects to support people with mental ill-health back to work or to continue in work.

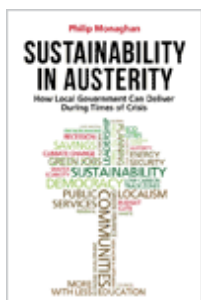
Active travel: Funding of £1713 is available for projects to promote active travel for adults and children. The deadline for submissions is 3 January 2011. For an application form, please contact Louise Stewart on: louisestewart@weymouth.gov.uk or call: 01305 838364.

Staff Pick: Bristol – A Guide to Good Living (£9.99)

This joint venture between Alastair Sawday Publishing and the Bristol Green Capital Momentum Group, released by Bristol Green Books, is the first comprehensive guide to all that is green and good in Bristol, well-known for its creative, sustainable, community living. The guide contains case studies, city tours and nearly 400 listings of everything from useful organisations, eco-houses and community enterprises to organic cafes, artist studios and secret woodlands. Also included is a pull-out illustrated map of the city. The book is available in bookshops and local shops across Bristol now. For more information visit www.goodliving.org.uk.



Staff Pick: 'Sustainability in Austerity' (discounted price: £17.56)



This new book, endorsed by a range of respected commentators, aims to support and empower local authorities to embrace cost-neutral and effective sustainability solutions in times of increased pressure and turbulence. It includes international case studies, anecdotes and tips related to overcoming sustainability challenges. The publication is suitable for professionals - for instance councillors, public sector managers and community leaders - working in areas such as: democracy and decision-making; corporate assets/resources; economic development and planning; environmental services; logistics; and community management.

See: www.greenleaf-publishing.com/productdetail.kmod?productid=3300 for more details.

Sussed!

👍 Carbon footprint labels Food brands are increasingly using the Government's black footprint logo to guide consumers on ethical shopping and, according to new research, it will become the second most common ethical label in UK shops by the end of this year. Read more: www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change/carbon-footprint-labels-the-latest-aid-for-ethical-shopping-2104991.html.

👍 Yeovil Hospital green day Sustainability South West attended Yeovil District Hospital's first Green Day. Staff were able to get information on how to cut carbon and make sustainable decisions in the home and workplace. 34 people added their name to the supporters list for Fair Shares, Fair Choice - climate change campaign for fair and safe carbon shares for all (www.fairsharesfairchoice.com). If you would like resources for an event you are planning, email: Freiny.Miles@sustainabilitysouthwest.org.uk.

👍 Green workplaces in the South West Congratulations to the South West organisations recognised by the SW TUC for 'green' achievements in the workplace. Certificates of achievement were awarded to Guys Marsh Prison, Bristol City Council, BECTU, Dorset NHS, J and S, Avon and Wiltshire Partnership and A & P Falmouth at an event celebrating Champions for Change at work, part of the SW TUC green workplaces project.



👍 UK's first zero carbon church is in the SW! Grade one listed Norman church of St Michael and All Angels in Withington, Gloucestershire, has fitted solar panels on the roof and installed a biomass pellet boiler meaning the whole of the church, which dates back to 1140, is now completely heated and

powered from renewable energy sources.

Read more: www.edie.net/news/news_story.asp?src=nl&id=18806.

👍 Devon communities can grow their own for free New toolkits can help Devon groups grow their own food. Launched by the Community Council of Devon the 3 toolkits, developed with the Soil Association, cover Legal Tenure, Planning and Access issues to help communities set up new food growing projects. See: www.hogco-devonrcc.org.uk.

👍 Community Wildlife Christ Church Hanham C of E Primary School in South Gloucestershire is amongst the South West winners to receive grants from Big Lottery Fund's Community Wildlife Programme, which aims to bring communities together to improve or protect the natural environment. The school receives £10,000 to create a new pond area, a wildlife garden and forest garden for the benefit of pupils and the local community. This will help to increase the biodiversity of the area and provide natural habitats to attract wildlife, particularly bees. Read more: www.wired-gov.net/wg/wg-news-1.nsf/!fi/DNWA-8ACKE9.

👍 Access to Nature The South West is to benefit from Access to Nature grants, encouraging local communities to enjoy and improve green spaces. Awarded by Natural England and funded by the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme each SW winner (see below) will receive between £240,000-£250,000:

Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust 'Sea Green!' Grant awarded to raise awareness of Torbay's fragile marine environment, habitats and species through community projects and educational activities.

Bristol City Council 'Wild City' Grant to work with local people in deprived areas of Bristol to access and enjoy the natural environment in creative and innovative ways.

BTCV 'Young Carers Project' Grant to give young carers respite from usual caring responsibilities by involving them in habitat and public access improvement activities on urban and rural sites within Somerset, Wiltshire and the Avon area.

So Last Century...

👎 Fishing 'boom' thwarted by our failure to let stocks recover Britain's fishermen could catch more fish and boost profits tenfold if stocks were allowed to recover, a government report has found:

www.timesplus.co.uk/tto/news/?login=false&url=http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/environment/article2816046.ece.

In addition, a campaign calling for a reform of Europe's Common Fisheries Policy found almost a million dead or dying fish are discarded at sea each year. Most because they are too small, the 'wrong species' or will take a boat over its quota, making it illegal to land them. See: www.independent.co.uk/life-style/food-and-drink/news/north-sea-fisheries-madness-2137103.html.

👎 UK a top importer of no good wood WWF have reported that the UK is the globe's 4th largest importer of illegally logged/traded timber and wood (topped only by China, the US and Japan) and revealed widespread consumer ignorance about where wood products come from (The Observer, 7 November, p. 13). Opt for FSC-certified wood to help turn this trend around!

👎 UK 'bored' of climate change Flights and waste increase as the recession effects consumer motivation. Brit's are less eco-conscious than five years ago, with twice as many people now "bored" by talk of climate change as in 2005. Four in 10 take no action to reduce their household carbon emissions.

www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change/green-fatigue-hits-campaign-to-reduce-carbon-footprint-2102585.html?emv_mid=8055737&emv_rid=21092030485.

👎 Biodiversity: Assessment confirms EU has missed 2010 target

A recent report confirms that the EU has missed its target of halting the loss of biodiversity by 2010. The assessment of implementing the Commission's Biodiversity Action Plan shows that Europe's biodiversity remains under severe threat from the excessive demands we are making on our environment, such as changes in land use, pollution, invasive species and climate change. Nevertheless, the assessment reveals that significant progress has been made over the last two years. Important lessons learned from implementing the action plan will underpin the EU's post-2010 strategy. See: www.wired-gov.net/wg/wg-news-1.nsf/!fi/DNWA-8A5C45.

Up & Coming...Events around the region

26 November: West of England Carbon Challenge network event, 9.00-11am, University of Bristol

This free network event will look at how to keep carbon reduction on the agenda in an era of public sector cuts. It is open to those working in or for a public sector organisation. To book your place, or for further details, contact: s.bennett@forumforthefuture.org or call: 0117 930 7308.



26 November: Making sense of financial crisis in an era of Peak Oil, Hamilton House, Montpellier, Bristol Transition Montpellier is hosting a talk by Nicole Foss about Peak Oil, how close the UK is to a mega-crash, and how important community groups will be to weather the incoming storm. Afterwards there will be discussions, and a chance for groups to talk about what they are up to. The event is free but spaces are limited, book via: www.transitionmontpelier.org.uk/blog/2010/11/12/stoneleigh-lecture-bristol/.

27 November: Community Energy Open Day, Start Living advice centre, Cabot Circus, Bristol

The Converging World and the Bristol Energy Network are hosting a community energy open day which takes community groups through various ways they can reduce their energy usage and provide information about renewable energy installation. For more info email: info@theconvergingworld.org or call 0117 927 7089.



30 November: Sustainable Transport Forum 'Getting There: Exploring the challenges, opportunities and best practice in higher and further education', Centre for Active Learning, University of Gloucestershire

This RCE Severn and University of Gloucestershire event is the second in a series of national forums designed to tackle key sustainability issues. Aimed at those interested in learning about best practises in sustainable transport, reducing the carbon footprint of transport activities in your institution and experiences of developing a sustainable transport action plan. Fee: £45 / £20 students. For a booking form, email: Ms Seek Pang, spang@glos.ac.uk or telephone 01242 715378.

1 December, Exeter: Getting Started: How to set up a food co-op or buying group in your community, Phoenix Arts Centre, Exeter

If you are interested in setting up a community buying group for local, organic good food in your area sign up to a free workshop. These events will give you advice including how the community buying groups can work, finding suppliers, buying equipment and recruiting volunteers. For further info and a free toolkit (online or paper based) see: www.sustainweb.org/foodcoopstoolkit/ or email: alison@sustainweb.org.

1 December: 'What's the BIG Idea?', RISE Annual Conference and AGM, Rougemont Hotel, Exeter

RISE's conference will explore the vision for social enterprise in our communities and the BIG Society. With keynote speakers from the Big Issue and Big Lottery, the conference will help to galvanise social enterprise action and support in our communities. This conference is for policymakers, officials and people working in the social enterprise sector – social enterprise leaders, staff, directors or trustees – as well as those working with or wanting to work with social enterprises. Fee: £35 members / £50 non-members. Booking form available at: www.rise-sw.co.uk/uploads/RISE_AGM2010.pdf.



7 December: IMS Sustainable Business Breakfast, 8-10am, Bordeaux Quay Restaurant, Bristol

December's breakfast will consider European Climate Foundation's Roadmap for 2050: how to cut CO2 emissions by 80%. Guest speakers: Graham Watson, MEP for South West of England and Gibraltar and Helga Trupel, MEP German Representative. Fee: £13.50 for non-members (£90 for yearly membership). More info: www.sustainablebreakfast.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=4.

9 December: Teacher Education for Sustainable Development: Community projects as catalysts for change – a Spanish case study, 11:15am – 12:15pm, Park Campus, University of Gloucestershire

Lidia Ochoa Canigueral from the Institute of Research in Education at the University of Girona will lead this next International Research Institute in Sustainability (IRIS) Seminar. Refreshments provided. To book your place contact Ms Seek Pang: spang@glos.ac.uk.

15 December: Sustainability toolkit course taster session, 4pm, Bush House, Bristol

Schumacher Institute Education programme are beginning a 12 month part-time sustainability toolkit course in January 2011. It is designed for people looking for work relating to sustainability. This free session will provide a taster. Contact Martin Sandbrook: martin.sandbrook@schumacherinstitute.org.uk to book, and visit www.schumacherinstitute.org.uk/toolkit for more information.

Green and ethical events in the South West

For more up and coming green and ethical events, visit the Ecojam hub: www.ecojam.org/interact/events and Low Carbon South West 'What's On' area, via: www.lowcarbonsouthwest.co.uk/.

Over to YOU

Remember, we're your independent sustainability champs, and as an independent charity we're here to act as a critical friend for the common good. If you're involved in action for sustainability, let us know and we can champion it! Equally if you're experiencing barriers to adopting a more sustainable approach, get in touch so we can feedback messages on your behalf. And let us know about local and regional events coming up over the next month for inclusion in the next edition. **Contact Freiny Miles at Freiny.Miles@sustainabilitysouthwest.org.uk. Deadline for submissions: 17 December 2010.**

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Regular updates on **SSW coordinated projects** available:

- **SustNav** – Sustainability Principles to navigate your way to lasting solutions
www.sustnav.org.uk
- **Fair Shares, Fair Choice** – campaign for fair, safe carbon shares for all
www.fairsharesfairchoice.com
- **Sustainable Health SW** – supporting the region's NHS trusts
www.sustainablehealthsw.org.uk
- **Planting Places** – linking greenspace and sustainability in the South West
www.plantingplaces.org.uk



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