



## SWCCIP Newsletter Issue 11: June 2008

The SWCCIP's aim is to investigate, inform and advise on the impacts of climate change in South West England and its main focus is on adapting to climate change.

This newsletter will inform you of climate change news and events in the region and beyond. If you would like to receive SWCCIP newsletters in the future please fill in the subscription / registration form on the front page of the SWCCIP website at: [www.oursouthwest.com/climate](http://www.oursouthwest.com/climate). If you no longer wish to receive future copies, please email [swccip@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:swccip@environment-agency.gov.uk) with 'unsubscribe' in the title and your name.

For more information on any of these items or the SWCCIP work, visit [www.oursouthwest.com/climate](http://www.oursouthwest.com/climate). Apologies for any cross postings.

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## **Events in Full:**

### **SWCCIP Adaptation Week (2 – 6 June)**

SWCCIP are hold their 2nd Adapting to Climate Change Week starting on the Monday 2nd June 2008. The week has been organised by SWCCIP and Partners to include and compliment World Environment Day on 5th June, with workshops, events and media promotion to raise awareness of the impacts of climate change, the need to adapt, and the role of SWCCIP. The main events are listed below, but a full agenda can be found on the SWCCIP website at: [www.oursouthwest.com/climate/](http://www.oursouthwest.com/climate/) For bookings and further information contact Emily O'Connor on [swccip@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:swccip@environment-agency.gov.uk) or call 01392 352230.

### **Adaptation Week Events:**

#### **UKCIP08 Workshops (2 June, Genesis Centre, Taunton)**

UKCIP and SWCCIP are holding two half-day familiarisation workshops based on the UKCIP08 tool. The workshops are designed to create more understanding about the tool and take delegates the products available. To book a place contact SWCCIP on: [swccip@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:swccip@environment-agency.gov.uk) or 01392 352230. Please note – spaces are filling up fast!

#### **Vulnerability Mapping Workshop (3 June, Taunton)**

SWCCIP and the South West Regional Assembly's (SWRA) have commissioned study on 'Mapping Vulnerability to Extreme Weather Events in the South West'. The aim is to develop a coherent picture of current identified vulnerability, gaps in knowledge and a framework to assess vulnerability at a sub-regional scale. This invite only workshop seeks to verify information collated so far and test the vulnerability methodology. The project will be completed in June 2008 - look out for more information this summer on the SWCCIP website and future newsletters!

#### **South West Tourism Internal Awareness Raising (4 June, SW Tourism)**

SWCCIP Tourism sector group lead, South West Tourism, are running an internal session for their staff on climate change, adaptation and tourism.



#### **World Environment Day Event (5 June, Exeter City Centre, Princesshay)**

Join SWCCIP for The Environment Agency's World Environment Day event in Exeter (between Russell and Bromley and the Vodaphone shop in Princesshay). Browse information stands from organisations including SWCCIP, Dartmoor National Park and Energy Bike and enjoy entertainment from stilt walkers, face painters and a Junk band during the day!



#### **Stand-Up to Climate Change Comedy (5 June, Barnfield Theatre, Exeter)**

The Environment Agency have organised a unique evening of comedy 'with a green tinge' for World Environment Day 2008. This night will take place at the Barnfield Theatre in Exeter on 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £6 (£4 concessions) and are available from Barnfield Box Office: 01392 270891. Proceeds from the evening will go to WaterAid.

### **Adapting Your Business to Climate Change (6 June, Manley House, Exeter)**

Learn how your business can adapt to climate change at the free workshop organised by the SWCCIP, RDA, and Environment Agency. Speakers from SWCCIP, UKCIP and the Environment Agency will address what businesses can do to adapt and provide information on The Business Areas Climate Impacts Assessment Tool (BACLIAT); a simple checklist to help businesses adapt to climate change. Early booking for this event is essential. Please contact SWCCIP on [swccip@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:swccip@environment-agency.gov.uk) or call Emily O'Connor on: 01392 352230 for bookings.

### **Briefing for Cornish Businesses: Climate Change Challenges and Opportunities (24 June 08, University of Exeter Cornwall Campus, Department of Geography)**

A special event for Cornish businesses focussing on the latest information and concerns on climate change. There will be expert briefings and the opportunity for businesses to plan their responses to climate change. To express interest in this free event, please contact Sarah Chambers email: [S.Chambers@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:S.Chambers@exeter.ac.uk) or tel. 01326 253756.

### **Climate Change Festival (31 May – 8 June 08, Birmingham)**

The world's first climate change festival is taking place in Birmingham this June! Organised by CABE and Birmingham City Council, the festival will emphasise the opportunities of climate change, drawing on how we plan, design and use our cities more effectively. For more detail, visit: [www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=2414](http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=2414) The aim is to make the festival an annual event, involving at least eight cities in 2009, and going international in 2010. Information on Sustainable Cities (CABE and core English cities urban design project) at: [www.sustainablecities.org.uk](http://www.sustainablecities.org.uk)

### **Climate Change 08: Creating a Low Carbon Economy (9 July, The Barbican Theatre, London)**

Public Service Events are holding a conference to address the Government's commitment to tackle climate change, with emphasis on the key drivers of the Climate Bill, clean energy, the reduction of greenhouse emissions, and how emerging technology has a vital role to play in meeting the UK's 60% reduction targets by 2050. Both climate change adaptation and mitigation will feature in this high profile event. For details and to book, visit: [www.publicserviceevents.co.uk/main/overview.asp?ID=50](http://www.publicserviceevents.co.uk/main/overview.asp?ID=50)

### **Guardian Climate Change Summit 2008 – Fighting Climate Change Fatigue: How to keep Stakeholders engaged (16 July, Business Design Centre, London)**

The climate change debate has moved on. The public are willing to act, but mixed messages have lead to confusion and fatigue. This conference, created by The Guardian, will bring together senior executives and decision makers to discuss strategies to keep stakeholders engaged and practical solutions in the fight against climate change. Speakers include Hilary Benn, MP, secretary of state for environment, food and rural affairs and Keith Allott, head of climate change, WWF, plus many more. For details visit: <http://environment.guardian.co.uk/climatesummit/0,,2004796.00.html>



### **ENVEC 2008: SWCCIP Annual Adaptation Event (2 Oct, Winter Gardens Pavilion, Weston-Super-Mare)**

This year, SWCCIP are supporting the region's main climate change event, Envec 2008! The conference is taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2008 at the Winter Garden Pavilions, Weston-super-Mare. Plans are underway to ensure adaptation is a major theme of the event, with presentations from the Environment Agency (SWCCIP Co-Chair) and UKCIP. Further information on Envec 2008 available at: [www.oursouthwest.com/envec/](http://www.oursouthwest.com/envec/)

## **SWCCIP & Partners:**

### **Study of South West Local Authorities Climate Change Action launched!**

A study of South West Local Authority climate change action has been launched on the SWCCIP website. The study, coordinated by SWCCIP, covers all 51 Local Authorities in the region, and includes a supplementary map to show which Local Authorities have signed the Nottingham Declaration and/or Devon, Plymouth and Torbay Declaration on Climate Change. The study will be updated periodically, so please contact SWCCIP with any feedback and updates of new information: [swccip@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:swccip@environment-agency.gov.uk). Download the study and map now at: [www.oursouthwest.com/climate/sectors/sectors.htm#LG](http://www.oursouthwest.com/climate/sectors/sectors.htm#LG)

### **Marketing and Climate Change Business Case Studies**

SWCCIP are launching 8 new business case studies on their website! The Marketing and Climate Change Programme is jointly run by Horizon SW, Chartered Institute of Marketing and SWCCIP and funded by Defra. The programme delivered 4 action learning workshops to a group of 11 South West marketers, enabling the marketers to explore and develop case studies on the impacts of climate change for their businesses. The case studies will become available during adaptation week at: [www.oursouthwest.com/climate](http://www.oursouthwest.com/climate) and presented to other businesses at the workshop on 6<sup>th</sup> June.



### **Insurance for Small Businesses: a guide to protecting your business**

The Association of British Insurers have developed a guide for small businesses on insurance. The guide includes information on preventing and coping with the risk of flooding. Download the ABI guide at:

[www.abi.org.uk/BookShop/ResearchReports/SME\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.abi.org.uk/BookShop/ResearchReports/SME_Guide.pdf)

### **New Green Guide for Outdoor / Community Events**

The Government Office for the South West has launched a new guide on outdoor/community events, as a companion guide to the national "Greener Events Guide". With summer on the way, this is the perfect time to consider how we can make our outdoor and community events that little bit greener. The Greener Events Guide and companion Outdoor/Community events guides can be downloaded at: [www.oursouthwest.com/SusBus/gevents.html#companion-guides](http://www.oursouthwest.com/SusBus/gevents.html#companion-guides)



### **Need a photo of this amazing region for your presentation?**

You may have noticed some of the impressive images of the South West in this SWCCIP newsletter. The photos have been selected from the Our South West's new and expanding photo gallery which can be downloaded free of charge for use in publications, power point presentations and more, providing the source is acknowledged. For more photos of the South West, visit: [www.oursouthwest.com/gallery](http://www.oursouthwest.com/gallery)

Photo: 'Autumn Sunrise at the Cotswold Water Park', courtesy of Our South West:  
[www.oursouthwest.com/gallery](http://www.oursouthwest.com/gallery)

### **SWCCIP network reshuffle: Which sector are you interested in?**

Tell us which SWCCIP sector group/s you are interested in via the subscription form on the SWCCIP website and receive specific adaptation information: [www.oursouthwest.com/climate](http://www.oursouthwest.com/climate)

## SWCCIP Adaptation case study database

Want to know more about organisations adapting to climate change? SWCCIP has summarised some adaptation case studies which now feature on our website:

[www.oursouthwest.com/climate/archive/archive.htm#general](http://www.oursouthwest.com/climate/archive/archive.htm#general)

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## Regional News:



### **South West Climate Change Action Plan (SWCCAP)**

The draft South West Climate Change Action Plan, as developed by the South West Regional Assembly and stakeholders, is now out for consultation. The Action Plan will set the priorities for regional activity on climate change, adaptation and mitigation. To respond to the draft

SWCCAP, visit: [www.southwest-ra.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a\\_id=3803](http://www.southwest-ra.gov.uk/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=3803)

The consultation period closes on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2008, and the agreed action plan will be available in July.

Photo: 'Sea-front at Weston-Super-Mare' courtesy of Our South West: [www.oursouthwest.com/gallery/](http://www.oursouthwest.com/gallery/)

### **Local Area Agreements: National Indicator 188 "Planning to adapt to climate change"**

If you need guidance for your local area agreement on delivering the actions required for NI 188, visit the 'Sectors' page of the SWCCIP website and select "Local Government" where advice and guidance can be found: [www.oursouthwest.com/climate/sectors/sectors.htm#LG](http://www.oursouthwest.com/climate/sectors/sectors.htm#LG)

### **Shaping a Sustainable South West**

The Sustainability Shaper (the Sustainable Development Framework for the South West of England) is an evolving tool for everyone in the region who wants to unlock the benefits of sustainability - from public agencies and voluntary organisations to businesses and individuals. The tool sets out regional sustainability priorities and includes resources for a range of people and activities. Visit: [www.shapersw.net/](http://www.shapersw.net/)

### **Directory of South West energy-saving products and services**

REGEN South West have developed a useful directory for businesses to quickly find companies that provide energy saving products and services in the South West, with over 100 companies already included. Any additional businesses that wish to include their details on the directory should register for free at the directory page: [www.regensw.co.uk/energy-directory/index.php](http://www.regensw.co.uk/energy-directory/index.php)

### **Live Flood Warnings**

The Environment Agency provides flood warnings online 24 hours a day. The information is updated every 15 minutes. Visit: [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/subjects/flood/floodwarning](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/subjects/flood/floodwarning)

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## National News:

### **Seeking young Climate Change Champions (18 – 35yrs)**

The British Council are currently recruiting young people in the UK (18 -35) to be part of a Europe-wide network, seeking to bring about changes in public policy/industrial processes/consumer behaviour. Although deadline is **Monday 26th May**, late entries would still be accepted if prior notification of interest in making an entry is given to the British Council: [Simon.Chambers@britishcouncil.org](mailto:Simon.Chambers@britishcouncil.org) More information at: [www.britishcouncil.org/england-science-low-carbon-futures-2008.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/england-science-low-carbon-futures-2008.htm)

### **Barratt unveils Carbon Zero House (15 May 08)**

This month Barrett Developments unveiled the UK's first carbon zero house at the Buildings Research Establishment in Watford. The house includes solar panels and rain-water harvesting. To encourage take up, the zero carbon homes will be free of stamp duty until 2012 and those

over £500,000 in price will get a stamp duty discount of £15,000. For details, visit:  
[www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/may/15/greenbuilding.renewableenergy](http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/may/15/greenbuilding.renewableenergy)

### **Cities Responding to Climate Change**

As part of the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment's (CABE) sustainable buildings project, CABE and Urban Practitioners are developing an on-line resource with the English core cities to encourage strategic decision makers to re-think how our buildings are designed and used. The website will be launched in January 2009. Details at:  
[www.sustainablecities.org.uk](http://www.sustainablecities.org.uk)

### **Planting for Change: Impact of climate change on planting in public spaces**

Experts give advice on how climate change will impact planting in public spaces and how public space professionals should be responding. This section of The Landscape Trust's website also allows you to post a response, visit: [www.landscape.co.uk/resources/326](http://www.landscape.co.uk/resources/326)

## **International News:**

### **'Threat of climate change worse' says Lord Stern**

At a London conference in April, Lord Stern explained how new scientific findings have revealed greenhouse gas emissions to be causing more damage than was previously understood in his 2006 Stern Review. Read the full report at:

[www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/apr/18/climatechange.carbonemissions](http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2008/apr/18/climatechange.carbonemissions)

### **Climate Champions: Youth from 39 Countries Challenge Environment Ministers**

Three International Climate Champions (ICC) from each of the G8+5 countries met the UK's Climate Secretary Hilary Benn in March this year to devise a climate change action agenda that that young people could relate to. The climate champions programme has been set up to give young people from 12-18 a voice on climate change issues and to inspire action on the ground. For more information, visit:

[www.britishcouncil.org/home-about-us-world-of-difference-climate-champions.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/home-about-us-world-of-difference-climate-champions.htm)

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