



'Champions for change in the workplace' conference – award winners and the green workplaces project team

## Training, events & workshops in 2011

- Trade Unions and the Environment Course (various dates)
- Cut Carbon Cut Costs workshop (19<sup>th</sup> January)
- Money down the drain? Water saving event (27<sup>th</sup> January)
- Cut Carbon Not Jobs workshop (8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February)
- Introduction to resource efficiency workshop (17<sup>th</sup> February)
- Alliance building for green workplaces (24<sup>th</sup> February & 2<sup>nd</sup> March)
- Powering prisons the green way (15<sup>th</sup> March)
- Mikron Theatre – Workplace plays about the project (various dates)

See inside for more details



We have several events and workshops coming up in 2011. These are all **free to attend** and offer a good opportunity to learn and meet other green reps and people working in the environment/sustainability field. The project is due to finish at the end of March 2011 so please make the most of these events.

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## **Free training for green reps:**

### **Take the Trade Unions and the Environment Course (3 days)**

- Cheltenham – Three Fridays from 28<sup>th</sup> January '11
- Poole – Three Thursdays from 3<sup>rd</sup> March '11
- Bristol – Three Wednesdays from 11<sup>th</sup> May '11
- Plymouth – Three Mondays from 13<sup>th</sup> June '11
- St Austell – Three Mondays from 13<sup>th</sup> June '11

The course is also available online, visit

[www.unionlearn.org.uk/education/learn-1912-f0.cfm](http://www.unionlearn.org.uk/education/learn-1912-f0.cfm) for more information.

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## **Workshops and Events**

### **Money down the drain? Water saving event – Wessex Water Operations Centre, Bath – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

Water is often overlooked when looking at cost savings and environmental impacts at work. We are hosting an event in partnership with Wessex Water on workplace water efficiency. Wessex Water will present about the real cost of workplace water use and how saving water can save your organisation money and improve environmental performance; Manufacturing Advisory Services (MAS) will present case studies; WRAP will provide information on the 'Ripple Effect', and you can find out more about water audits.

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### **Cut Carbon Not Jobs – Bristol (8<sup>th</sup> February) and Swindon (10<sup>th</sup> February)**

We are running two more energy at work awareness sessions in the New Year. These half-day workshops and presentations will provide information and practical advice for on how to cut energy and carbon usage at work via practical projects such as renewable energy and energy efficiency measures. The workshops will include positive examples and case studies on carbon reduction and energy saving. Dates & locations are:

- 8th February in UNISON, Wine Street, Bristol
- 10th February in the Steam Museum, Swindon

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### **Wessex Chambers Environmental Network, Wiltshire and Somerset**

In the New Year we are pleased to be running two joint-events with the Wessex Environmental Business Network (WEBN). These are:

#### **Cut Carbon Cut Costs Workshop - January 19th 2011 at Bishopstrow House, Warminster**

Taking action on climate change delivers energy cost reductions, enhanced reputation, satisfied and motivated employees and stakeholders, the ability to proactively manage regulatory compliance, and competitive leadership through planning new business innovations. Simply by measuring, monitoring and making small changes, the affect on your bottom line can be greatly significant.

#### **Introduction to Resource Efficiency Workshop - February 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 at Park Lane Press, Corsham**

Workshop on resource efficiency and tour of the printing press. Park Lane Press recently attained ISO14001 and 1600, and run one of the only waterless printing presses in the country and uses vegetable-based inks.

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### **Alliance building for Green Workplaces – Devon and Cornwall**

Working in partnership with Groundwork South West these free half day events will look at ways to engage with colleagues in the workplace on environmental issues as well as the wider community. The event will not only be open to union members but also to community organisations to encourage alliance building. The dates & locations are:

- Thursday 24th Feb U-Net Centre St Austell
  - Wednesday 2nd March, Dorchester (venue TBC)
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### **Powering Prisons the green way – 15<sup>th</sup> March, Guys Marsh Prison**

Guys Marsh Prison has introduced the prison services first Anaerobic Digester (AD) system and has just completed work on a Biomass generator to provide it with power. This event offers an opportunity to see this, and other energy saving initiatives at first hand and ask the reps and staff at the prison how the systems work, and what barriers they overcome to have it installed. The workshop is are open to anyone working in the prison sector, and other industries where the installation of an AD system may be appropriate. Due to the nature of the site numbers are limited and also security clearance will be needed, this can take 4 weeks so please book early (before 15<sup>th</sup> February).

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### **Mikron Theatre (Workplace Plays) – Across the region – In 2011**

The Green Workplaces Project has linked with Mikron Theatre to bring theatre and workshops to the workplace and local venues across the region. Mikron have been delivering professional theatre and training solutions for 40 years. Known for touring by Narrowboat on the inland waterways of Britain and telling the stories that need to be told, Mikron have produced shows as diverse as the history of brewing, Suffrage, Luddites and Equal pay.

The Green Workplaces project is dear to Mikron. Using actors, Mikron will explore the issues of workplace energy in an engaging, entertaining way. If you are interested in being involved with organising a show in your workplace please contact the Green Workplaces team. Events will mainly take place in late Feb / early March, but there is a possibility of extending the run. **We are looking for workplaces that are willing to host the play/workshop in a lunch break (or after work) to a large number of employees. Please get in touch if you are interested in the play coming to your workplace.**

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### **Do you have other ideas for workshops, training or events?**

If so please get in touch with one of the team, and we will see if we can arrange something which may be helpful for your workplace.

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### **Contact Details**

For further information on any of these events, or to register, please contact one of the Green Workplaces Project Workers:

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### **Keep up to date**

The website has a number of publications which are free to download. We also have further details on all of the events which we are running.

See <http://www.greenworkplacessouthwest.org.uk/>

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