



E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

REGIONAL NEWS

Regional Highlight: Joe Dwek CBE, Chairman of Envirolink Northwest and a member of the Board of the DTI Environmental Innovation Advisory Group, was nominated as no. 1 in the *Insider's* top 21 environmental figures in England's Northwest.

Funding:

◆ **EnviroBusiness**, the SEEDA-backed network to promote innovation and enterprise in environmental technologies in South East England, is offering **support to encourage companies of all sizes to increase recycling capacity** in the region. The closing date for submissions is **24th November**. For more details please see www.envirobusiness.co.uk or call 01293 813911.

◆ The **Scottish Executive** has announced a launch of a new £6m **Sigma Sustainable Energies Fund** to support renewable energy developments in the East of Scotland. The Fund is being financed by a range of partners - including the Executive and Scottish and Southern Energy - to stimulate growth in the renewables sector. Further information can be found on: www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2006/09/05101636

Skills: Recycling Action Yorkshire (RAY) has commissioned baseline mapping of the skills, training and qualifications currently available to the waste and recycling sector within **Yorkshire and Humber**. To get a copy of the research or for more information on the courses please contact Alex Hargreaves on 0113 237 8423.

New Initiatives:

◆ Companies looking to **improve** their green credentials are being offered advice on buying recycled paper effectively. **Recycling Action Yorkshire (RAY)** has teamed up with **WRAP** (the Waste & Resources Action Programme) to offer free breakfast seminars to organisations in Yorkshire and Humber on the ease and benefits of using recycled paper. To attend or request more information please contact Charlotte Sutton at Resource Futures on 0113 200 3970

◆ **TEP** has been commissioned by **Envirolink Northwest** to assess the future **market for environmental technologies and services** that may arise from the requirements of the **land regeneration sector** in the region in the forthcoming **decade**. The study, which is supported by the Environment Agency, aims to further stimulate the regional environmental technology sector, is due for completion in November 2006. For further information please contact Gill Nowell, g.nowell@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk.

Company Profile: The **New and Renewable Energy Centre (NaREC)**, one of the members of **Environmental Industries Federation (EIF)**, was established in 2002 as a Centre for Excellence for new and renewable energy technologies. NaREC's facilities offer testing and development of large wind turbine blades, marine renewables, offshore and subsea equipment, micro-renewables and High Voltage electrical equipment. NaREC also runs the UK's only Independent Photovoltaic R&D Laboratory, combining small scale manufacturing and solar cell process development. For further information please contact Louise Harrison on 01670 357 621 or email louise.harrison@narec.co.uk.

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IN GENERAL

House of Commons: 'Celebrating Environmental Innovation' is the theme for the UKFEI's Reception in the Members' Dining Room on **21st November**. Supported by Barry Sheerman MP, this event will be key in raising the profile of the sector amongst key Parliamentarians, industry, academia & policy-makers.

Policy: Recognising the continuing need to integrate sustainability into business practice and the products and services they provide, Government is once again running the **Sector Sustainability Challenge**. The deadline for applications is **13 October 2006**. See www.defra.gov.uk/environment/business/scp/actions

R&D: International Energy Agency (IEA) published its report **'Renewable Energy: RD&D Priorities'** which pays attention to the role renewable energy technologies can play in a 'clean, clever, and competitive energy future'. To obtain a copy go to: www.iea.org/w/bookshop/add.aspx?id=282

Consultations: EU Thematic Strategy on the Sustainable use of Natural Resources. The full consultation document can be found at www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/natresources-eustrategy

DIARY DATES

Brownfield Regeneration: 25th October 2006, Manchester Art Gallery. Envirolink Northwest's event held in conjunction with the Environment Agency will explore the link between brownfield redevelopment, property development and regeneration. To book your place please contact Linda McGeechan on 01925 856 032 or l.mcgeechan@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk.

Sustainable Buildings for Enterprise: 27th October 2006, The Lighthouse, Glasgow. This seminar aims to raise awareness of the issues and opportunities in sustainable buildings for the business community by highlighting Scottish Enterprise Glasgow's proposal for the "Glasgow Greenhouse" project. For more information please contact Carol Lightbody at carol.lightbody@scotent.co.uk or on 0141 228 2888.

EIC National Conference: 8th November 2006, 1 Birdcage Walk, London SW1. EIC's Conference is a top-level review of the implications for British business of the growing political focus on environmental issues and policies. For further information please contact Danny Stevens on 020 7935 1675 or email danny.stevens@eic-uk.co.uk.

Cradle to Cradle Workshop: 8th November 2006, EnlightenNext, London. This is an opportunity to learn how to incorporate Cradle to Cradle into your business process and product design and to become part of the community that is creating the next industrial revolution. For more information visit www.wie.org/voices/london.asp or contact EnlightenNext on 020 7288 7000.

Civils 2006: 28th – 30th November 2006, Olympia, London. Visit Envirolink Northwest, together with top Northwest companies operating in the land remediation sector - Birse Civils, Biffa / Biogenie and WRS Composting, on stand **B26**. For further information contact g.nowell@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk or telephone 01925 856 042.