

ENVIREVENTS 2005

Welcome to **ENVIREVENTS** – the regular bulletin that keeps you up to date with **Environmental Events** taking place near you.

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November 2005

7th Nov: Utilising MBT/MHT Fibres: Issues and opportunities

This workshop follows up the key questions and issues relating to finding markets for the outputs from MBT processes, which were identified at the earlier sell out Workshops held by CIWM. This latest workshop will seek to address practical applications and identify which options are feasible and which are not. The workshop will be of interest to those who attended the earlier meetings and authorities developing Municipal Waste Strategies.

Time and Venue: Coventry

Contact: www.ciwm.co.uk/seminars

7th Nov: Cairngorms Connections

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Time and Venue: 10:00am, Loch Insh Watersports, Kingussie

Cost £20 + VAT

Contact: 01294 313006 Email tbt@tbt.visitscotland.com

7th Nov: Green in the Park: Attracting Business, Saving Money, Protecting the Environment

Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire & Forth Valley are hosting 'Green in the Park: Attracting Business, Saving Money, Protecting the Environment'. This is a green tourism event for businesses in and around the Trossachs and Loch Lomond National Park. Delegates will be able to learn the advantages, both environmental and financial, that green business practices afford. Adopting green practices within a business not only helps the environment, it can add significant value to the bottom line. Green businesses are leaner, smarter and more innovative than their non-green counterparts. By streamlining resources and energy use, businesses immediately reduce waste and expenditure. Speaking at the event will be Muriel Gray and Nick Nairn. Workshops will be held to give a hands-on introduction to the tools and techniques, and a Green Market Place showcasing the latest environmentally friendly products and services.

Time and Venue: Cameron House, Loch Lomond

Contact Ursula Taylor. 0141 331 2991, utaylor@strategem.co.uk

8th Nov: Real Nappies – The obvious choice

This event is specifically tailored to meet the needs of our funded projects and invited guests. At their request we have invited real nappy manufacturers and laundry services. The aim of the day is to enable our funded projects to:

- Network and exchange best practice
- Share ideas and experience
- Learn quick wins – first hand
- Be inspired!

Time and Venue: Hilton Metropole, NEC

Contact: jill.burger@wrap.org.uk

8th Nov: Newbury Racecourse

Newbury Racecourse has won the coveted title of Racecourse of the Year in the ROA/Racing Post Horseracing Awards. Their grounds management is of the highest standard and has included the trialing of composted products as a surface dressing on their award winning turf. A visit to Newbury is an opportunity to learn more about how quality composted materials can deliver commercial benefits in grounds maintenance applications. Compost use in turf maintenance helps reduce the need for inorganic fertilisers, improves soil structure, can improve drainage, water holding capacity and sward condition and is shown to have disease suppressive qualities. Ask questions and meet fellow landscapers, gardeners, groundsmen and other landscaping sector professionals.

Time and Venue: Newbury, Berkshire

Contact: Tel: 0117 973 1173 compostatwork@bclo.co.uk

8-11 Nov: World Recycling: Shanghai '05

Time and Venue: Hotel Shangri-La, Shanghai, China

Contact: info@icm.ch

9 Nov: CRNS National Celebration Event

The CRNS will be holding a national event to showcase the sector.

Time and Venue: The Trades Hall, Glasgow

Contact: www.crns.org.uk

9th Nov: Environmental Management Systems & Environmental Auditing course.

Contact: www.ciwm.co.uk or 01604 620426.

9th Nov: Paper and Board Industry Advisory Committee — Free Health and Safety Seminar

Time and Venue: The Pavilion, Wolverhampton

Contact: 0113 2834348/ robert.fussey@hse.gsi.gov.uk

9th Nov: The Water Framework Directive & Hydro-morphology: Challenges and Implications (a CIWEM/RSPB conference)

The scale of the challenge posed by the Water Framework Directive's requirement for measures to control hydro-morphological pressures cannot be underestimated. The conference will, among other things: Brief and update on the current interpretation and analysis of the hydro-morphological implications of the WFD, Describe the main outcomes of work undertaken to date and the major challenges, Highlight the issues arising from the current situation and explore next steps

Time and Venue: SOAS, London

Cost: £155 plus Vat (Concessionary prices available)

Contact: Bob Earll, CMS. Email: bob.earll@coastms.co.uk Tel: 01531 890415

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Contact: 01294 313006, Email tbt@tbt.visitscotland.com

10th Nov: CIWM Midlands Centre open meeting and site visit

Midlands Centre members are warmly invited to attend an open meeting and site visit Speakers will be covering topics including health and safety in waste, training and variable charging for side waste.

Time and Venue: Dennis Eagle, Warwick. 12-4pm.

Contact: clair.thomas@ciwm.co.uk or 07921 310246

10th Nov: Community RePaint annual skillshare event

Looking at hazardous waste

Venue: West Yorkshire Playhouse, Leeds

Contact: 0113 200 3970/ charlotte@swap-web.co.uk

10th Nov: Environmental Legislation: Are you Complying?

This event is a half day workshop to explain the implications for businesses of environmental legislation. All relevant environmental legislation that affects businesses will be briefly explained, how companies can obtain advice and guidance from the Environmental Agency as well as what happens in cases of non-compliance, how waste management companies can assist their customers with compliance and finally where to go for other sources of help and information will all be discussed at the event.

Time and Venue: Hamworthy Recreation Club, Wimborne

Organiser: South Wessex Waste Minimisation Group (SWWMG)

Contact: Tessa Bowering tessa.bowering@environment-agency.gov.uk

11th Nov: Tackling Environmental Crime - Is Environmental Justice being Delivered Effectively in Scotland?

This conference aims to bring together a wide spectrum of stakeholders to discuss and debate the role of specialist environmental courts in addressing weaknesses in the current system. In doing so, this conference will set the scene to a forthcoming consultation on environmental courts that the Scottish Executive plan to issue in Spring 2006. We hope to encourage those attending to become stakeholders and participate fully in the consultation. This will be a unique opportunity for anyone in the legal profession, business, public bodies, NGOs, academics, students and other interested parties to become involved with the debate and to meet, learn and discuss the issues, with a wide range of experts and stakeholders.

CPD credits: This conference has been accredited on ad hoc basis by the Faculty of Advocates for 4 hours CPD.

Time and Venue: 10.00 - 16:00, City Chambers, Edinburgh

Contact: www.foe-scotland.org.uk/events/event53.html or 0131 554 9977

11th Nov: Beddingham Compost

Beddingham Compost Company Ltd, part of TJ Composting Group Ltd, operates a fully licensed composting facility near Newhaven. The majority of the municipal green waste collected from civic amenity sites in East Sussex and Brighton is brought here for composting. Beddingham is the first composting company in Sussex to achieve the British Standard for composting PAS100 and has been certified by the Composting Association. The majority of the compost produced is sold to landscapers, soil blenders and the agricultural sector. Learn more at Beddingham about the design, controls and processes that are employed on a well run composting site and ask questions of compost producers.

Time and Venue: Brighton, East Sussex

Contact: Tel: 0117 973 1173 compostatwork@bclo.co.uk

12th Nov- Bits and Bobs - Launch of Saturday opening!

'Make you own Christmas card' workshops all day

Time and venue: 10am-3pm, Edinburgh

Contact: Katriona Harding, (Office) 0131 4752425 (Scrapstore) 0131 4439490

12th Nov: Latin Fiesta

This is a fund-raiser to help small communities in Latin America to tackle environmental crime. It is organised by Friends of the Earth Scotland, the Ceilidh Collective, and Scottish Education & Action for Development.

Time and Venue: 7.30pm - 2am. Friends of the Earth Scotland, Lamb's House, Burgess Street, Leith, Edinburgh.

Cost: £9/£5 on the door (£8/£4 in advance from Susie's Diner, West Nicolson St).

Contact: robin@ploughshare.org.uk or 07946 226 208.

13-16th Nov: 10th European Biosolids and Biowastes Conference – A Decade of Change

A decade has now past since the first Biosolids and Biowaste Conference was held in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, England. This year the conference will be reviewing the past decade and looking forward to the challenges and opportunities for biosolids and biowastes in the next decade. The conference makes a significant contribution to the science of biosolids and biowaste treatment and disposal including, engineering, strategic planning, regulation, sustainability, soil science, practical and innovative short and long-term solutions for handling, treating, recycling and resource utilisation of the ever growing quantities of these residuals. Be your interest in design and construction, environmental issues, farming, finance and economics, management, marketing, operations, process plant, public health, recycling, regulation, research and development and sustainability then this conference has been designed to bring to your attention the latest developments, issues and concerns of the organic residuals and biosolids business. It offers you the opportunity to present a technical paper to people of similar interests.

Contact: Tel. 0113 2424200 or email franceseldon@aquaviro.co.uk

14th Nov: Health & Safety Briefing Session: You are ready for a visit aren't you? A CIWM Special Interest Group Briefing Session

The session will cover a summary of the HSE's work programme for the waste management industry and management systems in place in anticipation of an HSE inspection. Street Scene is an important aspect of the new Cleaner Safer Greener agenda and so health and safety for drug related litter is key. Collection and recycling health and safety lessons learnt from a recent Health and Safety Executive visit and what lessons can be learnt from a fatality, to prevent further incidents.

Cost: £85 + VAT for members or £105 + VAT for non members

Time and Venue: Cheltenham & Gloucester MoatHouse

Contact: <http://www.ciwm.co.uk/seminars> email events@ciwm.co.uk or tel: 01604 620426.

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Cost £20 + VAT

Contact: 01294 313006, Email tbt@tbt.visitscotland.com

15th Nov: Hazardous Waste - Understanding, Managing and Minimising

Envirowise invites you to a FREE breakfast briefing

Time and Venue: Royal Moat Hotel, Nottingham

Contact: Luke Allen, luke.allen@envirowise.gov.uk

15th Nov: Volunteering: what makes it worthwhile?

Most environmental organisations offer volunteering opportunities and some rely on the contribution of volunteers to carry out their work. If volunteers are to enjoy their experience it is essential that they are given support that makes them feel valued, confident and safe. Organisations have to be committed to investing the time, training and resources that volunteers require. This workshop will look at volunteering and expectations from all perspectives, including fresh approaches and future trends.

Cost: £50 (including lunch & refreshments)

Time and Venue: Battleby

Contact: Karen Smith. Tel: 01738-458555. Email: sgp@snh.gov.uk

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Time and Venue: New Lanark SWT Centre, New Lanark

Cost £40 + VAT

Contact: 01294 313006, Email tbt@tbt.visitscotland.com

15th Nov: A W Jenkinson site visit

A W Jenkinson specialises in the processing of wood based and green waste in the production of barks and compost for the horticultural and landscape industries at its Hespian Wood site. This site visit offers the chance to see for yourself high quality composting to the nationally recognised BSI PAS 100 certification, learn more about production on an established composting site and ask questions about the commercial potential of composted materials as mulch, soil improver, top dressing.

Time and Venue: Hespian Wood, Cumbria

Contact: Tel: 0117 973 1173 compostatwork@bclo.co.uk

16th Nov: Edinburgh Royal Botanic Garden – site visit

The grounds of this botanic garden feature a world-famous rock garden, peat and woodland gardens, colourful herbaceous borders, large and well-stocked plant houses, and several specialist collections, including Chinese plants and rhododendrons. In horticulture the use of quality composted materials can deliver a number of commercial and technical benefits. Quality composted materials can deliver commercial and technical benefits to your business. Compost provides valuable nutrients and there is increasing evidence to demonstrate disease suppressive qualities. See the benefits yourself in use at the RBGE, ask questions and meet fellow growers.

Time and Venue: Edinburgh

Contact: Tel: 0117 973 1173 compostatwork@bclo.co.uk

16th Nov: BASIS Amenity Seminar

This seminar will allow local authority supervisors to hear the latest in weed control and auditing. BASIS are offering an assessment of weed control services using a template criteria.

Contact: www.basis-reg.com/baccs/baccs.asp

16th Nov: Making Tracks Conference

Conference to present the outcomes of the Making Tracks South of Scotland Sustainable Nature Based Tourism Project. Making Tracks was set up to bring the rural tourism and agricultural communities together in the South of Scotland following the Foot and Mouth Disease Outbreak in 2001. It has developed 18 projects across the Scottish Borders and Dumfries and Galloway where people can enjoy the stunning natural environment and amazing wildlife of the area. The conference will look at the important niche product of nature based tourism, some of the Making Tracks projects in particular and will look at the legacy of the project and what that means for the future.

Time and Venue: MacDonald Cardrona Hotel, Peebles

Contact: Claire Wager, 07771 932521, Email claire.wager@visitscotland.com

16th Nov: Animal By-products Regulations and Former Foodstuffs Workshop

The Animal by-products regulations will change how your Food and Drink Business can dispose of food wastes. At this free event Envirowise in partnership with the Scottish Food Chain Group has drawn together expert authorities who will present to you what the regulations actually mean, what businesses should be doing about food (putrescible) waste and the options and opportunities available to you to manage this waste stream. This seminar aims to provide you with expert advice and the latest information on the Animal by-products legislation. The event includes leading experts from Envirowise and the government agencies responsible for implementing and enforcing the legislation. These speakers will cover key legislation for the Food and Drink Sector, focus in on the Animal-by products regulation and specifically look at the issue of former foodstuffs. We will open up the floor to speakers from organisations able to help you to identify the optimum waste management solution for your business.

Time and Venue: The Light House, Glasgow 9-2pm

Contact: Olivia Gurney olivia.gurney@envirowise.gov.uk

16th Nov: Legislation Update for the Chemical Industry (Newcastle)

Are you aware of REACH and New Rules for Hazardous waste? Envirowise is running a free half day briefing seminar to help businesses, particularly within the chemicals and pharmaceutical sectors, understand the issues and implications of new and forthcoming environmental related legislation. Two key areas are covered:

- REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals) which will impact upon producers and all downstream users of chemicals
- New rules for hazardous waste; less than one third of businesses are aware of the implications.

The seminar will provide you with:

- The latest information
- Recommendations on what you should do
- Sources of help and advice.

Time and Venue: Tyneside House, Newcastle upon Tyne

Organiser: Envirowise

Contact: Luke Allen luke.allen@envirowise.gov.uk , www.envirowise.gov.uk

17th Nov: Business Works

BusinessWorks is a great way to find out about business opportunities in east London. Experts from across the city will be offering advice on how to take advantage of new developments such as Stratford City and infrastructure for the Olympics. They will also be highlighting the support services that are provided by local organisations, such as free or subsidised training and business advice. If you run a business, or would like to, then there is no better way to help yourself.

There will be four workshops running at any one time simultaneously including:

1. Branding, 2. Gender Focus, 3. Green Advantage/Greening your business, 4. Steps to entrepreneurship

Time and Venue: Stratford, London

Contact: www.newham.ac.uk/business/cips.htm

17th Nov (TBC): EMS in Action with others/ ISO 14001 update

Time and Venue: Glasgow

Contact: Lucy Ward events@iema.net www.iema.net

17th Nov: The Rural economy – Cultivating ideas

The Rural Economy - Cultivating Ideas is being organised by Perth & Kinross and Angus Councils. It was felt that the time was opportune, with the end of current European funding in 2006, to address issues facing rural businesses and communities. Legislative reforms continue to evolve and impact on our land-based industries. Increasingly, farmers find that they have to be more business-minded and market focused in order to adapt to these changes and to demands from the more aware consumer who wants to be reassured on the quality and traceability of the produce they are purchasing. The conference will also focus on the issue of affordable housing which is now a national issue having a direct impact on the retention of young people and families in our rural areas and also in attracting employees with the skills needed by local employers. An international aspect to the Conference will be introduced with the section addressing opportunities in the use of woodfuel as an alternative heating source to fossil fuels. Mats Rydehell, KanErgi Sweden, will inform conference delegates of the Swedish experience in forming wood fuel supply chains. The conference will end with a session on sustainable development, procurement and collaborative working.

Time and Venue: Pitlochry Festival Theatre

Contact: Holyrood Communications 0131 272 2130 ruraleconomy@holyrood.com

17th Nov: Lancashire BEA Annual Dinner & Award Evening 2005

The Lancashire Business Environment Association's Annual Dinner & Awards evening is held each year during November to reward the environmental achievements of local companies. This year's guest speaker is former 'Two Ronnies' script writer Brian Voyle-Morgan. There will be 8 separate award categories this year.

Time and Venue: Clayton-le-Moors

Contact: Dayna Patterson, blackburn@groundwork.org.uk , www.lancsbea.co.uk

18th Nov: CIWM Autumn Meeting

Time and Venue: TBC

Contact: Mary Harley. E:m.f.harley@gcal.ac.uk. T: 0141 582 0450

18th Nov: Controlled Activities Regulations Event

From 1 April 2006, all new engineering works in rivers and lochs will need authorisations from SEPA. This follows environmental regulations to protect and improve the aquatic environment. SEPA is hosting a free one-day conference to introduce the new regulatory regime. The event, taking place at AK Bell Library in Perth, will highlight examples of best practice and provide a forum for discussion. Aimed at civil servants, consultants, planners and officials dealing with the environment, flood prevention and roads, the event will introduce delegates to the new controls, their associated charges and how decisions will be made

Contact: jean.atkinson@sepa.org.uk or telephone 01786 452449

19th Nov- Bits and Bobs - Festivals of the World workshop

Covering three different festivals, the Indonesian Kite Festival, the Chinese Moon festival and the Rio de Janeiro carnival.

Cost: £15 for non-members, £7 for members. Edinburgh

Contact: Katriona Harding, (Office) 0131 4752425 (Scrapstore) 0131 4439490

20th Nov: Scotland United: Scotland's National Tourism Conference

The aim of Scotland United 2005 is to provide the platform for vibrant, passionate and stimulating engagement between the tourism industry and policy makers over the key issues that need to be addressed to ensure the sustainable growth of the industry in Scotland. Tourism is vital to the future of Scotland - it is one of the few industries that cannot be outsourced to another country. However, we are facing an increasingly competitive global market place. It is against this backdrop that the industry in Scotland has a target shared with VisitScotland and the Scottish Executive to increase tourism revenue in Scotland by 50%. The conference is about how to grow the industry sustainably by creating the right circumstances for growth. The Pride and Passion movement is inspiring all to surprise and delight visitors and everybody must continue to improve skills to support this. These are the key areas that Scotland United 2005 will focus on. The Minister for Tourism, Patricia Ferguson MSP, will reveal the draft Strategy for Tourism in Scotland that will underpin the Executive's vision of 'making Scotland a must-visit, must-return destination'. Scotland United 2005 is your opportunity to hold the Tourism Minister and other policy makers to account and to really make sure they are fully aware of the issues they need to address to enable you to grow your business.

Time and Venue: St Andrews

Cost From £94

Contact: 0131 272 2130, Email scotlandunited@holyrood.com

21 Nov: Achieving recycling targets in the North East England

Organised by Interreg Technical Forum

Time and Venue: Tall Trees Hotel, Stockton-on-Tees

Contact: 01642 527303

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Time and Venue: Queens Hall, Dunoon

Cost £40 + VAT

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21st Nov: Environmental Industries Federation 'Business to Business'

This day and half event is being co-ordinated by the Environmental Industries Federation - lobby/trade association representing the North East's environmental sector.

Time and Venue: Stadium of Light Football Club, Sunderland

Organiser: Environmental Industries Federation

Contact: Jen Appleby, jenappleby@eif.org.uk

22nd Nov: SITA Clifton Marsh site visit

Clifton Marsh is one of SITA's largest compost production sites processing green waste collected on behalf of the local authority. Come along and see their state of the art composting facility in action, producing to the nationally recognised BSI PAS 100 certification and learn more about the commercial benefits of compost in a wide range of groundkeeping, landscaping horticultural applications.

Time and Venue: Preston, Lancashire

Contact: Tel: 0117 973 1173 compostatwork@bclo.co.uk

22nd Nov: Facilitation Skills Training

This is day one of a 3 day Facilitation skills training course (22nd Nov, 28th Nov & 6th Dec). This course is for people who regularly work with groups and want to improve their facilitation skills. There is a discount for those who book for the full three-day course. However, it is possible to attend only one or two days of the course.

- 22nd Nov - *Back to Basics!* - More people are becoming involved in facilitating small groups, for example to consult people and hear their views about an issue. This practical day begins by going 'back to basics' and asks 'What makes a good facilitator?' Participants will develop and reflect upon the important basic skills of active listening, asking good questions and putting a structure on discussion. The day is designed for beginners as well as people with some experience of facilitation who would like to reflect on their practice.

- 29th November - *Conflict in groups – energy or threat* - What power is it appropriate to use as a facilitator; who gives the power and when does power stifle creativity and learning? Where does conflict in groups come from, why has it emerged and whose issue is it? We will also look at ways of dealing with difficult behaviour, when it is appropriate to challenge people in a group setting, and our fears about challenge.

- 6th Dec - *Working creatively with groups* - This day will look at creative ideas for facilitation. In 'taster workshops', we'll introduce useful tools and techniques which can be used for consultation, planning, and problem solving, including post it exercises and using creative arts as stimulus material. There will be opportunities for 'hands on' facilitation and discussion about choosing the best technique for different situations. The day is for anyone who works with groups and would like to improve their facilitation skills. As trainers, our aim is that you'll gain the following from the day: consideration of the principles which underlie good participatory practice; taster workshops on creative working with groups; evaluation of the different techniques and how they might be suitable for different events.

Time and Venue: 9:45am – 4:30pm. STUC Building, 333 Woodlands Drive, Glasgow

Contact: Jane Herbstritt enquiries@civicforum.org.uk, 0131 557 6767

22-23 Nov: Designing and Recycling Electrical and Electronic Equipment 2005

Time and Venue: London Gatwick

Contact: Tel: 01372 367470 <http://shop.era.co.uk>

23rd Nov: Community Environmental Renewal Scheme Grants

Our Community Environmental Renewal Scheme recently awarded almost £550,000 of grants to communities which had been affected by quarrying activity. The next deadline for the CERS scheme is 23rd November 2005.

Contact: www.forward-scotland.org.uk/funding.

23rd Nov: Strategic Environmental Assessment

This workshop will explain the process of Strategic Environmental Assessment in Scotland and will focus on effective methodological developments for implementing SEA including experience on the preparation of environmental reports, the collection of baseline data, the definition of environmental objectives and approaches to consultation. The workshop will be of particular interest to local authority and other public sector staff who may be involved in the production of SEAs in Scotland.

Cost: £50 (including lunch & refreshments)

Time and Venue: Battleby, Perth

Contact: Karen Smith. Tel: 01738-458555. Email: sgp@snh.gov.uk

23rd Nov: Waste Management. The legislative requirement: a business opportunity?

A morning event with speakers from the Environment Agency, NISP, Envirowise and the Bedfordshire resource efficiency club. Topics will include the new waste regulations, esp. hazardous waste, and the challenges and opportunities they represent.

Time and Venue: Bedford

Organiser: East of England International

Contact: Frank Lovett, franklovett@eeia.com

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23-25th Nov: ISWA International Symposium for Mechanical-biological treatment of municipal solid waste.

Mechanical-biological waste treatment (MBT) is an efficient and comparatively cheap way to recycle parts of the residual waste and to reduce organic input into landfill. In Germany more than 50 MBT plants with an annual treatment capacity of more than 5,600,000 t per year will be in operation this year. In Austria MBT is a wide spread technique too and many other European countries already have several MBT plants. To connect the knowledge in the different countries and create an information pool for persons and organisations which are interested in MBT, Wasteconsult international (which has already organised successful conferences in German language) organises this international, bilingual (English, German) MBT-conference with simultaneous translation.

Don't miss the chance to learn about the application of MBT in all 5 continents and to take part in an excursion to MBT plants. The parallel commercial exhibition will get you in contact with leading manufacturers, consultants and other companies in the area of waste treatment. Benefit from the early bird registration prices and join now the first worldwide conference which is exclusively devoted to MBT !

Time and Venue: Hanover, Germany.

Contact: www.wasteconsult.de

24th Nov (TBC): Environmental Law seminar

Contact: Lucy Ward events@iema.net www.iema.net

25th Nov: INCREASE Funding Programme – closing date for applications.

Funding programme for the community recycling sector.

Contact: www.increase-programme.org.uk

25th Nov: Smart Sustainable Scotland Conference

EDAS' annual conference is Scotland's highest profile economic development conference. It usually attracts delegates from key public, private and not for profit organisations Scotland-wide. Now in its 6th year, the event has established a reputation for providing a vibrant interactive programme, offering an opportunity to learn, share good practice, exchange ideas, build partnerships and create opportunities.

Time and Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Edinburgh

Contact: www.edas.org.uk.

25th Nov: SCAN Countryside Access Fair

Scottish Countryside Access Network (SCAN) are holding the first Scottish Countryside Access Fair in November. This will be an opportunity for providers of access services and supplies to showcase their wares and for access and countryside managers to meet with a wide range of businesses in one place. Throughout the day there will be presentations on different access related topics.

Time and Venue: Perth

Contact: SCAN@scottishcountrynet.org

25th Nov: Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI) Gala Dinner and Awards

The Envirowise Award for Resource Efficiency will be presented to one lucky company at this years SCDI Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony. The Scottish Council for Development and Industry awards for Exports and Enterprise have an outstanding reputation as the event in the Scottish business awards calendar. This year, Nicol Stephen MSP will present the award to our winner. Could this be your company next year? The Scottish Council for Development and Industry is an independent membership network which strengthens Scotland's competitiveness by influencing Government policies to encourage sustainable economic prosperity.

Time and Venue: 19:00:00 - 23:00:00, Edinburgh International Conference Centre, Edinburgh

Contact: Nicola Hopkin nicola.hopkin@scdi.org.uk www.scdi.org.uk

25th Nov: Waste Essentials: Opportunities and Risks

This is your chance to consider the detailed implications of the new waste directives and the way ahead for your business.

Time and Venue: Thetford

Contact: Mike Harris eabec@uea.ac.uk

26th November: Strategies for walking and cycling? - Ensuring the National and Regional Transport Strategies deliver for sustainable transport

This seminar will provide information on the Scottish Executive's forthcoming National Transport Strategy, and the Regional Transport Strategies - and how transport and environmental activists can ensure that sustainable transport is treated seriously. The seminar, organised by CTC Scotland and TRANSform Scotland, will consider:

- * Identifying existing problems with provision for walkers and cyclists
- * Establishing good practice alternatives
- * Working with other activists in your region
- * How to influence the national and regional Strategies

Time and Venue: Stirling 11.00am-4.00pm

Contact: TRANSform Scotland, the campaign for sustainable transport (0)131 467 7714, info@transformscotland.org.uk or www.transformscotland.org.uk

29 Nov - 2 Dec: Pollutec Paris 2005

Organised by Promosalons UK

Time and Venue: Paris-Nord exhibition centre

Contact: Tel: 020 8216 3100

29th Nov: Facilitation Skills Training - Conflict in groups – energy or threat

This course is for people who regularly work with groups and want to improve their facilitation skills. What power is it appropriate to use as a facilitator; who gives the power and when does power stifle creativity and learning? Where does conflict in groups come from, why has it emerged and whose issue is it? We will also look at ways of dealing with difficult behaviour, when it is appropriate to challenge people in a group setting, and our fears about challenge.

Time and Venue: 9:45am – 4:30pm. STUC Building, 333 Woodlands Drive, Glasgow

Contact: Jane Herbstritt enquiries@civicforum.org.uk, 0131 557 6767

30th Nov: Water Quality & Public Health – Swimming Pools and Spa Baths

Time and Venue: Chancellors Hall, Manchester

Contact: Tel. 0113 2424200 or email franceseldon@aquaenviro.co.uk

30th Nov: Regulation in the Water Industry – Issues Arising from the Periodic Review Process

The conference aims to bring together those responsible in Government, OFWAT, Environment Agency, Drinking Water Inspectorate and water companies for making plans for investment to manage surface and drinking water quality and water resources, and their impact on the environment. It should also be of interest to representatives from NGOs, academics, consultants, designers, contractors and manufacturers who contribute to these plans. It will review the existing arrangements and establish whether, in the light of legislative and environmental changes, greater benefits could be brought about by modifications to the current system

Time and Venue: SOAS, London

Cost: £155 plus Vat (Concessionary prices available)

Contact: www.ciwm.co.uk/seminars or bob.earll@coastms.co.uk

30th Nov: The Batteries Directive — Building a UK infrastructure for battery recycling

Organised by Recycling and Waste World. Supported by the EPBA, EBRA, and the BBMA

Time and Venue: Heart of England Conference Centre, Coventry

Contact: 01722 716996

30th Nov: Hazardous Waste - Understanding, Managing and Minimising

Envirowise and the Federation of Small Businesses invite you to a FREE evening briefing, specifically designed to address:

- The hazardous waste regulations.
- What is hazardous waste?
- The impact of the changes to your business.
- Waste disposal.
- Registration, Compliance & Enforcement.
- Opportunities to save money through waste minimization.
- Where you can go for more information.

Speakers include representatives and specialists from the Environment Agency and Envirowise, and there will be a Question and Answer Session at the end. You will also be able to pick up your free Envirowise Good Practice Guide, “*Practical ways to manage and minimise hazardous waste,*” which explores a broad spectrum of real opportunities that can improve your resource efficiency and save you money. Don’t miss this opportunity to get clear and concise guidance from experts in the field. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Time and Venue: Evening event. Kassam Stadium, Oxford

Organiser: Envirowise

Contact: ajud.mohammed@envirowise.gov.uk

30th Nov: Organics Recycling

This half day event promises to be of interest to both those who want to learn more about the role of the community sector in recycling and to those who want to find out more about successful composting and timber recycling.

Time and Venue: Glasgow

Contact: 0845 838 1141

30th Nov–1st Dec: The Composting Association 10th Annual Conference, Exhibition and Dinner.

This year's conference, kindly sponsored by Envar part of the ADAS Group, will bring together stakeholders from across the industry for two days of informed debate. The programme has been developed to allow delegates to advance their working practices in accordance with current good practice in the changing regulatory framework. Programme sessions will cover: Organics and Land, Evolving Technologies, Developing Local, Composting, Feedstocks, Market & End Uses, Being a Good Neighbour.

The Composting Association's 10th Anniversary Annual Gala Awards Dinner will take place on the evening of Wednesday 30th November at the Windmill Village Hotel, Coventry. This year's dinner is sponsored by Agrivert Ltd and will be a celebration of the best of this year's industry and the first ten years of the Composting Association. The evening will begin with a drinks reception sponsored by Earthsole. Guests will then be treated to a first class meal before being entertained by top after dinner speaker, David Gunson.

Time and Venue: National Motorcycle Museum, Solihull, West Midlands

Contact: www.compost.org.uk or events@ciwm.co.uk or 01604 620426

30th Nov: Campus Sustainability Conference

The Campus Sustainability Programme will be launched at this national conference for senior managers in Scottish FHE sector on 30th November 05. The overall aim of the programme is to promote sustainable Universities and colleges in Scotland. Within the wider context of The Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC) work in Scotland the project will identify, measure and promote reduced usage and wastage and promote increased reuse of key resource streams in the FHE sector. The conference is morning only with optional afternoon workshops. The conference is structured so that busy senior managers and interested stakeholders can attend the morning plenary sessions - to be briefed by leading experts on: * How sustainable Development has become a serious business issue. * The benefit Harvard enjoys from an integrated approach to promotion of sustainability. * Institution-wide response to UN decade for education for sustainable development. * How students and their suppliers are demanding higher ethical standards. * EAUCs 'Campus sustainability Programme'. Afternoon workshops for practitioners

Time and Venue: 9-4pm, Edinburgh

Contact: David Somervell, www.eauc.org.uk

30th Nov: The Scottish Council for Development and Industry Seminar

Time and Venue: Aberdeen 12.15 – 14.15pm

Contact: Ian Armstrong ian.armstrong@scdi.org.uk www.scdi.org.uk

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1st Dec: The Scottish Council for Development and Industry Seminar

Time and Venue: Inverness 12.15 – 24.15

Contact: Lesley Rhind lesley.rhind@scdi.org.uk

1st Dec: EMS National Forum 2005

The EMS National Forum has established itself as one of the key events for Environmental Management professionals and practitioners in the UK. This year's event will be the third annual EMS National Forum and aims to follow on the success of the previous two. It is typically attended by EMS Managers, Environmental Heads of Department, Environmental Compliance Managers, Environmental Consultants, Environmental Auditors, Environmental Advisors, Environmental Officers, Quality & Environment Managers, Projects Directors, Sustainable Project Coordinators, Sustainable Resources Officers, and European Policy Advisors. Despite the EMS activities of companies, questions are frequently asked on whether EMSs are really delivering the benefits; what is the added value of accredited certification; what should EMSs deliver in terms of environmental performance improvement and compliance with environmental law and regulations?

The EMS National Forum aims to identify and discuss the issues around the practice and performance of EMSs. It will provide an opportunity to hear different points of view on:

- What aspects of environmental management systems are working well
- What aspects of EMSs do not seem to be effective
- What can be done that would lead to improvements
- Who should be involved

New to this year's forum is a selection of workshops that are designed to provide networking opportunities and to generate a high level of delegate interaction in an informative and relaxed atmosphere. They are intended to introduce, discuss and evaluate projects, developments, implementation and solutions in EMSs.

Time and Venue: Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, London.

Contact: events@iema.net www.iema.net

1st Dec- Bits and Bobs - Make Christmas Special- Make it yourself!

Open night for members, suppliers, trainees and friends. Includes interactive scrap-art and origami demos, Mulled wine and mince pies!

Time and Venue: 5pm- 8pm. Edinburgh

Contact: Katriona Harding, (Office) 0131 4752425 (Scrapstore) 0131 4439490

5th Dec: Wildlife Tourism Training

Scotland's natural heritage is one of its most important tourism assets, but visitors need high quality information and advice to help them enjoy it. This event will help you guide visitors to wildlife and natural heritage resources in your local area. We aim to give you a good knowledge of the variety of wildlife on land and in the seas around, as well as an appreciation of what visitors may be looking for and some tips on how to make their experience more rewarding.

Objectives - By the end of day one, participants will:

- Appreciate the immense potential of wildlife tourism as part of Scotland's tourism product;
- Be aware of key wildlife tourism resources in their area;
- Know how to get further information on any aspect of the subject;
- Feel confident about giving accurate information that is tailored to the characteristics of the visitor;
- Understand the key conservation issues concerning wildlife watching;
- Feel enthusiastic about helping to develop this aspect of tourism in their area.

Time and Venue: Water of Leith Conservation Trust Centre, Edinburgh

Cost £40 + VAT

Contact: 01294 313006 Email tbt@tbt.visitscotland.com

5-6 Dec: Mini-Waste III: Transferring the Knowledge; Delivering the Benefits

The overall theme of the event is transferring knowledge and delivering real benefits of novel approaches and technologies which avoid waste or add value to waste while diverting it from landfill. Both days will feature presentations reviewing key academic and industrial priorities in the Mini-Waste community.

Time and Venue: Central Science Laboratory, York

Contact: Katie Nield Tel: 0151 347 2937 Email: katie.nield@ctechinnovation.com

Web: www.mini-waste.com

5th-7th Dec: Bioplastics 2005 - Learn about the latest advances and future potential of the bioplastics market

As oil supplies decrease, consumers become more environmentally aware and landfill sites reach maximum capacity, the need for alternative packaging materials is essential. Bioplastics is where the future of plastics packaging lies. Not only does it provide an economic alternative that is derived from natural renewable resources, it can also be composted, helping to achieve waste reduction targets across Europe. The bioplastics industry is in a constant state of change. Some products have already been developed and commercialised, others are currently in development, striving to achieve even better price comparability to oil-based polymers whilst retaining the desired properties to be used across varying end use applications.

Material developments and the search for new application areas is essential. However, without the attention of the consumer these products will not meet their full potential. New legislation, increased environmental awareness and the adoption of key retailers are all driving awareness amongst the public. It will not be long before bioplastics are a regularly opted for material of choice and the industry needs to be ready for when that time comes. Bioplastics 2005 gives you the opportunity to hear about the latest developments in the bioplastics market whilst networking with key figures in the industry.

Time and Venue: InterContinental Hotel, Frankfurt

Contact: 44 (0)845 056 5069, EPNconferences@emap.com

6th Dec: VIBES Awards Ceremony 2005

VIBES is Scotland's leading business and environment competition. Come along and find out who this year's awards winners are!

Time and Venue: Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow.

Contact: 01896 754797.

6th Dec: Facilitation Skills Training - Working creatively with groups

This course is for people who regularly work with groups and want to improve their facilitation skills. There is a discount for those who book for the full three-day course. This day will look at creative ideas for facilitation. In 'taster workshops', we'll introduce useful tools and techniques which can be used for consultation, planning, and problem solving, including post it exercises and using creative arts as stimulus material. There will be opportunities for 'hands on' facilitation and discussion about choosing the best technique for different situations. The day is for anyone who works with groups and would like to improve their facilitation skills. As trainers, our aim is that you'll gain the following from the day: consideration of the principles which underlie good participatory practice; taster workshops on creative working with groups; evaluation of the different techniques and how they might be suitable for different events.

Time and Venue: 9:45am – 4:30pm. STUC Building, 333 Woodlands Drive, Glasgow

Contact: Jane Herbstritt enquiries@civicforum.org.uk, 0131 557 6767

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Time and Venue: Kelso

Cost £40 + VAT

Contact: 01294 313006 Email tbt@tbt.visitscotland.com

7th Dec: Infrastructure Asset Management (a CIWEM/ICE conference)

Time and Venue: Birmingham

Contact: www.ciwm.co.uk/seminars

8th Dec: Producing the Goods - Maximising Profit, Improving Environmental Performance

Greater Pressure is being applied to the Scottish production sector to improve competitiveness and reduce operating costs. Many organisations are now recognising that savings can be realised by improving environmental performance. Envirowise, in partnership with The Carbon Trust, SEPA, Scottish Engineering, and Electronics Scotland has created this free event to offer the production sector advice and assistance to help organisations realise their potential for environmental and economic improvement. The seminar is aimed at Senior Executives and facilities/Environmental Managers operating in the Production sector. Expert speakers from Envirowise, The Carbon Trust, and SEPA will be there to ensure you are given the very best advice on resource Efficiency, Energy, and Legislation. In addition, we will be speaking with several representatives from Scottish companies, who have benefited through the implementation of low, to no cost environmental practices.

Time and Venue: 09:00 -14:30, Hilton Dundee, Earl Grey Place , Dundee

Contact: Olivia Gurney, olivia.gurney@envirowise.gov.uk

8th Dec: Your Place, My Place, Our Place

The landscape is a critical component of local identity - our places of work, places of play and places of quiet contemplation all exhibit a 'sense of place'. But how do we capture this diversity of places that communities value? Are we giving adequate attention to local identity, and what techniques are available to achieve this? We expect our surroundings to change but are we losing what is valued with the application of uniform approaches? This workshop will explore the role of communities and professionals in guiding change in their local landscape, and will be of interest to those who want to influence the identity of their local place.

Time and Venue: Battleby

Cost: £50 (including lunch & refreshments)

Organiser: SNH

Contact: Lorna Brown and Tess Darwin on 01738 458559 and 458561 (for info), Karen Smith and Lily Ho on 01738 458555 and 458556 (to book)

9th Dec: CIWM Christmas Lunch**Time and Venue:** TBC**Contact:** Mary Harley. m.f.harley@gcal.ac.uk. T: 0141 582 0450**10th Dec- Bits and Bobs - Free membership for the day!**

Christmas promotion for non-members. Come and see what we have to offer, the only day in the year that non-members can shop at Bits and Bobs! Plus take home our own handmade Santa Christmas card!

Contact: Katriona Harding, (Office) 0131 4752425 (Scrapstore) 0131 4439490**14th Dec: RAGS Annual General Meeting****Time and Venue:** Alloa**Contact:** Tel: 0845 838 1141**14th Dec: The Network National Conference 2005**

Building on the success of last year's Network event - Tried and Tested - this year's conference will look at the new challenges facing the waste education sector and how waste education fits into the wider programme of education for sustainable development. Key Themes will be; The Scottish Curriculum - where and how does waste education fit?, Sustainable Development for Education- Exploring the role of waste education in the context of Scotland's New Sustainable Development Strategy; Practical delivery of waste education in other countries. Workshops/Seminars will include: Waste Prevention-A training session on the role of education in the delivery of the new Waste Prevention Action Plan and the Scottish Waste Education Support Programme - Application, delivery and implementation.

Time and Venue: 10am - 4pm, Radisson Hotel, Glasgow**Cost:** FREE**Contact:** www.sepa.org.uk/nws/thenetwork/events/nationalconference.html**14th Dec: Special & Hazardous Waste Management**

This half day event will looking at the constraints of special & hazardous waste legislation on business. It is primarily aimed at organisations with special & hazardous waste problems and provides you with an opportunity to discuss your special waste problem with experts in the field. Areas to be covered include appropriate waste management techniques for paints, asbestos, car batteries, oil and chemicals although this list is by no means exclusive.

Time and Venue: Alloa**Cost:** £25/50**Contact:** Tel: 0845 838 1141

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January 2006

TBC: Endocrine Disrupters in the Environment

It is now generally accepted that sexual disruption in fish is widespread throughout rivers in England and Wales as a result of endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDC's) and whilst there are many possible sources of EDCs in surface water, municipal wastewater treatment plants are one of the major contributors. Whereas tertiary options such as activated carbon and ozone are known to remove EDC's this is likely to be a very costly option; there is little knowledge as to how sewage treatment works might be designed and operated to remove EDC's. Consequently many in the industry have voiced concerns about how their removal could be managed and funded. This course provides background information on EDC's, their origins, the problems they cause and the extent of these problems. It considers the fate of EDC's during the sewage treatment process and highlights current research into options for their control and removal.

Contact: Tel. 0113 2424200 or email franceseldon@aquaenviro.co.uk

TBC: Energy Saving Strategies in Water and Wastewater Treatment

AMP4 has placed sustainability firmly on the Agenda for the UK Water Companies with a need to audit and improve on current sustainability indicators. Energy use is a major issue as it requires around 1,200 kWh/ ML to supply water and treat sewage, with only around 5% of this energy provided from renewable sources. With the need to meet increasingly more stringent statutory requirements, energy use is expected to grow, unless urgent measures are taken to improve energy efficiency and increased renewables. An added benefit of such an approach is that it will also lead to significant reductions in CO₂ emissions. This course will look at examples of good practice across the sector and consider the savings that could be met both in terms of energy saving options and innovations in treatment technologies.

Contact: Tel. 0113 2424200 or email franceseldon@aquaenviro.co.uk

TBC: Sustainable Development in Action

Time and Venue: Strathclyde University

Contact: Lucy Ward events@iema.net www.iema.net

12 Jan: Exploding the Euromyths

Organised by CIWM

Time and Venue: Hamilton House, London

Contact: 01604 620426/events@ciwm.co.uk

18th Jan: Recycling Managers Advance Training Course – improving Organic waste collection

The option modules aim to further your knowledge and skills in an area of your choice. The Preparation of post-course, work-based reports, enable you to further develop your report writing skills to produce a strategy applicable to your own work place. The course strives to equip participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to develop and promote cost-effective systems to collect and sort materials from the municipal waste stream for recycling and composting that meet end market requirements; and to put in place effective monitoring systems to ensure continuous improvement in the performance of these systems.

Time and Venue: Birmingham

Contact: Tel: 01295 819655, kelly.dawe@wrap.org.uk

18th Jan: Paper Recycling - an overview

This short seminar event will cover the technical and commercial aspects of papers recycling, including a site visit to Smurfit Recycling's facilities in Glasgow. This is a RAGS event.

Time and Venue: Glasgow

Cost: £25/£50

Contact: Tel: 0845 838 1141

18th Jan: Recycling Managers Advance Training Course – working with community sector

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Time and Venue: Durham

Contact: Tel: 01295 819655, kelly.dawe@wrap.org.uk

23rd Jan: Recycling Managers Advance Training Course – Optimising Collection, the role of contracts and getting more people involved

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Time and Venue: Belfast

Contact: Tel: 01295 819655, kelly.dawe@wrap.org.uk

24 Jan: The WEEE regulations — Be prepared

Organised by CIWM

Time and Venue: Hamilton House, London

Contact: 01604 620426/events@ciwm.co.uk

25th & 26th Jan: Coastal Futures conference

Contact: bob.earll@coastms.co.uk

February 2006

TBC: Disinfection - Risk and the Regulatory Regime

Presentations will cover the techniques and issues related to disinfection in water supply, and the way in which these are influenced by, and achieve compliance with, regulatory requirements. This will include types of disinfectants used, design and operation of disinfection systems, and management to prevent excessive by-product formation.

Contact: Tel. 0113 2424200 or email franceseldon@aquaenviro.co.uk

1st Feb: Path Promoting & Marketing

Development of path networks can only be justified if they are well used by local people and visitors. This event will offer an opportunity to explore some specific aspects of this topic in this conjunction with the PFAP guide and toolkit.

Contact: Alloa

Cost £80

Contact Sheila Dawson, 01259 218888, Email sheila.dawson@pathsforall.org.uk

1st & 2nd Feb: CIWEM World Wetland Day

Contact: bob.earll@coastms.co.uk

2nd Feb: Scottish Renewables Forum – Biomass Conference

Details TBC

Time and Venue: TBC

Contact: Calum McCalum 0845 270 2225

4th February 2006- Bits and Bobs - Origami workshop.

An experienced Origami artist will demonstrate basic origami, able to keep children aged 6 plus entertained!

Cost: £7 members, £15 non-members. Edinburgh.

Contact: Katriona Harding, (Office) 0131 4752425 (Scrapstore) 0131 4439490

7th Feb: Wee Green Fingers - Gardening for biodiversity with pre-school children

This full day workshop will look at the theory and practice of gardening for biodiversity and is specifically designed for all those working with pre-school children, including nursery teachers, playgroup leaders and childminders. It will be highly participative, full of inspirational ideas – and fun!

Cost: £15 (including lunch & refreshments)

Time and Venue: Battleby

Contact: Karen Smith. Tel: 01738-458555. Email: sgp@snh.gov.uk

7th Feb: Scottish Energy and Environmental Conference

Scotland's leading Annual Conference and Exhibition devoted to all aspects of Energy and Environmental Management. SEEC is now in its fifth successful year and it has established itself as Scotland's premier conference and exhibition in the energy and environmental management fields. The exhibition is ideal for companies wishing to demonstrate innovative products and services and a delegate fee is charged for attendance at SEEC, ensuring that those who attend have a genuine, positive reason for attending to seek out solutions to their energy and environmental management problems.

SEEC attracts delegates from the industrial, commercial and academic sectors. Delegates typically include energy and environmental managers, utilities managers, facilities managers, renewable energy officers, health and safety managers, maintenance managers, sustainable development managers, primarily from the fields of manufacturing, engineering, universities, local government, construction, colleges, pharmaceuticals, housing associations, police, prisons, NHS trusts, local authorities and chambers of commerce to name but a few.

Time and Venue: Glasgow Thistle Hotel

Contact: www.seecon.org.uk or alison@washingtondowling.com

7th Feb: Recycling Managers Advance Training Course – Waste Minimisation

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Time and Venue: Surrey

Contact: Tel: 01295 819655, kelly.dawe@wrap.org.uk

7 Feb: Proven technologies from Europe

Organised by CIWM

Time and Venue: Hamilton House, London

Contact: 01604 620426/events@ciwm.co.uk

15th Feb: Recycling Managers Advance Training Course – Working with community sector

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Time and Venue: Bath

Contact: Tel: 01295 819655, kelly.dawe@wrap.org.uk

16th Feb: WEEE & RoHS Profit through Compliance Seminar

WEEE and RoHS.....It is happening.....You have less than a year. The options are do nothing now and face a tough future for your business or let us help you. For FREE. Envirowise are running a series of FREE WEEE and RoHS seminars to help businesses decide the how best to comply and how this can improve your company's competitiveness.

These seminars aim to give you:

- A detailed breakdown of the directives
- All the latest information.
- An opportunity to question the government and the Environment Agency about the directives.
- The leading opinions in industry on how to comply to the directives.
- Practical advice and how to save money to your business through compliance.

Time and Venue: Thistle Hotel, Exeter

Organiser: Envirowise

Contact: Olivia Gurney olivia.gurney@envirowise.gov.uk

21st Feb: Influencing responsible behaviour

One year since implementation of the new access legislation, how responsibly are people exercising access rights at your site? If irresponsible behaviour is occurring, what can you do to reduce this? This workshop delivered by James Carter will look at effective communication techniques and key recreation management principles.

Cost: Free (lunch & refreshments provided)

Time and Venue: Battleby

Contact: Karen Smith. Tel: 01738-458555. Email: sgp@snh.gov.uk

21st Feb: The Scottish Council for Development and Industry Seminar

Time and venue: Glasgow 7.45 – 9.30am

Contact: Nicola Hopkin nicola.hopkin@scdi/org

22nd Feb: Dealing with challenging behaviour

When working with people out of doors, we sometimes find ourselves in tricky or confrontational situations in which the way we react can have a strong influence on the outcome. This practical workshop will look at creative and constructive ways of dealing with challenging behaviour that can turn a negative situation into one with a positive outcome. The focus will be on developing participants' understanding of their own and others' behaviour. Plenty of practice and feedback will give people the chance to develop their own strategies for dealing effectively with a range of challenging behaviours.

Cost: Free (lunch & refreshments provided)

Time and Venue: Battleby

Contact: Karen Smith. Tel: 01738-458555. Email: sgp@snh.gov.uk

15th Feb: Recycling Managers Advance Training Course – Improving Organic waste collection

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Time and Venue: Birmingham

Contact: Tel: 01295 819655, kelly.dawe@wrap.org.uk

28th Feb: Students' seminar: Planning, Landscape & the Natural Heritage

One of the primary objectives of the planning system is to maintain and enhance the quality of the natural heritage. This seminar is tailored specifically for honours/post graduate students who will one day play a pivotal role in achieving this. Through presentations, case studies and workshops, we will explore the key issues and opportunities for safeguarding and enhancing Scotland's natural heritage which the planning system provides. Priority will be given to those following RTPI and Landscape Institute accredited courses. Early booking through Universities is recommended.

Cost: Free

Time and Venue: Battleby

Contact: Karen Smith. Tel: 01738-458555. Email: sgp@snh.gov.uk

March 2006

TBC: Inorganics in Drinking Water

The workshop will provide an update on processes for removal of inorganic contaminants from water supplies, or other issues associated with inorganic contaminants, such as fouling of membranes. Contaminants of interest will include arsenic, nitrate and manganese, and emphasis will be given to developments for meeting PR04 requirements.

Contact: Tel. 0113 2424200 or email franceseldon@aquaenviro.co.uk

TBC: Working with your Supply Chain

Contact: Lucy Ward events@iema.net www.iema.net

1st March: Environmental Tourism

Delivered in a relaxed atmosphere this seminar offers excellent networking opportunities while accessing leading industry specialists.

Two leaders from the tourism industry will share their own experiences and offer best practice examples that can be implemented in individual businesses.

- Discover what local tourism businesses can do to protect Scotland's wild and fragile areas that have inevitably become prime tourism destinations
- Discover how local and national independent tourism providers have incorporated responsible travel into their mission
- Discover the social, economic and environmental issues behind the Scottish Tourism Industry
- How can local tourism businesses make Scottish Tourism sustainable?

Time and Venue: Perth

Cost £35 plus VAT

Contact Fiona, 0141 357 2235, fiona@starkeventsuk.com

1st March: Scottish Council for Development and Industry Seminar

Time and Venue: Edinburgh 7.45-9.30am

Contact: Nicola Hopkin, nicola.hopkin@scdi.org.uk

2nd March: Leading Edge Workshop

A recent SNH study on public awareness and attitudes to the natural heritage identified that we need to concentrate our efforts on increasing people's understanding of the human impact on biodiversity, sustainability, landscape, marine environments and protected areas. This year's workshop for environmental education practitioners will be an opportunity to uncover inspirational key messages that people can relate to.

Cost: £15 (including lunch & refreshments)

Time and Venue: Battleby

Contact: Karen Smith. Tel: 01738-458555. Email: sgp@snh.gov.uk

5th March: Recycling Managers Advance Training Course – Optimising collection – The role of contracts and getting more people involved

The option modules aim to further your knowledge and skills in an area of your choice. The Preparation of post-course, work-based reports, enable you to further develop your report writing skills to produce a strategy applicable to your own work place. The course strives to equip participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to develop and promote cost-effective systems to collect and sort materials from the municipal waste stream for recycling and composting that meet end market requirements; and to put in place effective monitoring systems to ensure continuous improvement in the performance of these systems.

Time and Venue: Cheltenham (TBC)

Contact: Tel: 01295 819655, kelly.dawe@wrap.org.uk

7th March: Envirenergy North West

Envirenergy North West has established itself as one of the leading events in the energy and environmental calendar. By exhibiting at Envirenergy North West you will generate additional business and good quality leads, network with other like-minded people, make new contacts and build on existing relationships and get access to approximately 400 high calibre, energy and environmental decision makers. In short, this event is an ideal platform to either launch new products and services or expanding on your current portfolio and client base.

Time and venue: Manchester

Contact: Alison Shields 01257 452 230, alison@washingtondowling.com, or www.envirenergy.org.uk

15th March: Old stories, new technologies: the value of information and communications technology in natural heritage interpretation.

These days interpretation involves ever increasing use of ICT (Information and Communication Technology). With a lot of time and money being spent on it, some interpreters are feeling overwhelmed by the plethora of gadgets and the pressure to use them. Drawing on both desk research and on-site appraisals, SNH has recently carried out a wide ranging review of the role and applicability of ICT in interpretation. This workshop will provide a chance to examine the findings and consider their implications. The day will be of value to interpretive planners, site managers, designers and IT staff.

Cost: £50 (including lunch & refreshments)

Time and Venue: Battleby

Contact: Karen Smith. Tel: 01738-458555. Email: sgp@snh.gov.uk

15th March: WEEE & RoHS Profit through Compliance Seminar

WEEE and RoHS.....It is happening.....You have less than a year. The options are do nothing now and face a tough future for your business or let us help you. For FREE. Envirowise are running a series of FREE WEEE and RoHS seminars to help businesses decide the how best to comply and how this can improve your company's competitiveness. These seminars aim to give you:

- A detailed breakdown of the directives.
- All the latest information.
- An opportunity to question the government and the Environment Agency about the directives.
- The leading opinions in industry on how to comply to the directives.
- Practical advice and how to save money to your business through compliance.

Time and Venue: Hilton Metroploe, Brighton

Cost: FREE.

Organiser: Envirowise.

Contact: olivia.gurney@envirowise.gov.uk

23rd March: The Scottish Council for Development and Industry Forum

Time and Venue: 09:00 - 17:00. Venue TBC

Contact: Nicola Hopkin nicola.hopkin@scdi.org.uk

23rd & 24th March: Scottish Renewables Forum Annual Conference

Details to follow

Time and Venue: Glasgow Hilton, Glasgow

Contact: Calum McCalum 0845 270 2225

April 2006

5-6 April: Stoneleigh Live

Stoneleigh Live offers a fantastic experience for the key players in recycling and waste management. With live demonstrations, a vehicle catwalk and a comprehensive range of seminars covering the most important topics effecting waste management and recycling, it will allow you to see and learn a huge amount in a single day — all in a convenient central location. This is a letsrecycle.com event.

Time and Venue: Coventry

Contact: 020 7785 6443.

May 2006

13th May: Friends of the Earth Scotland Annual General Meeting

Members are invited to attend the Friends of the Earth Scotland Annual General Meeting (AGM). Annual gathering of Friends of the Earth members. A great opportunity to network, meet staff and other supporters. Event will include special guest speaker.

Time and Venue: Lamb's House, Burgess Street, Edinburgh.

Contact: www.foe-scotland.org.uk

June 2006

6th & 7th June: IEMA Annual Conference 2006.

Time and Venue: Chateau Impney Hotel in Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire.

Contact: www.iema.net/conferences/conference2006 Tel: 01522540069

12th-16th June: 5th Annual Symposium on waste treatment technologies 2006

The symposium will provide a forum for discussion and development of a broadly based and common sense approach to more effective and sustainable integrated waste management systems.

Time and Venue: PAIGNTON, UK

Contact: www.ciwm.co.uk/conference2006

13th – 16th June: CIWM Annual Conference 2006

The Chartered Institution of Wastes Management Annual Conference will include papers on:

- Breaking new ground through research and development
- Making waste plans
- Making plans happen – the political realities of waste life
- How other EU partners have tackled the change agenda
- Waste treatment technologies – what they can and can't do
- An international symposium on energy from waste
- Planning for and managing non-municipal wastes
- Policy, legal and regulatory changes
- Taking the public with us

Contact: 01604 620426 events@ciwm.co.uk

July 2006

Events TBC

August 2006

Events TBC

September 2006

TBC: Marine Conservation Society Annual Beachwatch event

Every September, to coincide with International Coastal Clean Ups taking place in about 100 countries, the Marine Conservation Society mobilise thousands of volunteers, surveying litter on hundreds of beaches throughout the UK. The data are collated and published annually in a *Beachwatch* Report, available to the public by post or on our website and vital in the MCS campaign to stem the litterbugs at source.

Adopt-a-Beach extends the monitoring throughout the year. By adopting their local beach and conducting seasonal litter surveys, communities around the UK are: showing their commitment to a healthy coastal environment; collecting useful beach litter records to lobby for proper beach management at a local level and, in forwarding that data to MCS, helping us tackle litter at a Scotland and UK level. An *Adopt-a-Beach* or *Beachwatch* survey involves recording every item of litter found on a representative 100m stretch of the adopted beach or, if shorter than 100m, the entire beach. Easy-to-use tally forms are provided categorising over 90 litter items. To find out about your nearest adopted beach. You can register as a Volunteer if you have a beach nearby or as an Organiser if you want to set up your own Adopt-a-Beach group and help MCS *turn the tide on litter*.

Time and Venue: TBA

Contact: www.adoptabeach.org.uk, www.mcsuk.org