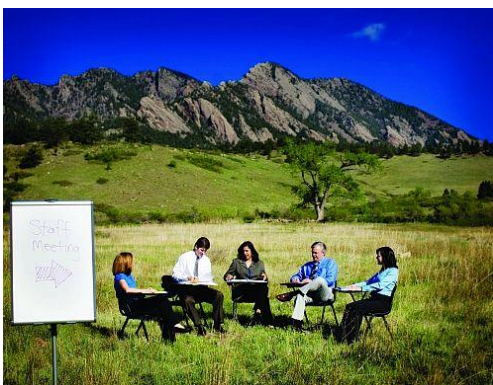


Sustainable business matters

Businesses need green skills

Companies in England are unsure of what skills are needed to support the transition to a strong and sustainable green economy, according to evidence gathered by the business department (BIS).

In these challenging economic times it may be hard to justify investment in the development of any skills, let alone investment in green ones. But now is the time – employing green skills in your organisation will enable you to identify efficiency savings and cost reductions in the short term. And in the mid to longer term it will secure long term business viability through new business opportunities.



Green skills are not just those relating to environmental technologies or green compliance issues. All employees and managers need to know how to use resources efficiently and sustainably. Green skills are relevant to those starting their careers, right through to those in leadership roles now.

Gaining such skills does not need to be a lengthy process. Initial green skills can be gained in as little as one day. For example, our CIEH Environmental Principles and Best Practice course will give an overview of all the key issues in 6 hours. It will also equip you to identify where to target further training. Shorter online courses will also become available over the next months.

There is also a wealth of free resources from programmes such as the Carbon Trust, which you can study in your own time.

Green skills are important for every business. Those that recognise this and act on it will be well equipped to overcome environmental constraints as they continue to take centre stage.

For course dates see the diary section on the last page. For further information e-mail CEAC at contact@ceac.co.uk or call 01494 527564.



New national biomass suppliers database launched

Those looking to take advantage of the soon-to-be-released Renewable Heating Incentive (RHI) by heating their buildings or factories with wood will now find it easier to identify local and national companies which can supply them with woodfuel. The new map based listing includes details of more than 300 fuel suppliers operating across the UK. Potential end users are often unaware that the woodfuel supply chain is well established in many parts of the country, offering a viable alternative to oil and gas. This something the new resource seeks to address by making it easy for users to locate their nearest or preferable fuel supplier. The new map based listing is available <http://nbsd.carbontrust.co.uk/>

ISO14001 to be revised

ISO member bodies have voted to revise the flagship environmental management standard ISO14001 for the first time since 2004. The proposed extent of the revision is expected to cover issues such as the interaction of ISO 14001 with the overall business strategy of companies; impacts on the supply chain, improvement of environmental performance, involvement of stakeholders, external communication and interfaces with other standards. The schedule for a revision is a maximum of 3 years.

Envirolist

Green Yellow Pages

Finding solutions to environmental business issues has just become easier with the launch of Envirolist, a directory of environmental products and services for businesses.

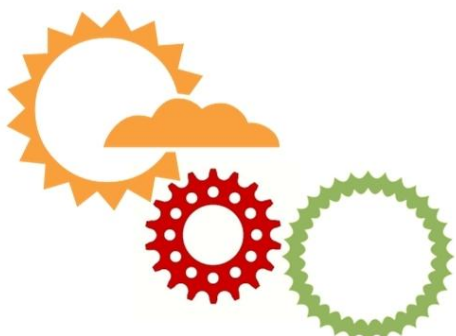
Are you looking for suppliers that can recycle your waste or give energy saving advice? Envirolist is a free one-stop resource for businesses looking for environmental suppliers and can save you time finding green services or products.

Envirolist includes listings for waste, energy and water, as well as more specialized areas such as asbestos removal. With most suppliers located in the South East it also encourages local trade and networking.

The listing has been developed from a green supplier directory that has been established for more than 10 years. It offers focused search functions and quick access to company information. All listings are actively maintained and monitored.

If you are an environmental services company yourself you can submit a listing free of charge. All searches and basic listings are free.

Envirolist can be accessed at www.envirolist.co.uk.



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"On Spaceship Earth there are no passengers; everybody is a member of the crew. We have moved into an age in which everybody's activities affect everybody else." - Marshall McLuhan

Roald Dahl Museum shortlisted for sustainable tourism award

The Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre in Great Missenden has been shortlisted for a prestigious Tourism South East Beautiful South Excellence Award in the Sustainable Tourism category.

We are delighted to announce that the Museum has been shortlisted for a Tourism South East Beautiful South Excellence Award. These prestigious Awards are often called the 'Tourism Oscars' because of the high status they have achieved within the industry.



Winners in this region will go on to compete in the national EnjoyEngland Awards for Excellence in 2012. The Museum has been shortlisted in the Sustainable Tourism category.

Director Amelia Foster says "We are very strongly committed to being a green visitor attraction. We recognise that it's not an add-on, it's at the core of what we do: there's no point in conserving things for future generations if we're also damaging the environment; it's counter-productive. We are very proud to be short-listed for this high-profile award, which recognises our efforts to encourage our staff, visitors and business partners to act in a sustainable way."

Jeanette Howse, Tourism South East Business Development Executive for Berks, Bucks and Oxon added, "These Awards recognise those businesses that have been delivering to the highest standards and we're delighted with the record number and quality of entrants."

Tourism South East is the leading membership based tourism organisation for South East England. The South East is the largest region for tourism in Britain outside of London, worth in excess of £12 billion per year to the regional economy and supporting over 300,000 jobs.

For more information about the museum's green initiatives visit

<http://www.roalddahlmuseum.org/sustainability.aspx>

Drought to be 'commonplace' by 2050s

Water shortages will be common if current system is not overhauled, says Environment Agency report.

Droughts could become commonplace in the future, with demand for water outstripping supply, a report by the Environment Agency warns. The Agency warns that climate change and population growth could lead to water shortages in the future, if the system used to manage water today is not radically overhauled. In particular the report found that:

- Short duration droughts of 12-18 months are likely to become more frequent and droughts like that of 1976 will become more common.
- Those areas that are already experiencing water stress, such as the South East of England, will potentially see population increase by over 40 per cent, which will make the problem worse.
- With changes to the amount of rainfall and an increase in temperatures, the water environment will change. Some species will be better suited to warmer conditions and thrive, but we risk losing some important species and habitats including iconic fish species such as Atlantic salmon and brown trout, which need cold water to thrive.

The Agency urges all water users, businesses and householders to be aware that there will be less water available in the future and to take steps now to become more water efficient and to think about their water supply arrangements.

The top three tips for water efficiency include:

1. **Only use water when you need to.** Record how much water your business uses on a daily or weekly basis to understand your demands. This will help you decide the best ways to save water and money.
2. **Appoint a member of staff to monitor water use** and identify saving opportunities, e.g. by doing a regular walk-round survey of your business and reading water meters.
3. **Check your meter size is appropriate** to the amount of water you use. If it is larger than you need, you will pay your water supplier more than necessary.

Want to do more? The Environment Agency has produced free water saving guidance which is available for download at www.ceac.co.uk/resources.html



Diary

CIEH L2 Environmental Principles & Best Practice 1 day accredited course

Date: 21st February 2012

Venue: Missenden Abbey, Great Missenden, near High Wycombe

Date: 2nd April 2012

Venue: High Wycombe

To book: E-mail the event title, your details and any special dietary or other requirements to contact@ceac.co.uk.

Alternatively call 01494 527564. Event details are available on our website with an online booking option at www.ceac.co.uk/html/courses.html.

Your Opinion

'A great insight into a subject that most of us try to avoid.'

'A very well presented & informative course.'

'I picked up quite a bit of new information and the points already known were covered in a new angle.'

'All in all, it was probably the most productive two hours that I have spent for some time'



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Our services

CEAC, the Corporate Environmental Advice Centre, has been providing environmental advice to businesses since 1997.

Based in High Wycombe, CEAC employs an experienced team who together can offer a broad skills base to clients. The Centre operates on a non-commercial basis and provides:

Training

We run environmental workshops, seminars and accredited training courses for businesses.

Environmental Advice and Guidance

We carry out environmental reviews and assist in developing energy and waste management action plans. We offer practical help with implementing environmental management systems (EMS) such as ISO14001, including internal EMS auditing services.

Networking Opportunities

All our events provide networking opportunities for businesses. We believe that sharing of good practice is an important element in achieving environmental excellence.

Newsletter

We publish a free newsletter. To subscribe to our update service e-mail your details to contact@ceac.co.uk.

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