

Vision 21 News

GET UP AND GROW—Learn how to grow your own food Taster sessions in Cheltenham and Tewkesbury.

Vision 21 welcomes people to join us for one or more free 'taster' sessions where you can learn how to grow your own food. There is plenty of time this year to get growing and get a good harvest. It may be that you want to save money or that you are worried about climate change, peak oil and food miles. Whatever your reason do come along and join us. The sessions will be informal and will be run at either The Swan, Coombe Hill, Tewkesbury or Hayden Road, Cheltenham (depending on where the demand is). Both sites are on good bus links, we can also help to organise lift shares. The sessions will include:

Healthy Soil - Tuesday 12th May from 6 – 7pm.

Planning your Plot - Sat 16th May 11 am – 12 noon.

What to Grow - Wednesday 20th May, 7.30—8.30pm.

Pests, Diseases and Weeds 30th May, 11am – 12 noon.

Seed Saving—Wednesday 3rd June, 6 -7pm.

Sowing & Growing on Sunday 7th June, 10—11am.

A **Permaculture Gardening** session will be arranged for later in the year. This will include a short talk at the Vision 21 office, Cheltenham, followed by a visit to 2 or 3 permaculture spaces in the town. Date to follow.

Vision 21 is very grateful to all the volunteers who are supporting the delivery of this training. Without them this project wouldn't be possible.



To book on to the free sessions please contact Vision 21.

So much support has been provided to Get up and Grow by local businesses, individual volunteers and councils too. B&Q has donated a massive £150 worth of goods (through their One Planet Living Fund) and Gloucestershire

Organic Gardening Group donated £50, we are extremely grateful for both of these donations. Other support recently has come from Geotechnical Engineering Ltd, Chemtest, Tewkesbury and Cheltenham Borough Council, Falcon Systems, AVM, Elliot and Sons Transport and The Gourmet Mushroom Company.

Of course special thanks goes again to The Swan, Coombe, Hill for providing us with our Tewkesbury space. Their support and interest in this project has been fantastic.



To donate or buy good quality second hand furniture and white goods contact Reclaim on 01242 228823 or [click here](#).

CHELTENHAM COMMUNITY REPAINT

RePaint has large stocks of paint, all colours/types, available at the Reclaim Warehouse, Lansdown Trading Estate, Cheltenham. The paint is free unless a donation can be afforded. For more information telephone 01242 228823 or [click here](#).

AMAN IMAN – WATER IS LIFE – AN EXHIBITION FROM VISION 21, FUNDED BY SEVERN TRENT WATER

Vision 21 is launching, on Friday 24th April, a new touring exhibition, Aman Iman – Water is Life. The exhibition has kindly been funded by Severn Trent Water and is focussed on water and sustainability.

The exhibition will travel around Gloucestershire as we approach the second anniversary of the flood of July 2007. It will visit towns and villages that were affected by the deluge of water.

This outreach project seeks to address water related issues on a local and global scale and examines the role climate change plays in this. The exhibition endeavours to highlight how vital water is in our lives, raise awareness on using water sustainably and reducing emissions and thus engender behavioural change in our resource use. Vision 21 hopes that the exhibition will encourage awareness and debate on water as a resource in Gloucestershire and why we all have a part to play in using it carefully.

The exhibition will visit many parts of Gloucestershire over coming months starting with the Playhouse Theatre in Cheltenham which was affected by the flooding twice during 2007. Paul Scott from the Playhouse said *"We're very pleased to be the first venue to host this important exhibition, especially as we know from our own experience just how devastating an impact severe weather and floods can have - not just at the time but for months afterwards."*

Andrew Marsh of Severn Trent Water said *"Water is precious on both a local and global scale. If you want a safe, healthy drink, you can't do better than reach for a glass of tap water - it makes sense for our health and for our environment."*

Initial dates and venues are below, more dates will follow:

Sat 25th April to Sat 2nd May at the Playhouse Theatre, Cheltenham.

Sat 2nd May to Sun 21st June at Cheltenham Museum.

Tues 5th May to Fri 8th May at Forest of Dean District Council Offices.

Wed 6th to Sun 31st May Cheltenham Town Hall.

Mon 11th May to Mon 18th May at Gloucester Cathedral as part of a wider environmental exhibition, 'Reducing our costs and our carbon footprint'.

Friday 5th June at a World Environment Day event, The University of Gloucestershire, Oxstalls, Gloucester.

Sat 6th and Sun 7th June at Cheltenham Science Festival, Montpellier Gardens.

Sat 4th and Sun 5th July at the Cotswold Show and County Fair, Cirencester.
10th - 17th August at Tewkesbury Abbey.

For further details on viewing the exhibition or if you would like to invite the exhibition to one of your events please contact Vision 21.

CHELTENHAM RECYCLING CHAMPIONS

The Cheltenham Recycling Champions continue to work hard in their communities. The next Champions' meeting, which is open to all, will be on Monday 19th May 6.30pm– 7.45pm. Come and see what it's all about. **Keep an eye** on our [web page](#) too to learn about exciting new initiatives, information, meetings etc.

EVENTS — For events with a sustainability theme [click here](#) to visit our calendar. Please help us to promote this busy calendar to your friends/colleagues.

CLIMATE CHANGE MADE SIMPLE

Turning off the hysteria and switching to common sense

Vision 21 with financial support from Gloucestershire Environment Partnership brought the training course 'Climate Change Condensed' to four of Gloucestershire's Districts last month. Other Districts had received the training in the previous year.

The District Councils and Gloucestershire County Council all gave their support by either lending venues or assisting with costs. In addition the Royal Forest of Dean College, Gloucester Guildhall, Transition Town and other local groups were also kind enough to help in various ways. It was a great example of partnership work. To read more [click here](#).

OFFICE TO LET/MEETING ROOM TO LET

Vision 21 has an affordable, medium sized, 1st floor office to let in their central Cheltenham building. The bright room, in this friendly building, is ideal for between one to three people. Vision 21 also has a meeting room to hire. Contact the office for details.

Local News

BOURTON ON THE WATER AWARDED FAIRTRADE VILLAGE STATUS

Fairtrade judges were impressed with the range of small businesses involved, the action in schools, and the way the churches and community worked together during Fairtrade fortnight. There is a wonderful range of Fairtrade and fairly traded goods on offer which is an outstanding achievement for a small village.

Perhaps a million or more cups of tea are drunk in



Bourton each year but what's the difference if it's Fairtrade or not? Well for example, the woman who grows Fairtrade tea for your breakfast can rest assured she can get a guaranteed price for her products. It makes a real difference to have Fairtrade contracts that help producers to cope with market forces and exchange rate pressures. Instead of being at the mercy of loan sharks, being part of a Fairtrade group means that farmers or craft workers could have help with loans at fair interest rates as prices of essential inputs like seeds increase.

By Diana Ray, The Living Green Centre: 01451 820942 or email people@living-green.co.uk

IMPROVED RECYCLING FOR GLOUCESTER RESIDENTS

A new, improved recycling service will allow residents in Gloucester to send less rubbish to the local landfill site.

The new scheme will be introduced during the winter and will include the recycling of materials not previously collected such as kitchen food waste, mixed plastic bottles, and also small domestic batteries.

Around 20% of household rubbish is food waste that under the new scheme will be collected weekly.

In addition, mixed plastic bottles will be added to the list of items that can be put into the kerbside 'green boxes', and the garden waste green bin service will be extended across the whole of the city – to homes where this is possible. For full article [click here](#)

NEW WAY TO RECYCLE YELLOW PAGES IN STROUD

For the first time residents will be able to recycle their old Yellow Pages by placing them in the green kerbside recycling boxes or at one of Stroud District Council's paper banks. In the past papers mills were reluctant to accept Yellow Pages directories as they contained a yellow dye. However, they are now being manufactured without this dye so the mill S.D.C. send them to, Aylesford Newsprint, can recycle them.

To launch this exciting recycling development, 12 schools in the district will be taking part in the Yellow Woods Challenge which aims to get the pupils to recycle as many old directories as possible. The Yellow Pages have provided financial support for four prizes totaling £700. Pupils at Thrupp Primary School were thrilled to meet woodland creature Kirk, the competition mascot, who called in at the School to help launch the challenge.

For more information on the location of the paper banks visit www.stroud.gov.uk/recycling or call SDC's waste hotline on 01453 754424.

VALLEY ORGANICS CSA (COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE) AT STROUD SLAD FARM, STROUD.

This volunteer group who grow vegetables/work the land welcome people to join in, every Friday morning in school term times from 9.30 a.m. -12.30 p.m. This is a

good opportunity for hands-on involvement in a community-led organic vegetable growing project which supports sustainable agriculture. The vegetable box scheme supplies 60 local households. More details from Helen Pitel on 01453 762957 or email info@helenpitel.co.uk

DEAN COMMUNITY GROWN FOOD – Join in

Dean Community Grown Food, your local Community Supported Agriculture project invites you to come along and Dig In!

Join the project at Ragmans Lane Farm, Sunday 26th April. Drop in any time between 10am and 1pm. Tea, cake and chat afterwards!

Help us plant seeds and prepare for the growing season.

Become a member to get free food!

Everyone welcome, with or without experience, if you have any planting tools you could bring that would be helpful.

For more information/directions phone Trudi on 01594 821042 or Marilyn on 01594 825898 or e-mail deancommunityfood@yahoo.co.uk

HAVE YOUR SAY - CHELTENHAM'S GREEN SPACE STRATEGY CONSULTATION—SHORT SURVEY, DEADLINE TODAY (24TH APRIL)

Cheltenham groups have been invited to participate in Cheltenham Borough Council's Green Space Strategy Consultation. If you would like to comment on the quality of green space, spaces for growing food, low quality sites and biodiversity this is your opportunity. [Click here](#) to complete the stakeholders survey. The short survey should be completed by Friday 24th April 2009 (today).

Groups are also invited to a workshop to discuss the emergent issues from their consultations. This will be on 13th May 2009, 6.30pm - 9.00pm at Pittville Pump Rooms, Cheltenham.

If you have any enquiries on this please contact: adam.reynolds@cheltenham.gov.uk or rosemary.mansbridge@cheltenham.gov.uk

CLIMATE CHANGE - ROADSIDE VERGES ACTION

What can parishes do to help nature?

The problem is that the norm in Gloucestershire is twice-a-year mechanical cutting. Cutting early reduces flowering and could harm grass nesting birds, second cutting before seeds have set stops new plants happening and weakens the existing plants. Just 30 years ago the verges in summer had a profusion of wild flowers and meadow grasses and so there were plentiful butterflies, bees, and other insects. We need serious effort to get these vital nectar bars thriving again. By Diana Ray. For more info contact Diana on 01451 820942, people@living-green.co.uk

EXHIBITION: THE FLOOD ARCHIVES

Uncertain Weather: climate change through art and archives is opening on 2nd May at the Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum. As part of this, the *Flood Archives* will be on display.

Artist Fiona Kam Meadley has been compiling a folk archive of the images and stories taken and told by Cheltenham residents of the 2007 floods. "This project is a collective memory of an extraordinary time – that also reflects today's communication technology." The archive currently contains over fifty video shorts, many posted on *You Tube* at the time. Still images, mobile phone footage and home videos taken by affected residents, schoolchildren, and office workers wading home in the flood waters.

The archive needs aural history records. Were you in Cheltenham that summer and do you have memories of what happened? Please come along to the exhibition on Saturday 9 May when Fiona would like to interview you for the archive. You can contact her in advance on: fiona@patiopeople.com.

LOCAL COMMUNITY STEAMS AHEAD IN ENERGY SAVING CHALLENGE!

Households from Wotton under Edge are showing how energy saving starts at home.

The Energy Neighbourhoods challenge was launched last November, with households receiving weekly energy saving tips and a variety of eco-gadgets to help cut their energy use, as well as support and encouragement from their local Energy Master and



advisors at the Severn Wye Energy Agency (SWEA).

Wotton Energy Watch is in competition with other groups of householders in Gloucestershire, as well as 8 other European countries. The winning Energy Neighbourhood will receive an eco hamper for every household, and a trip on the Eurostar to a prize-giving ceremony in Brussels. The contest lasts for 6 months and Wotton Energy Watch is currently in 3rd place in the whole of Europe.

Wotton's Energy Master Alex Alliston said "The 16 Wotton families have worked really hard to change their electricity and gas consumption habits, despite all the cold weather at the start of the year. We are delighted to be in 3rd place and there is a real

prospect that we could win the competition. There is certainly no shortage of enthusiasm or energy! amongst Wotton's Energy Watchers!"

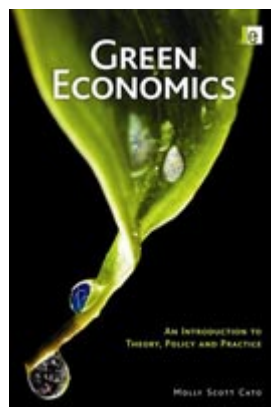
ZERO-CARBON LIGHT-RAIL PROJECT NARROWLY MISSES AWARD

A revolutionary project, conceived jointly between Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce and Professor Frank Chambers, Head of the University of Gloucestershire's Centre for Environmental Change and Quaternary Research, has come second out of 26 university entrants in a national competition for innovation and reducing carbon emissions. The project is promoting ultra-light rail (ULR) to link Cheltenham Spa railway station with the town and with Cheltenham Racecourse, using an old rail trackbed that would double as a cycle-way and footpath. It is proposed that the revolutionary, lightweight trams be hybrid-powered, using hydrogen fuel-cells fed by 'green' hydrogen, which could be produced from a new Gloucestershire Waste Treatment facility. The idea is a remarkable win-win: it solves the county's massive waste-treatment problem, and creates a zero-carbon rapid transit system for a principal town, fuelled by a converted by-product of the waste treatment. This integrative system has the potential to be emulated in many medium-sized towns and cities across the world. For a link to the full article and more information please visit: <http://www.glos.ac.uk/pressreleases/Pages/lightrail.aspx>

NEW BOOK GREEN ECONOMICS BY STROUD-BASED AUTHOR MOLLY SCOTT CATO

Green Economics: An Introduction to Theory, Policy and Practice, Molly Scott Cato (London: Earthscan, 2009).

This new book by Stroud-based author Molly Scott Cato provides a blueprint for the new economy. It illustrates how the environmental and financial crises are two sides of the same coin, one caused by living beyond our means. The globalised marketplace is the prevailing force in our lives, undermining the real importance of our human communities and our planet. *Green Economics* argues that society should be embedded within the ecosystem, and that markets and economies are social structures that should respond to social and environmental priorities.



'Here is a book which explains in clear terms the economic paradigm for the 21st century. Green economics is not new. As Molly Scott Cato makes clear, it has been growing alongside the environmental movement and now offers a vision of a just, sustainable and fulfilling economic life.' (Caroline Lucas, MEP)

The book is written in a straightforward and accessible style, with plenty of illustrations and clear explanations. It covers the key areas of economic life and offers practical solutions.

Molly Scott Cato, Green economist, mother, ideas merchant is contactable on email at molly@gaianeconomics.org

CLIMATE KICKS- ACT ON YOUR PATCH FOR BEES

As a balanced system starts to go out of equilibrium- everything fluctuates- this seems to be what we are observing with the seasons and weather events being not "normal". Just about everyone has noticed the decline in bee and butterfly numbers (and many other insects too). Changes in weather patterns are one of the pressures. Very early in the year we are getting extra warm days so bees are waking and flying out at a time when very few natural flowers are in flower to provide nectar for them. If they can't find nectar they use up body reserves of energy. As weather goes back to winter again, they are very weakened.

If you have a garden or a patch of ground at work, plant some early nectar sources that stay in flower for long periods. Also keep a corner for ivy for late Autumn flowers that bees love and Yellow Brimstone butterflies and bats may hibernate in. Up in the high Cotswolds, Mahonia stays in flower through out the winter and is much loved by bees – the powerful fragrance is a treat too. Native Hellebores and snowdrops too were visited. Whilst it was so hot in March the very big bumble bees were feeding happily on pussy willow flowers in our garden. Bees also get propolis there too (essential for nest care). In my veg patch I keep an area of white day nettle and wound wort – they are excellent nectar sources for months, way in to Autumn, but watch out they can take over! By Diana Ray, The Living Green Centre, people@living-green.co.uk

FOURTEEN TREES MAKE AN ORCHARD

Parliamentary candidate Mark Coote and the town's Mayor, Councillor Robin MacDonald, planted the final tree at Pittville School recently, concluding the planting of a full orchard of locally-sourced fruits trees for the future enjoyment of students. The orchard project, which was launched in January, encourages students to learn about biodiversity, nature conservation and healthy eating, the local sponsors have clubbed together to provide the sapling trees. Mark said, "This has been a winning formula, bringing together support and sponsorship from local residents, businesses and groups. We used to be a town with huge tracts of orchard land – it's time we began replacing some of this."

Mark has sufficient funding for an additional two orchard comprising 14 trees. If anyone wishes to discuss this opportunity please email Mark at mark@markcoote.co.uk or call 0845 521 2065

MOVING BEYOND ORGANIC (article from Matt Adams/Good Gardeners Association)

With over forty year's experience of 'no-dig compost' gardening the aims of the Good Gardeners Association are *to improve and encourage horticulture*. Based in Wotton Under Edge, Glos, our latest project is called Moving Beyond Organic. The idea is that all food should be grown for nutrition and that minimum standards can be found and adopted to describe this.

Growing food organically probably offers the greatest hope for achieving this but it may not be the case for all organic food. Behind the label of organic certification, standards are slipping. As the industry gets bigger and more commercially orientated it's becoming just another part of the global food industry. Can we expect this food to offer maximum health or is it just about filling our bellies?

As gardeners we know that to enjoy the highest quality food we must grow our own. This puts us at the top of the chain for understanding nutrition. Adding the idea of freshness means local, well grown non-organic produce may actually be more nutritious than some poorly grown and / or imported organic foods.

The idea of freshness (or vitality) adds another dimension to nutrition that is often overlooked. We believe this is essential if other nutrients such as trace minerals, vitamins and thousands of short lived nutrients (e.g. anti-oxidants) are to do their job effectively and promote long term health.

It's up to gardeners and local small scale producers, with a connection to their community, to begin setting the standards for better food. Eventually, the challenge could be passed back to farmers and supermarkets, if that's what we want. We then say grow food to this standard because it's guaranteed to promote health for humans and the planet.

Since 2003 we have been developing this idea through research and education. This year we have launched a national growing experiment involving four schools, one college and 25 GGA members spread around the country. All growing the same variety of carrots from either non-organic or organic seed or testing no-dig methods against digging we shall look at soil health in relation to crop health. For more information go to www.goodgardeners.org.uk or telephone 01453 520322.

No-dig Potatoes

April is a busy time and if you have any early varieties of potatoes you should make sure they are in the ground before the month is out. If you have an overgrown allotment potatoes are a great way of clearing ground, without too much effort. www.goodgardeners.org.uk/pages/4_articles_12.htm



(no-dig potatoes) - If ground is covered in weed try using cardboard. Cover the row and cut out a hole for spacing. Bed the seed into the soil and cover with compost. Mound up using more compost/manure or even weeds/grass clippings. Harvest when ready and follow on with winter veg.

National News

SOLAR MASTER CLASSES FROM SOLAR TECHNOLOGY

Solar Technology Ltd has announced the launch of the new Solar Master Class. The Solar Master Class is ideal for anyone with an interest in generating their own power, whether as a hobby for existing grid free bases such as caravans, sheds and greenhouses or for practical projects such as home offices, out buildings and extensions. It is a comprehensive one day course instructed by experienced solar engineers.

"A solar electric system is a well proven method of providing long term power. These systems offer an immediate and significant cost saving over every other power source but require minimal maintenance and cost virtually nothing to run", says Adrian Williams, Managing Director, Solar Technology Ltd. Developed to transform the way you think about the use of solar energy, the Solar Master Class arms you with the knowledge and crucial information needed to make informed decisions for any project, allowing you to begin employing solar technology and start saving money immediately! For further info and to book courses visit www.solarmasterclass.co.uk

QUEEN'S AWARD FOR ECO BUILDING FIRM

Sustainable building products supplier Green Building Store has won a Queen's Award for Enterprise: Sustainable Development 2009. The company has won the award because of its 'pioneering approach to sustainability' and for delivering 'cutting edge sustainable products to the market'. Earlier this year the company launched a range of Passivhaus products designs, which can create buildings which use 90% less energy than the UK average. The company has pioneered sustainable practices in window manufacture through its own Ecoplus range of timber windows and doors and also offers leading edge water-saving products. The Queen's Award recognises the role played by Green Building Store in developing the market for sustainable building

products: "Green Building Store's actions and achievements have not only delivered cutting edge sustainable products to the market, but in so doing have progressed the nature of this market-place itself".

Visit www.greenbuildingstore.co.uk for more info.

A CALL FOR SOUTH WEST PARTNERS WORKING IN THE FIELD OF ECO-MATERIALS AND BI-PRODUCTS

Laurent Lecoer from Miriade (the Regional Agency for Innovation and Business Development in Basse-Normandie) will be visiting the South West at the end of April and would like to set up meetings with prospective SW partners in the fields of eco-materials and bi-products. He would like to meet with research labs or organisations involved in this kind of work to discuss the potential of creating a project or network within a Territorial Cooperation Programme. If you have any contacts that would be interested in meeting Laurent about this, please contact Clare Breen, European Officer at the South West UK Brussels Office, email cbreen@southwestuk.be or phone Tel: +44 (0)1208 265708.

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

For those who participated in the hugely successful Friends of the Earth Campaign, The Big Ask, and wish to continue supporting their effective work [click here](#)

Events

It is impossible to list all the event information we receive in 21 Today. For a more comprehensive listing [click here](#). Please help us to promote this busy calendar to your friends/colleagues and clients.

CHELTENHAM'S SCIENCE FESTIVAL

This years festival is on from 3rd – 7th June. The festival includes a number of events relating to climate change and sustainability. Many of these are listed below, for more details go to www.cheltenhamfestivals.com

- Can We Solve the Climate Change Conundrum?, Wed 3 June, 2.30pm
- Powering the UK, Wed 3 June, 5pm
- Walk the Talk, Wed 3 June, 8.30pm
- Making the Planet Better, Thurs 4 June, 4pm
- Flood Defence, Fri 5 June, 10.15am
- Climate Change: Whose Responsibility?, Fri 5 June, 12.30pm
- The Green Resurgent, Fri 5 June, 2pm
- The Value of Land, Fri 5 June, 2.30pm
- Greener Homes, Fri 5 June, 4.30pm
- Water, Water Everywhere?, Fri 5 June, 6.30pm
- A Pollutant's Tale, Sat 6 June, 2.30pm (Family Event)

MIDCOUNTRIES CO-OPERATIVE

invite people to join their 'Fair & Square' sessions in Gloucester.

The sessions will reveal: The link between food and

climate change- How food miles, organic farming and carrier bags effect our carbon emissions.

How international food trade operates

- The effect of tariffs and subsidies on farmers and the free trade alternative - The importance of Fairtrade to developing world suppliers. Expert facilitators from The Co-operative College will be running these sessions, providing information that is both educational and interesting. The sessions are open to all members no matter how much, or how little, you know about ethical trade.

The event is open for anyone to attend and will take place at the Hucclecote Community Centre, Hucclecote Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL3 3RT on 29th April 2009 from 1.00pm to 5.00pm. For more details [click here to register](#).

EXHIBITION AT THE GARDENS GALLERY

An exhibition at the Gardens Gallery, Montpellier, Cheltenham starts soon. All the assemblages are created from plastic beach litter collected off the Scottish islands coasts demonstrating societies wastefulness and bringing awareness to pollution of the seas from litter. Exhibition opens on Wednesday May 20th until June 2nd. A private view is on Wednesday 20th 6 - 8 pm. Everyone is welcome.

SAVE THE COUNTRYSIDE

For details/contacts on Save The Countryside (Cheltenham) events including details of a public meeting at **Cheltenham MUNICIPAL OFFICES at 6pm on Friday 24th April** please go to the [Vision 21 calendar](#).

LAUNCH OF THE EXCHANGE - STROUD

On May 14th 2009 The Exchange will be celebrating its launch! The Exchange is one of Stroud's latest success stories: having levered in over £200,000 in grants and loans from individuals keen to invest in their community, major refurbishments to the 1830's building are now under way. The building will probably be the greenest one in town, with photovoltaics generating our electricity, solar-heated water and ground source heat pump for underfloor heating. It will also be the most accessible building in the centre of Stroud, with two dedicated parking spaces, hearing loop in meeting and conference rooms, Braille signage, Easyread and large print documents and two fully accessible toilets, one of which will contain a shower for cyclists!

The business idea that drives the Exchange is simple: provide a high quality, state-of-the-art, fully accessible multi-use venue at affordable prices for community groups and the general public. Subsidise it by rental income from affordable shared workspaces for local social enterprises, charities and other not-for-profit organisations. In turn, use surpluses for a local development fund for further such projects, particularly aimed at the vibrant artistic community. Add to this the work of the Social Enterprise Centre

(another Stroud Common Wealth initiative) and that is the Exchange: workspace, inspiration, ideas and support. Mutuality at its best – vision into action. For details contact Odilia on 01453 766598 or email vitalsqueeze@googlemail.com

Please get in touch if you are able to join us. Contact Clare Mahdiyone 01453 762271 info@secglos.co.uk



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Discover new and ground breaking ways of reducing your carbon footprint.

Gloucester Cathedral

Monday 11 May 2pm - 4pm
Tuesday 12 May 10am - 4pm
Wednesday 13 May 10am - 4pm
Thursday 14 May 10am - 4pm
Friday 15 May 10am - 4pm
Saturday 16 May 10am - 4pm
Sunday 17 May 12pm - 2pm

For more information visit www.gloucester.anglican.org or call Adrian Slade on 01242 253162

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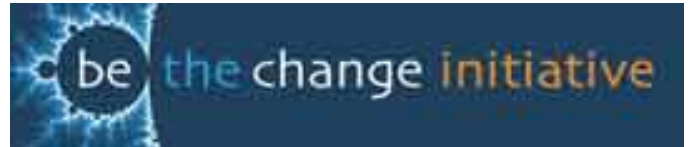
THE PRINCE'S MAY DAY SUMMIT 2009

On 1 May 2009 Business in the Community will again be convening the largest gathering of businesses committed to taking action on climate change, with events organised at a number of venues across the UK, including Birmingham and Bristol, where Jonathan Porritt will be one of the keynote speakers. To book, please follow this link:

www.bitc.org.uk/environment/the_princes_may_day_network_on_climate_change/the_princes_may_day_summit/attend_an_event/index.html

Vacancies

For vacancies listed on our website [click here](#)



BE THE CHANGE SYMPOSIUM COMES TO CHELTENHAM,

An international movement comes to Cheltenham for the first time on Saturday 30 May 2009. Local people have a great opportunity to assess recent developments, connect and participate with existing local initiatives and start to Be The Change by taking constructive personal actions.

The Symposium takes a fresh look at our most critical current concerns - environmental sustainability, social justice and spiritual fulfilment - and explores the connections between them. It offers a unique insight into the nature of our world, with leading-edge information, dynamic group interaction and inspiring video clips from some of the world's most respected thinkers and doers.

The event will be held on Saturday 30 May 2009 at Church House, Gratton Road, Cheltenham GL50 2ER, 10am-4pm. £20 (£15 concessions) incl. lunch. Info 01242 693552/ vanessaangelothomson@hotmail.com

STROUD COMMUNIVERSITY

This year's Stroud Communiversity – *Inspiring Self-Reliant Communities* – takes place on Friday 15th, Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May. We are now able to offer the full programme at the reduced concessionary rate of £190 to all participants. This fee includes all lunches and evening meals and covers the cost of each site visit. There are also a limited number of bursaries for those struggling to meet this cost. We encourage people to commit to the whole weekend for continuity within the Action Learning work and deeper group dynamics. However, we are able to offer a single day rate of £70 with the understanding that for some, a full weekend is not easily freed up. And last but not least, for those that can make the time, there is the unique opportunity to attend the launch of The Exchange on Thursday 14th May, free of charge to Communiversity participants.

For details contact 01453 766598 or email vitalsqueeze@googlemail.com

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