

Vision 21 Projects 2011 – 2012

Reclaim - Reclaim is our furniture re-use enterprise based at Lansdown Industrial Estate, Cheltenham. It helps to avoid landfill by enabling reusable furniture and other household goods to be sold on, very affordably to the local community. The scheme also has a workshop where carpentry and upholstery work takes place and a volunteer who fixes bicycles. Reclaim offers placements for vulnerable adults and the long term unemployed, allowing them to undertake voluntary work. This enables them to learn and improve their interpersonal and vocational skills.

Get Up and Grow More! – is a Big Lottery Local Food Grant funded project designed to train the unemployed and low income families how to plant/grow their own vegetables, therefore reducing both food bills and food miles, as well as providing a healthy and educational activity. We have three sites in Cirencester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury.

Cheltenham Climate Change Champions – We train volunteers to cascade environmental information concerning waste reduction and recycling throughout their local communities.

Repaint – Vision 21 is the Cheltenham agency for this nationally accredited scheme. Unused paint is collected and or donated and made available to people on low incomes/unemployed or to community groups

Free Energy Conservation Advice – We offer free energy advice to Cheltenham based community groups and small businesses.

Gloucestershire Green Guide – a free web based guide to buying goods and services from local suppliers. By maintaining this website (www.glosgreenguide.co.uk) we help to maintain and stimulate the local economy and preserve employment.

Big Green Bundle – The Big Green Bundle (www.biggreenbundle.org) is a free online resource pack designed to make people think about the things they do, the effects they have upon the environment and what they can do to minimise any negative or accentuate the positive actions.

Vision 21 Chairs the Cheltenham Low Carbon Partnership which comprises of voluntary services, Cheltenham Borough Council and Cheltenham based businesses. Its purpose is to share best practice concerning reducing CO₂ emissions and to encourage businesses outside the partnership to participate in greening their activities.