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**Vision 21 Gloucestershire's Local Agenda 21  
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*Inside—Find out about Vision 21's new Co-ordinator Andrew Jackson, World Environment Day, Youth Art Challenge, Jobs; Communications Officer, The Woodcraft Folk + much more!*

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## **Vision 21's New Co-ordinator Andrew Jackson**

I am proud to introduce myself as the new Vision 21 Co-ordinator, and would like to describe my background within the environmental field. In December 2003 I graduated from the University of Nottingham, successfully completing my Environmental Management M.Sc. with Merit.

I completed various leadership courses, one of which involved managing and co-ordinating an educational field trip for a class of 30 primary school children to a local nature reserve. In my gap year before commencing University, I participated in the Camp America Scheme and was made head counsellor during my second year of helping out with the scheme.

I have also participated in the School of Environment (University of Gloucestershire) Development Aid Project in Central Uganda. As part of a team, I planned and executed fund raising activities, took an ICT training course in the UK, and then travelled to Uganda where I set up a computer network, and trained local staff and students in a teacher education College. During this project, I assisted the Ugandan local government with their study of how nearby industry effected the water quality of Lake Victoria, Uganda, using specialist equipment.

During my M.Sc. my study of biodiversity was applied to a practical situation, working as a conservation officer for the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (B.T.C.V). The work involved using biological knowledge in order to recover and establish an area of wildlife, which had been affected by a local industrial site.

Towards the end of my studies I was selected by an international environmental consultancy to take part in a major 9-month project. This involved assisting a multinational engineering company implement an Environmental Management System that met the requirements of the international standard, ISO 14001. The objective of the project was for the company to submit an application for a permit under the Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) Directive. This project not only gave me valuable project management skills but also formed part of my M.Sc. dissertation.

### **Can Gloucestershire Save the World?**

Cheltenham Science Festival Thu 10 Jun 5:00pm - 6:00pm

**Town Hall The Arena**

**FREE**

In association with Cheltenham Centre for Change and Vision 21.

After the first Earth Summit, local councils signed up to Think Global, Act

Local. But what does sustainable development really mean?

How can we tackle big issues like climate change at a local level?

Join Alex Steele of Gloucestershire University, Ben Tuxworth of Forum for the Future & Catrin Maby of the Severn Wye Energy Agency

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### **World Environment Day 5th June**

The 30th World Environment Day will be celebrated on Saturday 5th June 2004. It is the year's most important occasion for focusing worldwide attention on the environment. World Environment Day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972 to mark the opening of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment. Since then, it has been held every year, always on the same date, and with an ever growing list of participating countries.

As we lead up to World Environment Day on 5 June, the EA want people to help the environment by making small changes to their daily lives. The Environment Agency suggest 10 things that you can do to help save the environment. By pledging to carry out just one of them, you will do your bit to lessen global warming, save water or reduce the growing problem of rubbish. They are getting everyone to make pledges, register them online at [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/wed/campaign/?lang=\\_e](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/wed/campaign/?lang=_e) and then carry them out over a whole year. The EA will then add up the big difference our combined pledges will make. Go on have a go!

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### **The Environmental Education Forum**

Future Dates & Themes

**May 4th '04 Energy**

Oct 13 '04 Transport

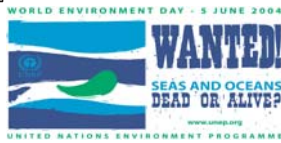
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**For more information** Contact the

Wilderness Centre on 01594 542551

or Vision 21 01242 224321

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## World Environment Day 2004 Cheltenham Youth Art Challenge

Local sustainable development charity, Cheltenham Centre for Change in

association with the **Environment Agency** are organising a **youth art challenge** for Cheltenham schoolchildren in two age ranges; 8 to 11, and 12 to 16 to make a

sculpture or collage from found, reclaimed or recycled materials representing either:

- the environmental impact of human activity on the seas and ocean or
- celebrating the value and bio-diversity of the seas and oceans.

The issues involved are directly linked to the national curriculum and can be directly incorporated into Keystages 1, 2 and 3.

**World Environment Day**, commemorated each year on 5 June is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action.

The World Environment Day theme selected for 2004 is ***Wanted! Seas and Oceans – Dead or Alive?*** The theme asks that we make a choice as to how we want to treat the Earth's seas and oceans. It also calls on each and every one of us to act. Do we want to keep seas and oceans healthy and alive or polluted and dead?

**Prizes** The overall winner will be awarded a days workshop for their school or youth group with a local artist to create a large scale version of the winning entry. Prizes, awarded in both age and category sections, will include a school or youth group visit and workshops at Nature in Art in Twigworth. Ottakars bookshop, 33-41, Promenade, Cheltenham are sponsoring runners-up prizes.

Any school, club or individual interested in getting involved should contact Cheltenham Centre for Change for the **Youth Arts Challenge Information Pack at** Cheltenham Centre for Change, 30 St George's Place Cheltenham. GL50 3JZ, tel: 01242 570111 or e-mail [ccc@honeyend.com](mailto:ccc@honeyend.com)

**The deadline** for the competition entries is **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June** and anyone interested is advised to get in touch as soon as possible to register their interest.

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### ***Volunteer in the Spotlight***

**Saulo Menezes** has just completed his Masters degree in Multimedia at the University of Gloucestershire and Vision 21's homepage is his first attempt to launch his name in the market. He got involved with the organisation thanks to the help of a friend who believed that his voluntary work for Vision 21 would benefit both him and the Gloucestershire community. His background in journalism and his previous work in a trade union in Brazil taught him that it is important to be engaged in social causes and be participative in society.

Sustainable development for him is a crucial issue not only in the UK but also in various countries, including his country of origin whose natural environment - according to him - has been attacked daily by greedy entrepreneurs since the first days of colonisation in the Americas. He hopes that the Gloucestershire of the future will be as green as the one he encountered when arriving in the United Kingdom, which for him is one of the greenest places he's ever been. He regularly rambles around the Cotswolds, habit that he hopes he will maintain during all his lifetime.

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**On Tour with the Social Enterprise**

Community Owned Property & Development Trusts

Monday 10th May 900—1300

- How assets can add value
- Community Owned Assets
- Acquiring assets

Meeting @ City Works, Alfred Street, Gloucester

Bookings & enquiries to: Gail Leaman Social

Enterprise Alliance (SEA) c/o City Works, Alfred Street Gloucester GL1 4DF

Tel:01452 543030

[Sea@co-operativefutures.coop](http://Sea@co-operativefutures.coop)

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Travel plan conference for

Cheltenham first week in June.

Contact Richard Gillingham (Glos. CC) about details. Richard Gillingham  
richard.gillingham@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Business Travel Plan Officer

Company: Glos. County

Council

Phone: 01452 427198

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**Vision 21 are looking for a  
Communications Officer**

**For 30 hours per week**

**You will need** to have the following skills: knowledge of Sustainable Development & Agenda 21. Excellent organisational skills; a media background, experience of working with Volunteers, fundraising, computer skills including email, internet & publisher is desirable as is an eye for detail and the ability to work under pressure.

A full job description and an application form can be requested from the office. **Closing date for**

**applications is Friday 14th May**

**Tel: 01242 224321 or email [v21stroud@oneltel.net.uk](mailto:v21stroud@oneltel.net.uk)**

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## Reclaim

### What is Reclaim?

Reclaim is a Cheltenham project redistributing donated furniture and household items to those who need it. We all have things we no longer need which may be of use to someone else.

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### Would You Like To Donate?

Rather than throw away your unwanted furniture and household goods, why not donate them to us so that we can redistribute them to someone in need? Donations must be in good condition and meet the necessary fire regulations we can reuse beds, suite, tables and chairs, etc as well as electrical appliances.

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### Are You In Need Of Some Good Quality Furniture?

If you are looking for good quality second-hand furniture and household items, but don't have the money to afford them, then we may be able to help. We supply beds, suites, tables, and chairs etc as well as electrical appliances, where available, at a nominal cost to cover our expenses. While all requests for items will be considered, priority will be given to those dependant on state benefits or a low income.

**For further information about obtaining or donating furniture ring us on 01242 228823**

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## The Woodcraft Folk?

**What's that?** We're an educational movement for children and young people, designed to develop self-confidence and activity in society, with the aim of building a world based on equality, peace, social justice and co-operation. We operate in England, Scotland and Wales.

**So what do you actually do?** Woodcraft Folk groups meet weekly, enjoying a varied programme including games, drama, craftwork, singing and dancing, as well as following an educational programme based on our aims and principles. Hiking, hostelling and camping are also undertaken at weekends or during summer holidays

### What makes the Woodcraft Folk special?

It's co-operative. We encourage children and young people to work together to share their skills and enthusiasm.

It believes in equal opportunities and access for all its members. This means being able to discuss and challenge discrimination.

It is open to people of any religion or none.

It aims to empower young people to make decisions themselves and to take an active part in the world about them

It is dedicated to the building of a more peaceful future.

It promotes an understanding of the need to protect our environment and the use of the world's resources. It has exchanges with similar organisations throughout the world. Our international links help to further our motto: Span the World with Friendship.

**What does the name mean?** No, we don't spend all our time doing woodwork. The name 'woodcraft' was used by the influential writer and naturalist Ernest Thompson Seton at the turn of the twentieth century. Woodcraft in this context meant the skill of living in the open air, close to nature.

**Woodcraft Folk locally** Groups run in Stroud, Gloucester and Cheltenham on weeknights. We do a variety of activities from outings to cooking, craft to games (co-operative of course – and don't run away with the idea they are less fun without being competitive. I can assure you they are not!). Anything the leaders are able to organise.

**How can I help?** There is a big demand for places in the groups; we are limited by the numbers of volunteer adults willing to give up time and energy to run events and activities. If this article has interested you and you feel you could offer something to the organisation, we are able to provide training (of a very high standard), we are police checked and guided by child protection policies, groups are part of the national organisation, which is a registered charity and we are able to offer a wealth of comradeship for adults members.

**For Cheltenham:** Duncan Siret 01242 263017

**For Gloucester:** Lou Spira 01452 307384

**For Stroud:** Helen White 01453 753687

**Check out the web page:** [www.woodcraft.org.uk](http://www.woodcraft.org.uk) <http://www.southwestwoodcraft.org.uk/>

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Alison Brown - 01285 623426  
[www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk)  
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Meyrick Brentnall -01452 522232  
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**Tewkesbury** Borough Council

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### Energy

#### **Energy 21**

Tel: Energy 21 Trust  
01249 783415  
- info@energy21.org.uk  
- www.energy21.org.uk

#### **Severn Wye Energy Agency**

Tel: 01594 545 360  
Fax: 01594 545 361  
Website: [www.swea.co.uk](http://www.swea.co.uk)

### Waste

#### **Get It Sorted: Natasha Poole**

Tel: 0800 783 0202

[www.getitsorted.org](http://www.getitsorted.org)

#### **Cheltenham Borough Council**

Tel: 01242 774699

#### **Cotswold District Council**

Amelia Craighill: 01285 - 623618  
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#### **Gloucester City Council**

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Gloucestershire CC

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#### **Forest of Dean**

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#### **Stroud District Council**

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#### **Tewkesbury Borough Council**

Jessica Howell, 01684 - 272185

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#### **Glos CC - Recycling**

Sue Kinsey – 01452 426525

#### **Cheltenham Reclaim Furniture Recycling: Darren Brown**

01242 228823

### Green Gardening

Glos Wildlife Trust

**Composting** 01452 383333 Rosie Woolley & Margaret Westmore

Gloucestershire Organic

Gardening Group: Stella Ellis Tel: 01242 230442 – [www.gogg.org.uk](http://www.gogg.org.uk)

Gloucestershire Orchard Group (GOG): [www.orchard-group.uklinux.net/glos](http://www.orchard-group.uklinux.net/glos)

Good Gardeners Association Mathew Adams - 01453 520322

**Stroud C Agriculture**  
Nick Weir – 01453 840037  
[Nick.weir@freeuk.com](mailto:Nick.weir@freeuk.com)

**Transport**

**Thumbs Up!** – 01453 753252 [thumbs-up@supanet.com](mailto:thumbs-up@supanet.com)  
Stroud Car Club Tel 0845 456 1905 or e-mail [stroud@smartmoves.co.uk](mailto:stroud@smartmoves.co.uk)

**Gloucestershire Integrated Transport Unit**

Tel: 01452 425334  
Fax: 01452 425370  
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**Gloucestershire Minibus**

**Scheme Minibus Sharing**

Development Officer

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**Local Economy**

Credit Unions:

**Glevum** - 01452 541295

**FoDean** - 01594 812616

**Stroud Valleys** - 01453 755190

**Cheltenham** - 01242 584853

**Tewkesbury** - 01684 295010

**Food**

**Gloucestershire Farmers**

**Markets:** [info@foodlinks.info](mailto:info@foodlinks.info) - Tel: 01453 758060

**Look out for more useful  
contacts in issue 32**

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