

Top websites

There's just so much useful stuff out there, but this is some of the best.

The Big Response Project

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/thebigresponse>

The Big Response Project was delivered in 2009 by NCVO, Global Action Plan and Green Alliance. Over several months, each of the participating organisations received one-to-one support to help them:

- understand the likely impact of climate change on their beneficiaries and their work
- explore strategic options and make decisions about how to respond
- engage key stakeholders in these decisions
- act sustainably by undertaking an environmental audit of their operations.

The case studies are very useful:

- British Red Cross
- Equinox Care
- Friends of the Elderly
- Royal National Institute of Blind People

So are the top tips at:

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/advice-support/climate-change/top-tips>

SustainE's Brighter Futures Together Toolkit.

<http://www.brighterfuturestogether.co.uk/toolkit.php>

The Brighter Futures Together toolkit is extremely useful covering all sorts of issues, like health, youth, climate change, green space and safety. It gives advice about how to improve your local community and there are lots of worksheets, which feature step-by-step advice, and explain where to go to get further help. Fact sheets include:

- Learn how to tackle future climate change
- Write an environment policy
- Save energy in your community
- Learn about the ecological footprint of your community
- Learn about renewable energy
- Carry out a waste audit
- Use water wisely

JustAct

<http://www.justact.org.uk/>

Website that supports Third Sector organisations to help each other create, implement and review their action plan on climate change. Includes step-by-step guides and resources.

The Shared Energy Toolkit

<http://www.bassac.org.uk/node/881>

The Shared Energy Toolkit helps community organisations to raise awareness of climate change and plan for different possible future scenarios. You can use the toolkit to raise awareness with staff, volunteers and service users and to influence other organisations and policy makers. The toolkit includes easy to use exercises and original ideas for imagining different futures and planning for these. It also explores the links between climate change and the mission and vision of multi-purpose community organisations.



This toolkit has been developed as part of the **Creating A Climate For Change Programme** by Friends of St Nicholas Fields and Creating Space For You.

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Centre for Alternative Technology

<http://www.cat.org.uk/>

Lots of useful information sheets here on renewables, feed in tariffs, energy conservation and lots more. Including solar calculator tool:

<http://info.cat.org.uk/solarcalculator>

This tool can be used to get a rough estimate for the amount of energy you could produce from a photovoltaic roof in your location, and the amount of income and savings this roof could generate.

The Energy Saving Trust

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/>

The Energy Saving Trust is a non-profit organisation that provides free and impartial advice on how to stop wasting energy.

Green Communities

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/cafe>

Green Communities is a programme from the Energy Saving Trust that aims to support, facilitate and promote community based energy projects. Advice on project planning and funding, technical support and a website packed with resource.

National Energy Action

<http://www.nea.org.uk>

Including two extremely useful documents:

- Funding for improvements to community buildings
- Energy Efficiency in Community Buildings

<http://www.nea.org.uk/community-buildings/>

Friends of the Earth Scotland

www.green-office.org.uk

Friends of the Earth Scotland's Greening Your Office Online Audit. The audit includes basic information on identifying environmental impacts and finding solutions.

Local Resources

Sustainability 4 Yorkshire

<http://www.sustainability4yorkshire.org.uk/>

Sustainability 4 Yorkshire manage the local Energy Saving Trust advice centre and deliver environmental projects across North Yorkshire and the Humber, including the Green Business Club, which provides information, advice and signposting to help businesses develop environmentally sound management practices and realise the business benefits of resource efficiency:

<http://www.sustainability4yorkshire.org.uk/index.php?id=46>

Yorkshire and Humber Regional Environment Forum

<http://www.yhref.org.uk/>

Yorkshire and Humber Regional Environment Forum is keen to promote good practice and innovation in the region as well as to provide a home for discussion and debate. On the site you will find news and events, as well as details of projects, areas of research, current consultations, analysis, comment and guidance. You can also sign up for their monthly newsletter.

North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations

<http://www.nyfvo.org.uk>

North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations (NYFVO) is the sub-regional infrastructure organisation for York and North Yorkshire. The Forum exists to promote, develop and support new

and existing forms of voluntary and community action; and to ensure that their views and interests are well represented. Including the Funding Advice Network.

Electroville

<http://www.electroville.org.uk/>

Electroville is a social enterprise providing ICT support and services to voluntary sector organisations across Yorkshire and Humber. Details on the environmentally friendly PCs provided by Electroville can be found here <http://www.electroville.org.uk/content/environmentally-friendly-pcs>

Other Useful Websites

Act On CO2

An excellent tool for measuring your individual / home's carbon footprint can be found at Act on CO2. <http://carboncalculator.direct.gov.uk/index.html>

You can then see your carbon footprint and work out where you can make changes to reduce your carbon emissions and save some money.

Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE)

<http://www.cse.org.uk/>

The Centre for Sustainable Energy helps people and organisations from the public, private and voluntary sectors meet the twin challenges of rising energy costs and climate change. Interesting reports and toolkits.

Green Achiever Scheme

<http://www.greenachiever.co.uk/>

The Scheme has been set up to enable companies to demonstrate their credentials to suppliers, customers and any other parties interested in green business. Includes a Green Business Directory.

Carbon Trust

<http://www.carbontrust.co.uk>

The Carbon Trust provide specialist support to business and the public sector to help cut carbon emissions, save energy and commercialise low carbon technologies. A range of services to help you cut costs and save carbon including Carbon Surveys, 0% business loans for new equipment as well as advice and online tools.

NetRegs

<http://www.netregs.gov.uk/>

- Free environmental guidance for businesses
- Guidance on what you need to do to comply with environmental law and protect the environment
- Ways to save money by using your resources more efficiently

Envirowise

<http://envirowise.wrap.org.uk>

A 'One Stop Shop for Resource Efficiency', Envirowise offers free, independent support to your organisation helping you to become more resource efficient and save money. Also offer advice on managing unavoidable waste and working with your suppliers to maximise gains from beginning to end.

Best Foot Forward

www.bestfootforward.com

Established in 1997, Best Foot Forward has successfully completed well over 1000 footprint analyses helping more than 100 organisations to measure, manage, communicate and reduce their environmental impact. Includes free version of their carbon footprinter to help you develop a carbon model and a carbon risk assessment for your organization.

Climate Change Basics

National Science Museum

<http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/ClimateChanging/ClimateScienceInfoZone.aspx>

The Climate Science Info Zone has lots of nice little videos about climate change.

New Scientist

<http://www.newscientist.com/topic/climate-change>

Good beginner's guide to climate change and lots of related articles.

Royal Geographical Society ~ Your Climate Your Life

www.yourclimateyourlife.org.uk

Your climate, your life – teaching and learning resource on climate change.

Videos

For a bit of lighter entertainment, check out these!

Canvas Bags by Tim Minchin

(stick with it till one minute 12 seconds in, when it really takes off...!)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EVh15aUt8-c>

The Majestic Plastic Bag - A Mockumentary

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLgh9h2ePYw>

Get Loopy!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGERjaaY40g>

Blue Man Group video featured on "Earth To America!"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QM-mfEMssy8>

Marvellous Compost Bin

(not exactly the definitive guide to what you can compost...)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aBzriA2UANg>

And lots more at Do The Green Thing:

<http://www.dothegreenthing.com/content>