



Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the SEEd e-newsletter! We will be aiming to keep in touch once every 2 weeks with news on SEEd developments, sustainable development and ESD, jobs, funding and notifications of any useful upcoming events, courses or consultations. Please let us know what you think...

If you would like to send us an article to include for the next newsletter please email news@se-ed.org.uk.

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SEEd News

We are pleased to announce the publication of the report on Teachers' Needs produced by our researcher Gillian Symonds: 'Practice, Barriers and Enablers in ESD and EE: A Review of the Research'. The full report is now available for download on our website: www.se-ed.org.uk/news/practice-barriers-enablers.html

The SEEd workshop exploring the role of schools in pupils' well-being was held on the 10th September 2008. The stakeholders present represented teachers, head-teachers, local authority staff, representatives from NGOs and researchers and academics. A summary of the workshop discussions, as well as presentations, are available on the SEEd website. <http://www.se-ed.org.uk/events/seed-workshop-september.html>

SD and ESD News

1. 'Teach Your Granny to Text & Other World-changing Ideas' - free book for schools

We Are What We Do is a social-enterprise charity which aims to get people to change the world through their everyday actions. DCSF has been working with We Are What We Do to produce a book for young people to raise awareness and inspire action on sustainable development.

The book has been produced using children's entries from last year's 'Small Actions x Lots of People = Big Change' competition. Much work has been done with schools to ensure that the book works as a practical resource for use in the classroom.

The book 'Teach Your Granny to Text and Other World-changing Ideas' will be launched on 2nd October 2008 and a free copy will be sent to every maintained school in England.

2. Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy 2009 – now open for applications

The Ashden Awards celebrate and reward champions who are finding solutions to climate change and bringing real social and economic benefits to their local communities.

Schools that have been practising sustainable energy for more than a year and integrating it in their culture can apply for the Schools Award. They must be able to demonstrate they've made actual energy savings, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and possibly generated renewable energy.

The competition awards prize money of up to £15,000 per project. Deadline for UK schools applications: 2nd December 2008.

For more information go to: www.ashdenawards.org



3. Investment in our schools - Unlocking innovation; leading change – British Council for School Environments at the Labour Party Conference

The Government’s Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme is a multi-billion pound commitment to re-build or refurbish every secondary school in England over the next 15 years; a similar commitment to the primary school sector has also been made. The City Academy programme also envisages now over 400 new schools.

Ty Goddard, Director of the British Council for School Environments, spoke today at the Labour Party Conference on the ongoing development of this programme. For more information, please visit the British Council for School Environments website:

<http://www.bcse.uk.net/menu.asp?id=350>

Consultations

School's role in promoting pupil well being

The Department for Children, Schools and Families has published a consultation for draft guidance on 'School's role in promoting pupil well being', an area which school governing bodies have a duty to promote.

The consultation runs from until the 25th September. For more information visit:

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations/conDetails.cfm?consultationId=1564>

Events and Courses

1. London Sustainable Schools Forum October event: 'Towards a Whole School Approach'

Description: Details are now confirmed for the next London Sustainable Schools Forum event, the first of this academic year: London Sustainable Schools Forum – 'Towards a Whole School Approach'

Date: Monday, 13th October, 10am – 4pm

Venue: The Resource Centre, Islington

Further Information: For further info visit:

http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/sustainableschools/news/event_detail.cfm?id=213

Or email sustainableschools@gol.qsi.gov.uk. Please book early to confirm a place.

2. Outdoor education research and theory: critical reflections, new directions. The Fourth International Outdoor Education Research Conference

Description: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/oent/research_conf_2009.htm

Date: April 15-18, 2009

Venue: La Trobe University, Beechworth, Victoria, Australia

Further Information: For more information please contact Kathleen Pleasants: k.pleasants@latrobe.edu.au



3. National Learning Forum - Can We Learn Our Way to Happiness?

Description: The Campaign for Learning is hosting a National Learning Forum to debate the need for wellbeing policy in education and its impact on children, families and adults. Intimate and interactive discussions held in the afternoon will aim to stimulate debate and allow every delegate the chance to exchange information and opinions. The discussions will be led by experts in their fields, including representatives from Family Links, Campaign for Learning and the New Economics Foundation with several more.

Date: 2nd October 2008

Venue: London

Further Information: For more information or to book a place visit:

http://www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk/cfl/events/Can_We_Learn_Our_Way_to_Happiness_2October2008.asp

Alternatively contact Karla McLaren on 020 7766 0010 or kmclaren@cfllearning.org.uk.

This conference is one of the many events taking place as part of the month long Family Learning Festival in October. For more information about Family Learning in your area visit www.familylearningweek.com.

4. BCSE Participation Master Class

Description: The expectation of a coherent stakeholder engagement strategy has never been higher or more important in school design. This fun and participative day based on the School Works approach is designed to showcase good practice in planning stakeholder engagements and provide practical advice on how to deliver your own engagement activities.

"Stakeholder participation in school design makes perfect sense and School Works have mastered the art. I wholeheartedly recommend them to anyone embarking on a new school build project or programme – they add real value to the process."

Mark Dolling, Assistant Director, Planning & Development, Milton Keynes Council

Date: Monday 20th October 2008

9.45 am - 4.30pm. This event is fully catered.

Venue: BCSE, 2nd Floor Downstream Building, 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9BG

Further Information: **Bookings and Enquiries:** Please email georgina@bcse.uk.net or call 020 7785 6291. Note that numbers are limited to 20 places only.

Please click on the link to our website below for prices and more information.

<http://www.bcse.uk.net/menu.asp?id=348>



5. The Bishops Wood programme of courses:

Description: The Bishops Wood programme in Worcestershire runs a series of short courses throughout the year all with an emphasis on creative ways of engaging learners in environmental learning. All of the courses provide the skills and tools for helping professionals involved with education for positive environmental change, and give participants a chance to make meaning of the experiences and apply them to their own settings.

Upcoming course: Introductory Earth Education Workshop

Date: 12th November 2008

Venue: -

Further Information: For more information visit: <http://worcestershire.whub.org.uk/home/wcc-edu-bishops-wood.htm>

For a full list of courses please email: Bishopswoodcourses@worcestershire.gov.uk
Or telephone 01299 25051

Jobs

1. Role available at Practical Action: Education Officer – Science

Description: Practical Action are looking for an enthusiastic and innovative educationalist to lead the new Science Education programme in UK secondary schools. The successful applicant will be responsible for developing and implementing the programme, which will complement our well regarded D&T work.

With an academic background in a Science discipline, and professional experience in secondary education, you will have good understanding of relevant national and international education initiatives, including Education for Sustainable Development and Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

You will need to have experience in producing classroom resources and running professional development sessions with teachers. You will be a good communicator, and have the skills to secure external funding. You will have some knowledge of international development and want to make a positive contribution to educational engagement with global issues.

Salary: c£29,000pa

Closing Date: Friday, 3rd October 2008

Further Information: For further details and an application form, see our jobs page on www.practicalaction.org or contact: The HR Unit, Practical Action, Tel: 01926 634503. Email: recruitment@practicalaction.org.uk

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