

Scottish Sustainable Development Forum



E-Bulletin

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News

- ❖ **SSDF Moves Forward on Establishing Charitable Company**
The first Trustees for the new SSDF independent company have been agreed by the Steering Group and papers applying for charitable status are being lodged in early June. [Read more here.](#)
- ❖ **New Report on its Climate Change Programme**
The Scottish Government has released its [Second annual report on Scotland's Climate Change Programme](#) "to provide a factual report on policies and programmes across government which contribute to carbon savings or adaptation measures."
- ❖ **Government Scraps Carbon Card Scheme**
Defra abandons plans for a pilot to test this carbon rationing scheme as it "could lead to...public distrust and ridicule". [Click here.](#)
- ❖ **Britain's Waste £10bn Worth of Food Per Year**
[WRAP](#) has compiled figures for food waste based on interviews with 2,175 households in England and Wales. [Click here.](#) [Report.](#)
- ❖ **Revolt Against Plans for 200,00 Eco-homes**
Several shortlisted towns are strongly opposed to plans, mostly due to lack of consultation. [Read more here.](#)
- ❖ **Prince Charles's Ecotown Gets the Green Light**
Sherford, a new ecotown partly designed by the Prince's architectural foundation has been given final approval. [Read more here.](#)
- ❖ **Crown Estate Buys the World's Largest Offshore Turbine**
This investment will allow the Crown to gain firsthand knowledge of the challenges facing offshore wind turbines. [Click here.](#)
- ❖ **The Green Movement Forgets its Politics**
Campaigners on climate change need to be more political. [Read more here.](#) Is David Cameron losing his "green"? [Click here.](#)
- ❖ **Tesco Launches Carbon Labels**
Twenty products will be given the Carbon Trust's *Carbon Reduction Label*. [Click here.](#)
- ❖ **Confusion Over "Pay-As-You-Throw"**
Gordon Brown says there will be no "bin tax", but Defra says the schemes will go ahead. [Read more here.](#)
- ❖ **Environmentalists Divided About Carbon Capture Storage (CCS)**
Greenpeace denounces proposed projects for burying GHG, entitling the new technology as "False Hope". [Read more here.](#) Meanwhile, the EU could make CCS mandatory for new coal fired power stations. [Click here.](#)
- ❖ **Future of Crofting**
Government has released a report outlining its vision for crofting in 21st century Scotland. [Read more here.](#)
- ❖ **UN Advisor Says Cut Back on Biofuels**
The US and Europe should cut back on production of biofuels as they are hurting food supply at a time of rising prices. [More here.](#)
- ❖ **Government Set to Miss More Than Half the Targets it Has Set for Environmental Issues**
A [study](#) by Policy Exchange says, "It is vital that ministers stick to the targets in the climate change bill to prevent climate chaos."
- ❖ **Condoms and Climate Change**
The Director of the CIA says he thinks the most troublesome trend over the next several decades will be overpopulation. [Story.](#)
- ❖ **Britain is Not going Green**
The Office for National Statistics released data that shows that we are driving and flying more. [Click here.](#)
- ❖ **Most Schools "Not Turning Green"**
Schools are only teaching children about green issues in a piecemeal way. [Read more here.](#)
- ❖ **Food and Drink Federation (FDF) Members Make Commitment to Lower Impacts**
The FDF announced members' commitment to a five-point plan to reduce their impact in a variety of areas. [Click here.](#)

Events

- ❖ 16 - 18 June: [Low and Zero Carbon Housing Retrofitting and New Building Design.](#) Findhorn Ecovillage, Forres.
- ❖ 18 June: [Sustainable Buildings - Making Them Happen.](#) Aberdeen.
- ❖ 18 June: [Delivering Sustainable Construction.](#) Free Online Seminar.
- ❖ 19 June: [Marketing Your Green Credentials.](#) Edinburgh.
- ❖ 19 June: [Developing Sustainable Construction Strategies.](#) Dundee.
- ❖ 19-22 June: [Royal Highland Show.](#) Ingliston.
- ❖ 1 - 2 July: [Sustainability Now.](#) Free Online Event.
- ❖ 11 September: [Sustainable Scotland: choosing our future.](#) Dynamic Earth.

Current Consultations - All Consultations can be found on the [Scottish Government's website](#).

- ❖ Safeguarding Rural Schools/Improving School Consultation Procedures: Proposals for Changes to Legislation. 01/05 to 09/09/2008
- ❖ The Scottish Historic Environment Policy on Historic Battlefields. 30/04/2008 to 25/07/2008
- ❖ Introduction of Banding to the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) - Preliminary Consultation. 11/04/2008 to 04/07/2008
- ❖ Forest Enterprise Scotland Framework Strategic Plan and Forest District Strategic Plans. 17/03/2008 to 09/06/2008
- ❖ Mining Waste Directive. 04/04/2008 to 30/06/2008

Case Study

Higher & Further Education Demonstrates Sustainable Leadership

Government targets, increasingly volatile energy costs and societal expectations are all contributing to an escalating necessity for individuals and organisations to reduce environmental impacts. Universities and Colleges have an opportunity to show real leadership by addressing how they manage and develop their estates and Spring 2008 has seen the launch of important guidance documents aimed at supporting this leadership.

The HPB Guides

These two guides, supported by both [SUST.: The Lighthouse on Sustainability](#) and [Higher Education Environmental Performance Improvement \(HEEPI\)](#) were launched on 10 March 2008. These freely downloadable guides show how to effectively address sustainability and provide support regarding design, construction, demolition and refurbishment of existing HE and FE sector buildings and the development of new buildings in a way that also improves the experience of the occupants of these facilities.



1. [High Performance Buildings: The Business Case for Universities and Colleges](#)

Focuses on the strong financial case for improved sustainability in university and college buildings as compared to the current more conventional approach. The guide also makes a strong case with regards to areas of risk, performance and reputation.



2. [High Performance Buildings: The Process of Delivery for Universities and Colleges](#)

Focuses on the business and environmental benefits that high performance buildings can deliver in practice. The guide maps out what clients need to do to ensure that sustainability issues are fully considered and acted upon at all stages of the building process.

Scottish Funding Council

The [Scottish Funding Council](#) launched [Sustainable Development Guidance for Estate Management](#) on 6 May 2008. The guidance clearly illustrates from the first principles how to equip estates professionals and senior decision makers with a knowledge base that allows institutions to adopt a more holistic approach to estate management. It explains how institutions should use such guidance for practical, routine facilities management, as well as how to develop their own sustainability policies and to embed the principles of sustainability in their estate strategies.

Change of SSDF Secretariat

Members will notice a slight change after 31 May when the Secretariat function moves from Thirdwave to the Sustainable Development Commission. I am sure members will join me in thanking Thirdwave for their excellent service over the course of their two contracts.

The new arrangement will provide many opportunities, especially as the Forum formalises its new work programme which will aim to grow the Forum's range of activities and outcomes, as well as increasing its membership.

Greener Scotland

A Word of Thanks

Thirdwave would like to take the opportunity to thank the many members we have worked with from both the Steering Group and the Forum itself that for all their hard work, energy and determination. This work has seen the SSDF go from a shared aspiration to a firmly established Scotland wide network of almost 600 (and growing) dedicated individuals across all aspects of public and private activity. We particularly commend the Steering Group members over the past year and most specifically the efforts of Prof James Curran, Chair, who have remained unwavering in taking SSDF forward to independent charitable status.

We are supportive of the Forum and its role, ambitions and work for the future and we wish the Sustainable Development Commission all success as the new Secretariat.

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