

# GLOBAL DIRECTORY 2007/8

## BUSINESS

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**ETHICAL INVESTMENT RESEARCH SERVICE (EIRIS)** Research organisation dedicated to helping people invest according to their ethical principles. An independent provider of non-financial data on over 2600 companies. *Contact: 80-84 Bondway, London SW8 1SF. Tel: 020 7840 5700 Email: ethics@eiris.org Web: www.eiris.org*

**ETHICAL INVESTORS GROUP** provides specialist independent financial advice to anyone concerned for the world and its inhabitants. EIG distributes 50% of its profits to charities and campaigning groups. *Contact: Chris Deacon, EIG South West Office, 11a Fredington Grove, Milehouse, Plymouth PL2 3EA. Tel: 01752 564434 Email: deaconeig@aol.com Web: www.ethicalinvestors.co.uk/chrisdeacon*

**ETHICAL PROPERTY COMPANY** provides office space for social change organisations at reasonable rents and with sympathetic management. *Contact: 2nd Floor, 9 Park End St, Oxford OX1 1HH. Tel: 01865 207810 Fax: 01865 201301 Email: info@ethicalproperty.co.uk Web: www.ethicalproperty.co.uk*

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**SHARED INTEREST** Cooperative lending society, lending to producers in the third world who are part of the Fairtrade network. *Contact: 2 Cathedral Square, The Groat Market, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1EH. Tel: 0191 233 9100 Fax: 0191 233 9110 Email: enquirer@shared-interest.com Web: www.shared-interest.com*

**TRIODOS BANK** Social bank lending exclusively to positive social and environmental enterprises in areas like social housing, organic food and farming, Fairtrade and microcredit for the developing world. *Contact: Brunel House, 11 The Promenade, Clifton, Bristol BS8 3NN. Tel: (freephone) 0500 008 720/0117 973 9339 Email: customerservices@triodos.co.uk Web: www.triodos.co.uk*

**UK SOCIAL INVESTMENT FORUM** aims to promote and encourage the development and positive impact of Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) throughout the UK. Membership is open to members of the public, investment

## Down to business

### Do a little and save a lot, says Veronica Parsons of Envolve

● Last year, Envolve's Business Team identified almost £700,000 worth of potential savings for 80 businesses. Little questions led to small steps, which added up to a big difference.

One member of a resource-saving club, a hotel in Bath, slashed energy bills with seemingly minor changes: "We spent £1,100 changing to low-energy lighting and saved that outlay in a month, reducing electricity costs by 50%. We aim to save 30% in gas costs through renewing the lagging of the pipework and hot-water tanks, fitting a new programming system for boilers with outside sensors, and fitting thermostatic valves to all radiators." They're now repeating the exercise at their other Bath hotels.

Another member, an electrical wholesaler, runs a fleet of 250 vehicles delivering products overnight to branches. By analysing their typical delivery pattern, they found they could operate with smaller vans. Specifying the most fuel-efficient diesel engines for them as well, they raised their average mileage from 20mpg to 46mpg.

A small B&B cut water consumption by switching to low-flush toilets that flush only when the handle is held down, and the owners of some farmhouse cottages, who run a swimming pool at a very warm 32°C to accommodate classes for swimming babies, can heat the entire pool and pool room with a small domestic gas combi-boiler. The pool building is very well insulated, and heat is pulled from the outgoing warm air in the dehumidifier



and returned to the incoming dry air.

A fashion shop found that uncomfortable summer heat was due to banks of halogen spotlights in an unventilated space. Replacement with low-energy spots and installation of a passive ventilation system in the skylight solved the problem while cutting bills. A Bath museum found that its electricity peaks happened in the summer, not in the winter - the energy guzzler was the display lighting, not the fan heaters! With the problem identified, solving it was straightforward.

Over 120 local businesses took practical action last year, with support from Envolve and its partner networks, to understand how they used valuable resources and how to make savings. For all of them, finding ways to reduce their consumption led to cuts in costs, and probably diminished their carbon footprint.

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## CLIMATE CHANGE

### Campaigns & Information

**AIRPORT WATCH/STOP BRISTOL AIRPORT EXPANSION** Campaign to oppose unnecessary, unsustainable and irresponsible airport expansion across the UK. It unites the national environmental organisations and the airport community groups opposed to the government's plans for airport expansion, including Bristol, as set out in the Aviation White Paper published in Dec 2003. *Contact: Airport Watch, Broken Wharf House, 2 Broken Wharf, London EC4V 3DT. Tel: 020 7248 2227 Email: info@airportwatch.org.uk Web: www.stopbia.com (Bristol), www.airportwatch.org.uk (national)*

**THE AKASHI PROJECT** is a positive project aiming to explore the increasingly crucial issue of climate change from a variety of cultural and faith perspectives. *Contact: Shilpa Shah, the Akashi Project coordinator, Unit 6, 23-25 Gwydir Street, Cambridge, CB12LG. Tel: 01223 460475, Email: shilpa@cambridgecarbonfootprint.org or visit www.akashi.org.uk*

**AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH** Al Gore's film on global climate change. Climate crisis website has clips, info and action: [www.climatecrisis.net](http://www.climatecrisis.net) Join the global warming virtual march at [www.stopglobalwarming.org](http://www.stopglobalwarming.org) - it's nearly at one million people! *Contact: Stop Global Warming, 15332 Antioch St, 168 Pacific Palisades, CA 90272, USA*

**BAN THE BULB** A campaign to save money and help the

environment by using energy efficient lightbulbs. *Web: www.banthebulb.org*

**BBC CLIMATE SITE** Is our climate already changing? How will our weather be affected over the coming century? Aims to give an insight into climate change issues and helps us to understand how it will affect us. *Web: www.bbc.co.uk/climate*

**BEST FOOT FORWARD** brings sustainability down to earth by helping organisations, regions and communities reduce their ecological and carbon footprints through the delivery of a wide range of analytical tools and consulting services. *Contact: Best Foot Forward, 9 Newtec Place, Magdalen Rd, Oxford OX4 1RE. Tel: 01865 250818 Fax: 01865 794586 Email: mail@bestfootforward.com Web: www.bestfootforward.com*

**BIG GREEN CHALLENGE** Competition for community initiatives, sponsored by NESTA (National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts). Your chance to put into practice your brilliant ideas for reducing CO2 emissions in your community - and be in with a chance of winning part of £1m in prize money. *Contact: clo UnLtd, 123 Whitecross St, Islington, London EC1Y 8JJ. Tel: 0845 850 1122 Email: south@biggreenchallenge.org.uk Web: www.biggreenchallenge.org.uk*

**BRISTOL CLIMATE CALENDAR** Excellent local blog on climate change campaigning and action. Submissions welcome: please email all details and events to: [veloration@yahoo.com](mailto:veloration@yahoo.com) *Web: www.onthelevel/blog.wordpress.com/summer-bristol-climate-action-calendar*

**CAMPAIGN AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE** exists to push for the urgent and radical action we need to prevent the irreversible destabilisation of global climate. *Contact: Top Floor, 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1 9DX. Tel: 020 783 3931/07792 923379 Email: info@campaigncc.org, Mark*