

generated - an independent website providing consumers with environmental information on the UK electricity supply industry, so that they can make an informed choice about their electricity supply. From 1 October 2005, UK electricity suppliers must provide customers with details of the mix of fuels used to produce the electricity they supply. *Web: www.electricityinfo.org*

**ENERGY SAVING TRUST (EST)** Energy-saving information for homeowners. Also run Energy Saving Week. *Contact: 21 Dartmouth St, London SW1H 9BP. Tel: 020 7222 0101 Web: www.energysavingtrust.org.uk*

**ENERGYWATCH** The independent gas and electricity consumer watchdog. It provides free, impartial information and advice to energy consumers who are experiencing difficulty in resolving complaints directly with their energy supply companies. *Helpline: 08459 060708 Web: www.energywatch.org.uk*

**ENERGY SAVING WORLD** One-stop shop for all your energy-saving products. Trading name for Lumin 8 and GE Products. Approved by Energy Saving Trust. *Contact: PO Box 314, RH15 0UY. Tel: 020 7432 7040 Fax: 020 7437 1843 Email: info@energysavingworld.com Web: www.energysavingworld.com*

**GOOD ENERGY** The only UK company supplying 100% renewable electricity to homes and businesses. Best rating in a 2007 National Consumer Council report on all green tariffs. *Contact: Freepost (RRAG-GRIB-ULXZ), Chippenham, Wilts SN15 1EE. Tel: 0845 456 1640 Fax: 01249 766091 Email: enquiries@good-energy.co.uk Web: www.good-energy.co.uk*

**GREEN ELECTRICITY MARKETPLACE** Which tariffs are the best? How do they work? Do they lead to more electricity being generated from renewable sources? And how much do they cost? This website gives you details of all of the 'green' tariffs on offer to UK domestic customers. *Contact: John Green, Green Electricity Marketplace, The Manor House, Chineham Court, Lutyns Close, Chineham, Hants RG24 8AG. Fax: 01256 392701 Email: enquiry@greenelectricity.org Web: www.greenelectricity.org*

**GREEN LIFESTYLE COACHING** Environmental Auditor Donnachadh McCarthy believes passionately that environmentalists should lead by example, and seeks as far as possible to live by the green principles that he promotes. *Mob: 07947 884299 Email: contact@3acorns.co.uk Web: www.3acorns.co.uk*

**IMAGINATION SOLAR** provides simple, affordable, effective solar systems for heating water and providing electricity. *Contact: 10-12 Picton St, Montpellier, Bristol BS6 5QA. Tel: 0845 458 3168 Email: enquiries@imaginationssolar.com Web: www.imaginationssolar.com*

**IMPERIAL CENTRE FOR ENERGY POLICY AND TECHNOLOGY (ICEPT)** provides an academic hub for the interdisciplinary study of energy and the environment, specialising in the interface between technology and policy. It addresses key policy challenges, including climate change, energy security and energy for development. *Contact: Centre for Environmental Policy, 313C Mechanical Engineering Building, Imperial College London, South Kensington Campus, London SW7 2AZ. Tel: 020 7594 9304 Email: r.walters@imperial.ac.uk Web: www.imperial.ac.uk/icept*

**IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN** Website of the Strawbridge family, from the TV programme of the same name. Their aim is: 'To live a 21st century lifestyle but to produce little or no waste and to remove our dependence upon fossil fuels. We did a lot of research and it took us a long time to find the facts we needed to make our decisions. This website is to help others heading off on the same journey.' Website also offer courses. Website includes a forum page. *Web: www.itstoteasybeinggreen.org*

**LIGHT BULBS DIRECT** All the energy-saver bulbs on this website are top-brand products subsidised under the UK's Energy Efficiency Commitment (EEC2) to promote energy saving in UK homes. *Contact: Grimsdells Court, Grimsdells Lane, Amersham, Bucks HP6 6HE. Email: info@lightbulbs-*

*direct.com Web: www.lightbulbs-direct.com*

**LITEBULBS.CO.UK** Internet retailers selling only energy-efficient lighting products. *Contact: PO Box 8674, Mulberry House, Oadby, Leicester LE21 4AZ. Tel: 0845 460 4321 Email: info@litebulbs.co.uk Web: www.litebulbs.co.uk*

**NATIONAL ENERGY FOUNDATION** Information on renewable energy for home and schools. Home to the National Home Energy Rating Scheme. *Contact: Davy Avenue, Knowlhill, Milton Keynes MK5 8NG. Tel: 01908 665555 Web: www.nef.org.uk*

**OFF GRID** Life unplugged for people, places or buildings without mains water or power. Off Grid aim to give you the tools and the relationships to make you more free. *Tel: 020 7729 2749/07971 543703 Email: nick@off-grid.net Web: www.off-grid.net*

**RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION** represents British renewable energy producers and promotes the use of sustainable energy in the UK. *Contact: 17 Waterloo Place, London SW1Y 4AR. Tel: 020 7747 1830 Email: info@r-e-a.net Web: www.r-e-a.net*

**SOLAR ENERGY ALLIANCE** Solar power and wind power specialists. Site gives updates on latest grants available. *Contact: 8 Battery Green Rd, Lowestoft, Suffolk: NR32 1DE. Tel: 01502 515532 Email: info@solarenergyalliance.com Web: www.solarenergyalliance.com*

**SOUTHERN SOLAR** Specialists in the design and installation of renewable energy technologies. Their energy solutions include solar water heating and electricity, wind turbines, heat pumps, rainwater harvesting and wood pellet boilers. Accredited on all UK grant schemes. *Contact: Monarch House, Smyth Rd, Bristol BS3 2BX. Tel: 0845 456 9474/0845 456 1706 (Bristol office) Email: info@southersolar.co.uk Web: www.southersolar.co.uk*

**SOUTH WEST RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY (REGENSW)** The renewable energy agency for the south west. Acts as a catalyst for the development of renewable energy in the region. *Contact: RegenSW, 7 Barnfield Crescent, Exeter, Devon EX1 1QT. Tel: 01392 494399 Email: admin@regensw.co.uk Web: www.regensw.co.uk*

**SUSTAIN ENERGY** A sustainability consultancy working with partners to find innovative solutions for a world in transition. *Contact: Sustain Ltd, 4 High St, Wrington, Bristol BS40 5QA. Tel: 01934 863650 Fax: 01934 863649 Email: info@sustain.co.uk Web: www.sustain.co.uk*

**WARM FRONT** The Warm Front Grant provides a package of insulation and heating improvements up to the value of £2,700 (or £4,000 if oil central heating is recommended) and is a government-funded initiative. The scheme is managed by eaga. *Tel: 0800 316 2805 Email: enquiry@eaga.com Web: www.warmfront.co.uk*

**THE YELLOW HOUSE** The occupants of the Yellow House wanted to reduce energy consumption by two-thirds. CD, videos about climate change, articles on eco-renovation and low-carbon lifestyles, useful links page. *Contact: Climate Outreach & Information Network, 16b Cherwell St, Oxford OX4 1BG. Email: george@coinet.org.uk Web: www.theyellowhouse.org.uk*

## Transport

**ALTERNATIVE VEHICLES TECHNOLOGY (AVT)** builds electric cars to order and converts many vehicles to electric drive. *Contact: Blue Lias House, Station Rd, Hatch Beauchamp, Somerset TA3 6SQ. Tel: 01823 480196 Email: sales@avt.co.uk Web: www.avt.co.uk*

**BATH CAR SHARE CLUB** User group for local people who are car club members. City Car Club now operates the car club. By not owning a car, members are less tempted to use one, thus helping the environment and saving them money. *Tel: 0845 258 2989 Email: richard@citycarclub.co.uk (local contact) Web: www.bathcarshare.co.uk, www.citycarclubs.co.uk*



## Help yourself

**Climate change demands action on a global scale - now. Oxfam invites us all to be part of the solution**

● Oxfam has launched a major campaign, Fight Climate Poverty, calling on world leaders to stop climate change in its tracks. Former United Nations secretary-general Kofi Annan brought about a remarkable consensus among world leaders to establish the Millennium Development Goals and for the world to meet these by 2015. But, as Annan's successor Ban Ki-moon, told about 80 heads of state and government in September 2007, it's now clear that climate change threatens the achievement of these goals, which are so vital to the elimination of world poverty.

Climate change is not just an environmental concern but one of morality, a humanitarian issue of global justice. Rich countries have caused global warming but it's the poor nations who will suffer first and most:

- 150,000 people die every year as a result of climate change (source: World Health Organisation)
- 100 million people will be flooded by the end of the century
- 30 million people may be hungry because of climate change by 2050.

Between 75 million and 250 million people in Africa may be exposed to an increase in water stress due to climate change by 2020. In some countries, yields from rain-fed agriculture could be reduced by up to 50% by 2020. Large numbers of people could become environmental refugees. The melting of Himalayan glaciers has serious implications for South Asia and parts of China, as increased flooding and rock avalanches from destabilised slopes affect water resources downstream due to decreased river flow as the glaciers recede. Climate change could also pose a threat to global security and stability.

This is a global problem that demands a global solution. Oxfam is calling for a new international climate agreement in which governments agree policies and targets to arrest global warming. Rich countries must reduce greenhouse gas emissions to keep global warming to less than 2°C. We must stop harming and start helping by giving poor nations the majority of the money and resources to help them adapt to the damaging effects of climate change.

Oxfam is calling on the UK Government to take action at home and to show leadership in international talks and action. It's not too late - we can contain climate change and prevent catastrophe, if we act together - now.

***Efi: To join the fight against climate poverty, call 0117 916 6473/4/5 or visit www.oxfam.org.uk/climate Oxfam is also taking action as a member of the growing 50-strong Stop Climate Chaos Coalition, supporting the I Count campaign. (www.icount.org.uk)***