

**Climate East Midlands update
for Derbyshire Climate Change Group
Chesterfield, 31st July 2014**

Managing Climate Risks to Well-being and the Economy

The latest progress report from the Adaptation Sub-Committee was published on 9th July, and the London launch event was broadcast live to 7 simultaneous satellite events around the country, including one in Nottingham.

The report is the latest in a series to explore what should be done in England to prepare for the consequences of climate change. Given the storms and flooding witnessed in winter 2013-14, the report begins with an update on adapting to flood risk. It goes on to focus on four key areas (considering heatwaves and other kinds of severe weather as well as flooding):

- Infrastructure
- Businesses
- Well-being and public health
- Emergency planning

The report can be accessed here:

<http://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/managing-climate-risks-to-well-being-and-the-economy-asc-progress-report-2014>

Building a Resilient Environment: Sector tools and resources, 18th September

This workshop is part of a national roll out of a new suite of resources that will support the crucial role Planning plays in delivering a resilient and well adapted built environment.

The event will be suitable for Planners, Building Control, Housing and Economic Development Officers and Developers looking to consolidate their knowledge of statutory drivers, planning policy, costs of adaptation, neighbourhood planning, building adaptations and green infrastructure.

Find out more here: <http://www.climate-em.org.uk/events/item/building-a-resilient-environment-18th-september>

Wet Wet Wet: Building local resilience in a changing flood risk context, 24th September

A half-day briefing event for Councillors organised by East Midlands Councils and Climate East Midlands.

Find out more here: <http://www.emcouncils.gov.uk/Events-Training-and-Development/Wet-Wet-Wet---Building-Local-Resilience-in-a-Changing-Flood-Risk-Context-/18831>

Climate Just web portal

A new web portal developed by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, the University of Manchester, the Environment Agency and Climate UK. (Climate East Midlands is part of Climate UK.) The web portal is not yet live, and is going through a process of user testing.

An East Midlands user engagement event will take place this autumn. Details will go on the Climate East Midlands website soon: www.climate-em.org.uk

Who is the Climate Just portal for?

- local authorities (including planners, climate change and sustainability officers, public health, housing and social care officers)
- organisations providing social care, health and housing services
- the voluntary and community sector
- others working with vulnerable communities

What does the Climate Just portal offer?

It will help you to:

- understand why socially just responses to climate change are important and relevant
- understand the range of people who may be vulnerable and disadvantaged with respect to different climate change impacts and policy responses
- examine local patterns of vulnerability to river and surface water flooding and heatwaves
- make a case for action considering key principles and guidance on relevant responsibilities
- develop ideas on possible strategies and actions to address the issues
- learn from others through case studies based on local responses
- find out about other relevant resources and materials that can be used to help support the development of socially just responses to climate change.

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