

**Climate East Midlands
Update for Derbyshire Climate Change Partnership
County Hall, Matlock
29th April 2014**

1. Events that have recently taken place (since December):

▪ **Peer Learning Day hosted by the EA, 10th January 2014**

The Environment Agency has a wide ranging role in both the adaptation and mitigation of climate change, which often has links with local government. The 10th January event explored some of these areas of mutual interest, including:

- reducing methane emissions from closed landfills
- the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme
- spatial planning
- Climate Ready (adaptation)

The event also included site visits to an innovative rain gardens project in Nottingham, and to a section of the River Trent left bank flood alleviation scheme.

Resources are available here (presentations and case studies): <http://www.climate-em.org.uk/resources/item/environment-agency-peer-learning-day-10-jan-2014/>

▪ **Business resilience workshop for Derby and Derbyshire, 30th January 2014**

Hosted by DNCC in Derby. Attended mainly by EA regulated sites. As part of the workshop, participants completed the Business Resilience Health Check, a free online tool which produces a bespoke action plan: <http://www.businessresiliencehealthcheck.co.uk/>

▪ **East Midlands Low Carbon Schools Conference, 7th March 2014**

Over 180 people attended. Held at the National College for Teaching and Leadership in Nottingham. Participants' experiences, successes, failures, insights and ideas were shared through a series of workshops and plenary sessions. Presentations and case studies are available here: <http://www.climate-em.org.uk/news/item/low-carbon-schools-event-creates-a-buzz/>

2. New case studies published by Climate East Midlands

- Business resilience: three case studies published to showcase good practice in the private sector. Available here: <http://www.climate-em.org.uk/resources/item/business-resilience-case-studies/>
- Decentralised energy: one new case study added to the existing series, focusing on Derby City Council's Derwent Hydroelectric Plant. Available here: <http://www.climate-em.org.uk/resources/item/decentralised-energy-case-studies/>
- Low carbon schools: 10 new case studies produced for the Low Carbon Schools Conference. Available here: <http://www.climate-em.org.uk/resources/item/low-carbon-school-case-studies/>

3. New health toolkit

The “Under the Weather” toolkit was launched in February 2014, by the Environment Agency’s Climate Ready service and the NHS Sustainable Development Unit. The aim of the toolkit is to assist Health & Wellbeing Boards in integrating climate change adaptation into the local health economy. It also highlights how Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies can be used to achieve this aim, for the benefit of communities. The toolkit is available here:

http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/documents/publications/Adaptation_Under_the_weather_24_02_14.pdf

4. CEM Work Programme 2014-15

Money from the Environment Agency’s Climate Ready service will fund:

- Another year of **business engagement**, i.e. the Business Resilience in a Changing Climate (BRiCC) project and the Land Management Business Resilience (LaMB) project. This will include more business resilience workshops and farm workshops, more case studies, and more internal training for EA staff.
- Continued **support to Local Authorities**, through the Climate East Midlands Local Government Sector Group, to share and promote good practice, and support to sub-regional partnerships where we are invited to attend their meetings. Organise further peer learning days. Organise further events of elected members. Follow up the Adaptation Indicators report and support LAs in how best to use the materials. Encourage and help LAs to implement the SWIMS tool in their authorities and with partners.
- More work to encourage action on **health and adaptation**, in particular through working with the East Midlands NHS Sustainable Development Network. The aim will be to encourage health bodies and Health and Wellbeing Boards to integrate climate change adaptation into their planning, projects and day-to-day work.

Climate Just is a project funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the Environment Agency. Climate UK has been commissioned by the JRF to manage the development of a web tool, which will utilise research from the University of Manchester. The overall aim of the web tool will be to provide an entry point for learning about climate justice and what constitutes a just response to the challenges of climate change in the UK. The Climate Just tool will be useful to engage service providers / managers in LAs to help them identify ways in which they can develop socially just responses to the changing climate, through adjusting their service plans accordingly. A stakeholder engagement event took place in the East Midlands last year.

Green Economy / Mitigation: There will be activity on this in 2014-15, but it hasn’t been developed yet.

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