

E Newsletter from Faiths4Change



Enabling faith based and local communities to engage in environmental and social action that sustainably transforms their neighbourhoods

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The CEO writes

Welcome to this early spring edition of Faiths4Change enews. As always our Team are busy with a range of projects including Train the Trainer Love Food Hate Waste workshops & the launch of our new Eco Parents Network both on Merseyside & the Wirral, in Rochdale the holy scriptures recycling project continues at pace with Rochdale Council of Mosques and in Burnley, Blackburn & Liverpool we are about to launch a major water saving campaign, partnered by United Utilities (web link pls use the one on our website).



Faiths4Change is working in partnership with the Diocesan Environmental Adviser, **Paul Beardwood** to promote **Tearfund's Carbon Fast** across Merseyside by giving away a free bag of goodies to make it easy to take Carbon Fast actions. Our campaign with **Ecotricity** to enable individuals and faith communities to get green energy at standard North West rates, enables those undertaking the carbon fast to complete another action, greatly benefits our work and the planet! For a no obligation quote please complete the form or call **0845 230 6102**

[Contact Annie](#)

Welcome to our latest e newsletter. You can unsubscribe from here. We are keen to keep in touch with people but are aware that not everyone has access to the internet. Please feel free to pass on any information from our newsletter to others who may be interested.

Upcoming events

Sunday 20 February 1pm meeting at the Anglican Cathedral, Liverpool - A rally organized by Cllr Joe Anderson, Leader of Liverpool City council We will be holding a rally, at the Anglican Cathedral, and then marching to St Georges Plateau where the procession will be addressed. I am bringing together people from communities across the city to speak as One City, with One Voice, against the Government's cuts.

22nd February @ The Baha'i Centre, 5 Langdale Road, Liverpool L15 3LA. Arrive 6.30pm for a 7pm start. WING (Merseyside's women in faith group) women only event - Enjoy Singing! No experience necessary, come along and enjoy the experience of singing for pleasure. More details contact **Irene**

Sunday 27th February 2011 2pm At Odds with the Culture of Consumerism United Reformed Church, Heswall, Wirral CH60 7SE Interactive workshop with John Bell, Iona Community
Exploring how we can respond to an increasingly consumerist society from a Christian viewpoint. The day will also include time for reflection and sharing together and a simple meal in the Iona style. The day will close with an act of worship. Contact **Dave Horton** or check this [website](#).

3rd March 2011 10.00am - 2.00pm North West Growing Schools Networking Conference, Salvation Army, Harrington St, Preston
Growing Schools is hosting a networking conference for school staff and practitioners from across the North West. The aim is to bring people together, discover projects, to work together and share best practice. Further details and a booking form please contact **Raichael** Lock or Tel (07505) 172335

6th March - 3rd April 2011 Faith in Women exhibition, St Johns Church, Old Trafford
Download a poster from the [website](#).

7th - 21st March between 10.30am - 2.30pm daily, Carbon Fast for Lent promotion at the Anglican Cathedral, Liverpool.
Faiths4Change & the Diocesan Environmental Officer -. Come along to our information stall and pick up some free environmental goodies that will help you complete some of the daily actions, make this Lent memorable and life changing.

.....more details plus other events on our [website](#)

Out and about with our Project Managers

Burnley



Robert our JVC Volunteer writes

During the well attended 'Men's Health Day' at the Ghausia Centre in Burnley Samia and I distributed energy and water saving devices which proved to be very popular. Nasrullah Anwar from Building Bridges helped us by explaining in Punjabi how to use them and in answering general questions about careful use of resources. He also shared with me some interesting facts about Islam.

Contact Samia or Robert

Preston



Well, it's time to change once again! Over the next couple of weeks the office in Preston will need to close and I'll be relocating to Burnley, in the Building Bridges office. I'll still be working in and around Preston. And in the short term at least, any post that goes to the PO Box number will still be collected. For now though, call or email me please.

Over the coming weeks, as well as looking to formally launch the audit programme (which already has a lot of interest), I'll also be looking at helping faith buildings to specifically reduce their water consumption – and consequently those water bills – I hope you know where your meters are!

Contact Chris

Merseyside



School Food Growing Programme/Faith Gardens

I recently conducted a workshop with children at St Philip CEAPS School, Warrington, looking at ideas for their Faith Garden. Hope to provide further support over the coming weeks.

Met with the Liverpool Archdiocese Education Team regarding opportunities to promote the programme in schools. Further discussion is to take place over the coming weeks.

Visited Eccleston Lane Ends Primary School, Prescot Merseyside and will be providing first steps project planning support for their school food growing programme.

Growing Schools Network

Currently working with Growing Schools in the establishment of networking opportunities in the North West. A conference is to take place (promoting best practice) on 3rd March 2011 in Preston. For more information contact raichael@chisnet.co.uk

"Simply Living" – Eco Parents Network

Through successful funding from Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority and Veolia Environmental Services, Faiths4Change has recruited five existing parents/toddler groups within Merseyside and Halton and undertake workshops/promotional events.

We will work with the group leaders, parents/guardians and children to identify current behaviour and encourage learning, sharing, working together and support for each other to make sustainable lifestyle changes. The workshops are booked and will take place in March 2011. Contact me for more information.

Green Infrastructure to Combat Climate Change and Action Planning

Currently working with the Mersey Forest to promote Green Infrastructure and the Decade of Health and Well-Being within the faith community

Liverpool Hope University Students

Faiths4Change welcomes 8 students from Liverpool Hope University who will be working with us on our Eco Parents Support Network, Food and Nutrition Programmes and Carbon Fast with the Diocese of Liverpool, during March 2011.

Contact Calvin

Food Officer, Merseyside



Robert our JVC Volunteer writes

We started our training in facilitating bread making for Asylum seekers, a co-operation between Faiths4Change and the Bread Church in Liverpool. During the first session, we introduced bread making, and found we had some experts in the group! The second time we spoke about how to ensure an environment where people feel safe and respected and about challenges a facilitator might face. The atmosphere in the group was very joyful which highlighted a spirit of teamwork and knowledge sharing.

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