

# E Newsletter from Faiths4Change



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

## Issue 14 - January 2011

### The CEO writes .....

Welcome to the first edition of our enews for 2011 - Happy New Year! As always we have a packed issue for you with news from across the North West. We're so pleased that our new look [Faiths4Change](#) website with information on F4C services, partners we're working with, a wider range of news stories and a superb Vimeo page is now up & running. A really big thank you to Phil & Ben from Squaretown Media for their patience & creativity. If you are interested in our work, do please get in touch or consider supporting our work financially - we & the communities we support will be most grateful. There are now two opportunities to support our work via Paypal donations on the website (from 01/02/2011) and by going for green energy, great for you us and the planet, via our partnership with [ecotricity](#). PS. We're supporting Liverpool's Decade of Wellbeing 2010 - 20, look out for details of events and further information. PPS. Do please get in touch if you'd like to share news of events, projects or like minded organisations .... we look forward to hearing from you!



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

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011, 10.00am – 12.00am, Liverpool Cathedral – Workshop Liverpool Green Infrastructure Strategy** – “Liverpool - A city where good health is a natural choice – discuss!” For further information please contact the [Mersey Forest Team](#) or Tel 01925 816217

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011, 12 – 5pm, Mosque Open Day. Ibrahim Mosque, 2 Clegg Street, Burnley BB10 1AX**  
Have you ever wondered what goes on in a Mosque? Everyone is welcome to this open day supported by Building Bridge, Burnley. Includes a tour of the Mosque, questions and answers, food, information. Contact 078097 17678 for further information. Or download a [poster](#).

**Wednesdays 6 – 8pm Enterprising Skills for Young People Sparth Community Centre, Rochdale** – please see Burnley news below.

**Green energy support: Currently ongoing. Lancaster University.**

Lancaster University is hoping to install a 2.1 MW wind turbine to help cut its carbon emissions. A short letter to Lancaster City Council Planning Department is all that is required to show your support. You can do this really easily by clicking on the following link [www.yes2wind.com/locator/directory/lancaster-university](http://www.yes2wind.com/locator/directory/lancaster-university)

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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

## Out and about with our Project Managers

### Burnley Enterprising Skills for young people:



Faiths4Change is holding a few workshops for young people to improve their enterprise skills. Environment Agency, Youth Services, Squaretown Media will be involved in delivering transferable skills. Workshops will take place every Wednesday from 6:00pm till 8:00pm in Sparth Community Centre Rochdale. Young People will be able to learn about the fundamental tools of "project planning" i.e. seeking finance, how to deliver the project, time line, publicity and the importance of partnership work.

Youth Worker Miss Jabeen says; "It would be a wonderful opportunity for young people to build their CV and learn some practical skills"

If you want to get more information please contact Samia or Kenny Farrer at Sparth Community Centre Rochdale.

Contact Samia

### Manchester



A project funded by a £2,000 development fund in 2010 has helped to produce a wonderful **Calendar in 2011** by Norris Bank Primary School in Heaton Norris, Stockport. The school worked in partnership with the local allotment society (Green Lane Club) and the Evangelical Church, with a commissioned artist to produce a wonderful calendar depicting historical photos of the Heaton area of Stockport, stories of people in the area with a cultural aspect and environmental tips on sustainable living. The school and Green Lane Club have designed and developed a food growing area in the front of the school (which makes a massive statement – as usually these things are tucked away at the back of the sports field!) with a lot of hard work and the help of a successful Lottery funding bid.

Looking forward to swapping Manchester with Merseyside over the next three months. I will be working on **swap shops** for Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority.

Contact Karen

### Preston



I've been invited to speak at the Greening Churches conference in Penrith, Cumbria, which will take place at the end of March. I'll be talking about energy use and how through an audit process you are able to more effectively manage your resource use to enable you to reduce your environmental impacts as well as save money.

The details of the conference are currently being finalised by the Churches Trust for Cumbria.

Contact Chris

### Merseyside



#### **School Food Growing Programme/Faith Gardens**

Faiths4Change continues to work closely with Holy Trinity CE Primary School, St.Gabriels CE School Huyton and St Philip CEAPS School, Warrington with first steps project management and workshops.

A Mail shot has recently been sent out to the Schools within the Liverpool CE Diocese, highlighting the overall programme and the support through Faiths4Change.

Discussion is currently on-going with the Liverpool Archdiocese regarding opportunities to promote the programme in RC schools.

#### **Growing Schools Network**

Currently working with Growing Schools in the establishment of networking opportunities in the North West. A preliminary workshop took place in December 2010 at the National Wildflower Centre Huyton, Liverpool to promote best practice leading to a Conference to take place in 3rd March 2011. For more information contact [raichael@chisnet.co.uk](mailto:raichael@chisnet.co.uk)

#### **"Simply Living" – Eco Parents Network**

Through successful funding from Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority and Veolia Environmental Services, Faiths4Change is soon to recruit 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. Contact me for more information.

#### **Green Infrastructure to Combat Climate Change and Action Planning**

Currently working with the Mersey Forest to promote the programme within the faith community. Two events are to take place during January 2011 in Liverpool to promote the Liverpool Green Infrastructure Strategy and Health and Well Being.

Contact Calvin

## Food Officer, Merseyside



Our partnership programme with Asylum Link Merseyside (ALM) is proving to be really popular with volunteers from the centre and local people in communities across Merseyside. A key strand of the programme is Home & Away cooking. Asylum Seeker & Refugee Volunteers and local people share their food stories, recipes and cooking skills, enjoy a meal they have cooked together and gain more understanding of each other. So far sessions have taken place in Burscough and Anfield, with others being planned in Blackbrook, St Helen's and Stockbridge Village,

Knowsley. Farida, a Volunteer at ALM came to Burscough to take part in a women only session and said; 'I'm excited and happy to see and be in a new place, I met nice friendly people and we cooked together in an enjoyable way. I enjoyed the change of being out of Liverpool...'

[Contact Janet](#)

## Volunteer - Robert Ritter

I am on placement with Faiths4Change as part of volunteering with the Jesuit Volunteer Community. I'm in the Liverpool office 3 days a week doing a variety of activities including supporting Janet's work with Asylum Seekers @ ALM. I've developed and am delivering healthy meals on a budget demonstration sessions and distributing reusable bags of ingredients to those who take part. I'm also learning recipes from those who take part too and will be incorporating those in the sessions as well as working with other Volunteers to create a calendar of amazing meals from around the world. If you have any amazingly healthy, tasty recipes for cheap meals, do please get in touch.

[Contact Robert](#)

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