

## **PP4SD Newsletter**

### **November 2004**

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[www.pp4sd.co.uk](http://www.pp4sd.co.uk)

#### **From the Chairman**

As we come towards the end of Phase 2 of PP4SD, it is appropriate to reflect on what has been achieved over the past 6 years. When we started, CPD in sustainable development for professionals was notable by its absence. Our first activity was to bring professions together to identify a framework for sustainable development that could be used to develop training materials. The value of the framework was reaffirmed during Phase 2 and can be found on the website. The Foundation Course proved very successful and has become a model for other materials now in use with the financial and the landbased sectors. By the end of the project, some may be available on the LANTRA training website.

The demand for the PP4SD interprofessional approach to CPD has increased. We have made inputs into organisational strategies, provided training, consultancy and support to a range of organisations. We have organised seminars and workshops.

Before the end of Phase 2 we would also like to know what changes have taken place within the professional associations that make up PP4SD and we will be sending round a questionnaire that I hope you will be able to answer.

John Baines

#### **PP4SD inter-professional event with Baroness Young**

Baroness Barbara Young, Chief Executive of the Environment Agency addressed an invited audience from across a range of professions at a PP4SD event at the Institute of Civil Engineers on 4 November. She re-iterated the Agency's support for PP4SD and went on to say that "...there are not many professions that do not have a role to play in implementing sustainable development". Baroness Young identified professions that had already made a large contribution to sustainable development and highlighted many of the professions that face the biggest challenges. With new farm regulations and the growth in house construction she emphasised the needs for CPD on sustainability for all professionals.

Her presentation was followed by a lively debate, ably Chaired by Professor Stephen Martin, ranging from UK regulation to the UN Millennium Goals.

## **Take part in a one day pilot training session of the PP4SD Land-based professional development materials on sustainable development**

**PP4SD has been developing these materials through consultation with representatives from the land-based sector. The materials will now go through piloting sessions before being made available to professionals working in the sector.**

**The first pilot session will be held on:**

**6 December 2004 at**

**10.00 to 16.30 at**

**Lantra House**

**Royal Agricultural Showground**

**Stoneleigh**

**Warwickshire**

**If you would like to attend this piloting session of the PP4SD land-based materials please email Glenn Strachan at [Glenn@gesearth.co.uk](mailto:Glenn@gesearth.co.uk) providing your name, organisation and contact details or call 01974 298058 for more information.**



*Prof. Stephen Martin and Baroness Young*

### **Masterclass in CSR**

As a result of on-going activity in the financial services sector, PP4SD will be involved in a series of masterclasses for financial services professionals. The programme of masterclasses is being organised by the Institution of Financial Services and covers a range of topics. PP4SD will be providing the masterclass on corporate social responsibility in London in December.

### **Phase 3 for PP4SD**

PP4SD is currently pursuing two funding proposals to carry its work forward into 2005 and beyond. Phase 3 of PP4SD will concentrate on supporting the implementation of sustainable development in both public and private organisations.

The Environmental Action Fund, which has supported PP4SD over the last six years, has invited bids that are related to sustainable consumption and production. PP4SD will be submitting a bid which will continue the process of engagement with professionals. The focus will be on researching and disseminating information and support on sustainable consumption and production in the business context.

PP4SD has already submitted a bid to the European Social Fund in partnership with Learning Southwest. This is for a two year project to research and develop support for small and medium sized enterprises in the Southwest Region. Although the project will have a regional focus, one of the outcomes of the project will be to show how the benefits can be transferred to other regions.

Details on the success of these bids will appear in a future newsletter.

### **Nuclear power: the answer to climate change?**

The Stakeholder Forum is arranging an evening debate on nuclear power and climate change. It will take place at 7 pm on November 17 at The Window, London N1 8QG. The speakers include: Sir Bernard Ingham

John Gummer MP

Roger Higman (FoE)

Jeremy Leggett (SolarCentury)

The cost is £25, for further details and booking instructions please go to :

[www.stakeholderforum.org](http://www.stakeholderforum.org)

### **PP4SD has been listed on a new web portal for Wales.**

[www.walesontheweb.org](http://www.walesontheweb.org) is a one stop shop for information and services for people living and working in Wales. PP4SD offers support and CPD in sustainable development for professionals throughout Wales.

### **The latest reading on sustainability!**

The Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales have published "Sustainability: the role of accountants". It demonstrates how information support mechanisms can be used to direct market activity towards more sustainable outcomes.

Download this report at:

[www.icaew.co.uk/bettermarkets](http://www.icaew.co.uk/bettermarkets)

Monday 8 November sees the publication of the Environmental Audit Committee's report "The Sustainable Development Strategy: Illusion or Reality?" Download this report at:

[www.parliament.uk/parliamentary\\_committees/environmental\\_audit\\_committee.cfm](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/environmental_audit_committee.cfm)

If you are following the review of the Government's sustainable development strategy "Taking it on" you can read a summary of the responses to the consultation at:

<http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/taking-it-on/finalsummary.htm>

### **Submit your response to the new EAC Inquiry**

The House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee has launched a follow-up inquiry to "Learning the Sustainability Lesson", which reviewed the Government's progress on implementing education for sustainable development. This will be measuring progress since the last report in July 2003. The inquiry will be looking at seven questions relating to education for sustainable development. Individuals and organisations are invited to submit memoranda in response to the questions by the 26 November. Full details of the inquiry and how to submit a memorandum can be found at the following web address.

[http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary\\_committees/environmental\\_audit\\_committee.cfm](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/environmental_audit_committee.cfm)

### **Centre for Sustainable Engineering**

A new Centre for Sustainable Engineering (CSEng) is being established in Peterborough. It will encourage and support the step change in the environmental performance of products and processes which is needed for sustainable development.

CSEng has been founded by national charity UK CEED in partnership with centres at Cranfield and Newcastle Universities. It will also seek to catalyse a more inter-disciplinary approach to sustainable engineering research within universities to match business needs.

For further information on the Centre see [www.cseng.org.uk](http://www.cseng.org.uk) or contact Phil Sheppard or Peter James on 01733 311988.

If you have any comments about this newsletter or wish to contribute to a future edition please contact Glenn Strachan at [Glenn@gesearth.co.uk](mailto:Glenn@gesearth.co.uk) or call 01974 298058