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## Climate Change

Community Channel's Climate Change season runs throughout December 2009 and January 2010.

It coincides with the UN Conference on Climate Change in Copenhagen (7 – 18 Dec 2009) at which the international community will negotiate an agreement on cutting carbon emissions and sign up to other climate change policies.

Our season includes major programmes and series on TV and online on climate change and environmental issues and supports the 10:10 campaign in the UK to cut carbon emissions by 10% in 2010.

This factsheet provides information on how you can enhance your green living, measure your own impact and cut your carbon footprint. It also lists some organisations which are committed to protecting the environment and raising awareness of climate change.

### How To Be Actively Green

#### Measure Your Carbon Footprint

Act On CO2 is a cross-government initiative to help people save money, save energy and reduce their CO2 emissions. The campaign highlights how individuals can act to make a difference. Measure your carbon footprint with this carbon calculator.

**Website:** <http://carboncalculator.direct.gov.uk/index.html>

#### Sourcing Everyday Living

Sourcemap is a platform for researching, optimizing and sharing the supply chains behind a number of everyday products, where things come from and what they are made of.

**Website:** <http://www.sourcemap.org/>

#### Reduce Your Impact

At home, in the workplace, out shopping, cutting waste and recycling more. See how the Green Guide can help you reduce your environmental impact.

**Website:** <http://www.greenguide.co.uk/?q=taxonomy/term/130>

#### Don't Go Green on Your Own - Join an Eco Team!

Join one of Global Action Plan's Eco-Teams or set one up in your workplace or among your friends. GAP is an award winning charity offering expertise to help you actively cut your carbon emissions.

**Website:** <http://www.globalactionplan.org.uk/>

#### Directgov's Guide to Greener Living

Energy saving, greener travel and leisure, reducing waste and recycling – in short find out the facts about how to live a greener lifestyle that suits you and the things you're interested in.

**Website:** <http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Environmentandgreenerliving/index.htm>

### **Do the Green Thing**

With the help of videos and inspiring stories from creative people and community members around the world, Green Thing focuses on seven things you can do - and enjoy doing to live a greener life. Join people from 202 countries doing their green things and making a difference.

**Website:** <http://www.dothegreenthing.com/>

### **10:10**

10:10 is an ambitious project to unite every sector of British society behind one simple idea: that by working together we can achieve a 10% cut in the UK's carbon emissions in 2010. It's now or never for the climate. Community Channel has signed up, have you? If not, here's the link.

**Website:** <http://www.1010uk.org/>

## **Useful Climate Change Organisations**

### **The Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy**

The Ashden Awards bring to light inspiring sustainable energy solutions in the UK and developing world and help ensure that they are spread more widely. Since being set up in 2001 the Awards have helped more than 100 innovative projects develop their work. Today they are an internationally recognised yardstick for excellence in the field of sustainable energy.

**Email:** [info@ashdenawards.org](mailto:info@ashdenawards.org)

**Website:** <http://www.ashdenawards.org/>

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### **British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV)**

BTCV is one of the UK's foremost environmental conservation volunteering charities and during December their Carbon Army will be taking frontline action on climate change.

The Carbon Army will be volunteering at BTCV local food growing projects to reduce the carbon impact of food miles while others will be helping to conserve urban green spaces to keep cities cool.

BTCV's vision is a better environment where people are valued, included and involved. They support communities all over the UK, and beyond, in taking practical action on climate change.

Join Carbon Army at <http://www.btcv.org/carbonarmy> and find out how you can take local action on a global problem.

**Email:** [information@btcv.org.uk](mailto:information@btcv.org.uk)

**Website:** <http://www.btcv.org>

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### **Cafod on Climate Change**

For Cafod, climate change is an issue of justice: it hits the world's poorest communities first and hardest. They are already bearing the brunt of droughts, floods and extreme weather conditions, while developed nations use more than their fair share of the Earth's resources.

Alongside Catholic agencies worldwide, Cafod is calling for a fair and binding climate change deal at the UN in Copenhagen this December which puts poor communities at its heart. Join their campaign.

**Email:** [cafod@cafod.org.uk](mailto:cafod@cafod.org.uk)

**Website:** <http://www.cafod.org.uk/take-action/climate>

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### **Christian Aid on Climate Change**

Christian Aid is campaigning to ensure a fair and effective deal for the world's poorest at the Copenhagen climate conference in December 2009.

Christian Aid believes that failure to act now to combat climate change will not only delay the eradication of poverty, but it will make poverty dramatically worse.

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**Website:** [http://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/policy/climate\\_change.asp](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/policy/climate_change.asp)

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### **Excellent Development**

Excellent Development supports farmers in Africa to gain access to clean water and grow enough food to eat and sell, enabling them to pay their children's school fees and buy other necessities.

In addition, Excellent Development works with development organisations at local, national and international level to apply the development model and technologies to enable their 2020 vision of 3 million farmers a year gaining access to clean water and growing enough food to eat and sell.

Watch videos about development projects, donate or subscribe to more news about Excellent Development here:

**Email:** [team@excellentdevelopment.com](mailto:team@excellentdevelopment.com)

**Website:** <http://www.excellentdevelopment.com>

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### **Forestry Commission**

The government department responsible for the protection and expansion of Britain's forests and woodlands.

You can discover how forestry can help address climate change on their website. The site also has all the information on events, walks and learning opportunities at the forestry commission run sites around the UK.

**Website:** <http://www.forestry.gov.uk>

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### **Friends of the Earth**

As Heads of Government meet in Copenhagen sign FoE's petition to get world leaders to make a "just and sufficient agreement on climate change", click on 'sign the petition' here: <http://www.for.co.uk/climatetalks>

FoE campaign locally and globally on environmental issues from recycling to climate change. To find your nearest local group and for information on all Friends of the Earth activities visit:

**Website:** <http://www.foe.co.uk>

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### **Global Action Plan**

GAP is an award-winning charity which was set up in 1993 after the Rio Earth Summit. It focuses on helping the individual to take practical action in their everyday lives to improve the environment. Its programmes are endorsed by the UN Environmental Programme (UNEP)

For new ideas, effective strategies and results, find out how to get involved.

**Website:** <http://globalactionplan.org.uk>

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### **Greenpeace International**

Known for their hard-hitting tactics and environmental campaigns Greenpeace “acts to change attitudes and behaviour [and] to protect and conserve the environment.”

Follow the countdown to Copenhagen, get Greenpeace News and watch more video reports.

**Website:** <http://www.greenpeace.org/international>

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### **Oxfam on Climate Change**

For Oxfam, climate change is first and foremost a human story. The poorest people in the world are already being hit hard by climate change. Failed harvests, unprecedented floods, dried-up water supplies. Oxfam is working with affected communities and is campaigning at the Copenhagen summit.

**Website:** <http://www.oxfam.org.uk/resources/issues/climatechange/introduction.html>

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### **Stop Climate Chaos Coalition**

The UK's largest group of people dedicated to action on climate change and limiting its impact on the world's poorest communities. Its combined supporter base of more than 11 million people spans over 100 organisations, from environment and development charities to unions, faith, community and women's groups.

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**Website:** <http://www.stopclimatechaos.org>

## **Community Channel**

Community Channel is broadcast 24 hours a day on Sky 539, Virgin TV 233 and from 6am to 9am on Freeview 87. It is dedicated to engaging people with the charitable and voluntary sector, showcasing stories and issues that inspire action and encourage involvement.

The Channel broadcasts original shows, the best of terrestrial TV and showcases the work of new directors and community programme makers. It is the place for real-life stories from communities around the world.

The Channel supports the 10:10 campaign to cut carbon emissions by 10% by 2010 and is an official broadcaster of the campaign.

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