



REAL Update, April 2005

REAL Headlines

Since the last issue of the REAL Update in September, the partnership has continued to support communities, businesses and the public sector with their renewable energy projects:

- 77 clients supported across 25 boroughs
- 38 grant funding applications submitted
- 9 beacon installations and launches completed
- 14 further installations confirmed

National Maritime Museum takes the Helm in combating Climate Change

The National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, has benefited from REAL support for a 9kWp photovoltaic (PV) installation on its southwest wing. The REAL Initiative was successful in sourcing £45,000 in funding from the Major Demonstration Programme and from the EDF Green Fund. This site has huge potential for dissemination, and REAL, in conjunction with the Museum's educational department, plans to ensure that this potential is reached.

Community Schools Renewable Energy Network

The network of schools who have received installations through REAL is now expanding rapidly. St Joseph's School Croydon had a PV installation in December, and the launch event took place in February, with the Mayor of Croydon continuing her support for the Network, in attendance. The Virgo Fidelis School for Girls in Croydon also had their PV installation completed in February. A further 9 schools will be joining the Network in the coming weeks, all of which had 100% funding secured from a variety of sources including local government, the EDF Green Fund and the PV Major Demonstration Programme.

REAL has identified these community schools as a vital conduit for delivering important messages on the use of sustainable energy, and a critical starting point for educating the next generation (and their families) on sustainable energy issues.

Community Centres

REAL continues to work closely with a variety of community centres and buildings, using beacon installations for the provision of energy efficiency measures to disadvantaged and hard to reach communities. The Parchmore Centre in Croydon, with its solar thermal installation, is an excellent example of how REAL has overcome a number of issues, including planning and funding complications.



National Maritime Museum, February 2005





St Joseph's School, February 2005

The Shiraz Mirza Hall in Kingston will also be having an installation in April. Both of these halls are used frequently by the local community and will be excellent case studies for other such organisations.

Training and Pilot Support Service: Integrating Renewables through Planning

CEN is working in partnership with the Building Research Establishment (BRE)

and De Montfort University to

deliver sustainable energy training to London's

planning authorities and elected members on behalf of London Renewables. The training sessions provide an introduction to sustainable energy and an opportunity to use the London Renewables toolkit in scenario-based activities, including addressing the key challenges of engaging with developers on sustainable energy.

In addition to the training provided, the project team are operating a pilot telephone advice line for planning officers and a development-specific support service.

The advice line aims to answer planning officer questions about sustainable energy and the toolkit, while the development-specific support service will support planning officers and developers with the integration of sustainable energy design and technologies into new developments.

REAL - Have your say!

The REAL initiative is always looking to improve its services: if you think we could be doing something different, then let us know! REAL is your initiative, there to support you. We would be happy to discuss any ideas you may have.

Want to know more?

Could you, or a community you know, benefit from the installation of renewable energy measures? Would you simply like to find out more about REAL?

Call the REAL team today on 020 8683 6683!



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