



The Green Centre

The Green Centre is a joint venture between IOM Friends of the Earth, Manx Energy Advice Centre and Zero Waste Mann. We are open every Saturday - officially from 10am until 2pm - but it's usually longer as we sit around drinking tea & coffee and exchanging various bits of environmental news and views.

The idea behind the Green Centre is to have a focal point where people can come for help and find information about things like energy efficiency, alternative energy, insulation, recycling and composting. We

have a library of books and leaflets on various environmental topics.

IOM Friends of the Earth has long tradition of campaigning and action on the island.

Zero Waste Mann is trying to make people aware of wasted resources and wants to see more recycling facilities including an island-wide kerbside collection of recyclable materials.

MEAC was originally set up in Silverdale to promote energy advice and conservation within the residential and business communities on the Isle of Man. Silverdale was too remote so an opportunity existed within the Green Centre to move to Douglas.



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Green Centre Newsletter

The Green Centre publishes a quarterly newsletter - we do hope you enjoy reading it.

It is intended to bring news and reports of the activities of the organizations involved in the Green Centre and also other articles that may be of interest to our readers.

We will be pleased to receive articles and letters from any source and will publish those we consider relevant.

When you have finished with your copy please either pop it into a paper recycling bank or pass it on to a friend, family member or work colleague.

Copies of the newsletter can be downloaded from the ZWM website.

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ZWM



Zero Waste! That's a bit ambitious isn't it? How are you going to achieve that? It's impossible. At first glance the idea of Zero Waste seems like pie in the sky. But many places around the world are now taking up the challenge and going for just that-Zero Waste.

The concept of Zero Waste started in the 60s when public recycling first came on the scene. People started wondering what would happen if they applied all the known ideas about reducing waste and recycling materials such as paper, glass, aluminium and other metals. They decided they could reduce their waste by a vast amount. Well, why not aim for 100% reduction? Why not go for Zero Waste?

Canberra the capital city of Australia was the first place to adopt a policy of No Waste to Landfill by 2010. New Zealand has taken up the idea seriously and 51 out of 71 local authorities in New Zealand now have Zero Waste policies. The Zero Waste New Zealand Trust was set up in 1997 to encourage ideas and research. Zero Waste conferences happen all over the world.

Zero Waste is a goal to aim for and requires everybody to play their part in avoiding waste, recycling to the maximum and realising that the waste from one activity can be the resource for another. For example waste wood can be turned into charcoal.

Zero Waste is promoted on the island by a local charity Zero Waste Mann a founder member of the Green Centre.

To find out what's happening around the world look up:

www.zerowaste.co.nz
www.zerowaste.org
www.grrn.org

FOE



Isle of Man Friends of the Earth (IoM FoE) is a non-profit organisation of concerned volunteers (from all walks of life) campaigning for a cleaner, greener Island.

We consider dealing with man-made Climate Change as one of the most important challenges of our lifetime and campaign hard to ensure action is taken by our government to dramatically reduce Manx CO2 emissions, to develop renewable energy sources, and to prepare for the impact Climate Change will have on our weather, food supplies, transport, housing and population.

The Group also actively campaigns on recycling and waste, biodiversity, transport, urban 4x4s, sewage & cleaner beaches and against plastic bottled water.

Our aims as a democratic organisation are to campaign on the issues that are most important to local members as well as working with FoE UK on their big campaigns i.e. 'The Big Ask'.

IoM FoE work by:-

Identifying changes to better protect the environment by sharing information among the members, working closely with other organisations and researching green issues.

Raising greater awareness about important environmental issues by taking part in local activities such as a stall on Tynwald Day or delivering workshops in school, sharing information by e-mail and through our web site, talking to journalists, writing articles and appearing on the radio.

Influencing politicians so that real changes are made by writing/talking to MHK's & MLC's, lobbying at meetings inside/outside of government, showing the benefit that environmental changes will bring to the IoM.

IoM FoE also has representation on the steering group for Transition IoM and wholly support its aims and is proud to be a member, helping to move the Isle of Man forward towards sustainability –
<http://transitiontowns.org/Isle-of-Man/Isle-of-Man>

MEAC



We are here to help everyone save energy in Manx Homes and Businesses.

Over 40% of the carbon dioxide emissions, the main greenhouse gas which causes climate change actually comes from the energy we use every day when at home or when we travel. Simple things like insufficient insulation, leaving the lights on unnecessarily or overfilling the kettle all wastes energy and results in needless carbon dioxide emissions.

MEAC is independent from Government a non profit making charity run by a number of volunteers who have practical knowledge and experience and can offer free impartial advice tailored to suit you. Our advice can help you save money and mitigate climate change by reducing carbon dioxide emissions from your homes and businesses.

We have leaflets and a number of practical displays of insulation materials as well as renewable technologies. We attend shows and exhibitions around the island as well as schools.

Talk to us about

Department Grant Aid

Insulation Problems

Renewable Energy projects including Wind, Solar, Hydro and Geothermal.

Wood Burners

Electric Vehicles

Heat Pumps

Eco Housing

Planning Department Issues

Energy Saving Light bulbs and Appliances