

Enviro Learn

Free
course



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

Derby City Partnership



Environment City

The course

This is an inspiring and informative FREE environmental course. There are 12 modules spread across the year for you to take part in, and a course information session. These modules will bring Derby City Council's Environmental Policy to life and give you the chance to learn how to make a difference to your environment.

There is no preaching on this course, no long lectures and no complex homework. The modules are practical and friendly introductions to modern environmental issues such as:

- climate change
- buying with the environment in mind
- pollution
- gardening for health
- and home energy savings.

Contact Debbie Wargate on 01332 256287, minicom 01332 256064, or e-mail deborah.wargate@derby.gov.uk for more information or to book.

Your role

- To put your name down for individual modules and enjoy them.

If you want to be an Environmental Champion and gain a certificate:

- attend eight or more modules
- complete a personal environmental development plan.



EnviroLearn 2006 - module breakdown

Count me in

Wednesday 8 February - 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Council House Training Room

You can make a difference. This session has been created at the request of past students to let you know what the course is and what is expected of you. With fun environmental activities, exhibitions and chat sessions it will also give you the opportunity to get to know each other and some of our past students. You will also find out about some of the things you could change in your life straight away.

Module leader

Debbie Wargate, Environmental Projects Assistant, Derby City Council.

To buy or not to buy

Wednesday 15 February - 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Soundbites premises

Consumer power! We have the money so we have the power. This module will explore some of the environmental and ethical issues that surround the goods we buy today and will help you make informed choices about the products you buy.

Module leaders Graham and Patrick from Soundbites, an ethical food shop and information point in Derby.

Treading Carefully: sustainable tourism

Wednesday 1 March - 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Council House training room

This module introduces the global tourism industry and its environmental and social impact on people and countries: what do we mean by sustainable tourism and how can we make a difference? We discuss the changing nature of consumer behaviour and take a trip to The Gambia to investigate the issues.

Module leader Phil from Little Earth Directory - the simple to use, no nonsense directory for ecologically conscious and environmentally aware people.

Will the threats to our climate change you?

Wednesday 15 March - 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Council House training room

As the government's chief scientific advisor made clear in 2004, 'There is no bigger problem than climate change. The threat is quite simple, it's a threat to our civilization'. But are the concerns enough to make us change our lifestyles? This module will explain the terms that are banded about, introduce you to the issues and get you talking about the adjustments people are already making to their lives and what more can, and needs, to be done

Module leaders John Beardmore from T4 Sustainability; Richard Murrell Home Energy Advice Manager; Craig Scott, Environmental Project Officer.

Transporting views

Wednesday 29 March - 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Council House Training Room

If we do not change we will reach our destination; not the local shops or the office but a polluted and volatile earth. This module explores the issues surrounding our daily struggles to get from a to b, and gives ideas on how to plan our routes to change that final destination. There is also a chance to look in depth at one form of transport the bike, and the options that exist today to make riding safer and more enjoyable.

Module leaders

Bella Stewart, Travel Plan Co-ordinator, Derby City Council
Dave Clasby, BikeIT Schools Officer, Sustrans.

Talking Rubbish

Wednesday 26 April - 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Raynesway

More than 434 million tonnes of rubbish is thrown away every year in the UK. What a lot of waste! And of course everything we throw away costs money, so even if we said that each tonne only costs a £1 per person, it would be enough to create 108500 wells for people with no decent water supply. Gets you thinking doesn't it? Well that's what this module is here to do - make you think about waste, how to reduce it, and the recycling options in Derby.

Module leaders

Richard Winter, Assistant Waste Management Officer, Derby City Council
John Dowd, Area Recycling Manager, Waste Recycling Group.

Space for wildlife

Wednesday 3 May - 6.30pm to 9pm
Council House Training Room

Britain has approximately 243,000 km² of land and a population of over 58 million. That's 4m² of land per person, the size of the average balcony in Spain. So is there any space left for wildlife? We hope so - not just because having a diverse wildlife is important in its own right, but because it is essential in ensuring that the human species itself survives. This module gives you the low down on Derby's wildlife, the threats it faces and what you can do to help.

Module leader

Bill Grange, Keeper of Natural History, Derby City Council

Green Growth

Wednesday 17 May - 6.30pm to 8.30pm
To be confirmed

A gardening revolution is taking place. People of all ages and professions are taking up the spade and fork so that they can enjoy fresh vegetables. This module gives you an insight into the why's and how's of growing to organic principles and gets you making things to encourage beneficial insects into your allotments or gardens. If you haven't got a garden or allotment don't worry - tips on container planting will also be given.

Module leader

Alan Withington, Community Food Officer, Groundwork.

Do It Yourself

Wednesday 31 May - 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Council House Training Room

Tea and DIY have been heralded as the main British obsessions, and both have environmental consequences that span the globe. Come to this module, drink your tea and learn about the issues surrounding some of the materials we use to make our houses special. This module focuses on floor and wall coverings, garden sheds, and insulation.

Module leader

Craig Banks, proprietor of the Eco Treehouse Company.

I'm in! the celebration

Wednesday 21 June - 6.30pm to 8.30pm

The Derwent Green Gym

You have some of the 'know how', have been inspired and want to do more. Well this session is the opportunity to celebrate your achievements with past and present students, explore Derwent Green Gym and Little Chester Allotments. You will also be able to meet some more of the movers and shakers of Derby's Environmental world who can give you tips on what to do next.

For more information, or to book call

**Debbie Wargate on 01332 256287
minicom 01332 256666**

**or e-mail
deborah.wargate@derby.gov.uk**

Our reasons for running this course

- To make Derby City Council's environment policy aims come to life for the general public.
- To expand and support Derby's backbone of environmental enthusiasts to introduce people to the connections between health, leisure and the environment.
- To provide taster sessions for environmental courses and activities being run in Derby.
- To raise awareness of Derby's allotments.



Quick tips

These tips are from past students' personal development plans:

- look at how your money is invested
- make a shopping list and reduce your car trips or cycle
- get a combi boiler
- buy energy efficient lightbulbs
- use environmentally friendly washing powder
- use a water butt
- buy recycled cards and paper
- support local environmental groups
- plant native trees
- refuse excess packaging
- look at environmental alternatives when buying anything
- encourage 'multi-loading' to reduce the number of vehicle journeys.



Please tell us if you need this document in large print, on audio tape, computer disk or in Braille.

Contact us on 01332 256287, minicom 01332 256064, fax 01332 255989.

Or contact our Library Service on 01332 716607 or minicom 01332 256666 to use equipment to convert this into voice.

Please contact us if you need help reading this document or any part of it translating.

Hindi

यदि आपको इस दस्तावेज़ को पढ़ने या इसके किसी भाग का अनुवाद कराने के लिए सहायता चाहिए तो हम से सम्पर्क करें। 01332 256088

Punjabi

ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਪੜ੍ਹਨ ਲਈ ਜਾਂ ਇਸਦੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਭਾਗ ਦੇ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰਾਨ ਲਈ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ। 01332 256088

Urdu

اگر آپ کو اس دستاویز کو پڑھنے میں یا کسی حصہ کا ترجمہ کرانے کی ضرورت ہو، تو ہم سے رابطہ کریں، 01332 256088