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April 20 Stiebel Eltron, a German renewable energy technology firm, is offering a free design advice service to Greater Manchester architects and developers.

April 21 Salford Skip Hire has got planning permission to build a £5.5m energy from waste plant, which it will develop with Yorkshire-based Bioflame.

April 22 In the Budget: Manchester and Leeds both get the 'city region' status they'd been angling for.

April 23 The Northwest Regional Development Agency has hired environmental and engineering consultancy URS to identify how best to adapt the landscape between Liverpool and Manchester.

April 25 Manchester Evening News reports "Simple Solar" has been told by Oldham County Court to 'clean up its act'. The company, that claims to provide the 'best solar water system in the UK' has pledged to fulfil orders in a reasonable time, inform customers of cancellation rights, supply refunds and remove misleading information from their website.



April 5 April 23 After what is reportedly a tense Cabinet fight, energy and climate secretary of state Ed Miliband wins, and the government gives the go-ahead for a new generation of coal-fired power plants - "but only if they can prove they can reduce emissions." Some environmentalists cautiously welcome it

April 25 Special Branch officers from Strathclyde Police get caught on tape trying to recruit a Plane Stupider. Sousveillance a-go-go...In other news, the Pope is still Catholic.



April 19 The Indigenous Peoples' Global Summit on Climate Change, a United Nations-affiliated conference, took place in Anchorage Alaska. All but 2 nations signed the final declaration.

April 21 An Oxfam report says that the number of people hit by climate-related disasters will rise to 375m a year by 2015

April 25 Ivory Coast's main palm oil company, Palmci, is abandoning a major plantation scheme after opposition by environmentalists to destruction of a forest. .

WHAT'S COMING UP

Ton 27, 6.30 to 9.30 pm Global Crisis: Organic Response. Why an organic future is a critical response to the economic and climate crisis. The Mechanics' Institute, 103 Princess St
www.kindling.org.uk

Tues 28, 5 to 7.45pm Professor Munasinghe, Vice Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Director General of the Sustainable Consumption Institute at The University of Manchester on "Solving the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Problems." University Place, Oxford Rd. Free tickets via Jean.jones@manchester.ac.uk
Weds 29 at 6pm "Biodiversity loss and ecosystem change: Consequences for people and the environment" Prof. Georgina Mace Michael Smith Building, Manchester University
Thurs 30, 3.30 to 6pm Launch of "Climate Change Online Resources" pack, 117-119 Portland St

aarti@dep.org.uk or www.dep.org.uk
Thurs 30 at 7.45pm Greenpeace meeting upstairs at Ape and Apple John Dalton St
Thursday 30, 7pm - 9pm Friends of the Earth Campaigns meeting, Green Fish Resource Centre, 46-50 Oldham St.
www.manchesterfoe.org.uk
Fri May 1 The Prince (of Wales)'s May Day summit on environment held in... we aren't making this up... the Concorde Hangar at Manchester Airport.
www.maydaysummit.com/Northwest

Channel 4 looking for media whore

They're looking for "interesting people living in the area of North Manchester to take part in the next series of Channels 4's hit TV show Come Dine with Me." They want "someone passionate about Climate Change on the show."

Email mark.butcher@itv.com

Art and Climate Change!

Manchester will host a collaborative public reading from the most recent volume of the 2007 IPCC Fourth Assessment Report: Mitigation of Climate Change. If you are interested in doing one of the 20 minute readings (there will be 72), then contact Amy amy@tomorrowmorning.net

More info:

www.tomorrowmorning.net/readingIPCC

Scary Science

The BBC reports (April 18) "Forests' role as massive carbon sinks is "at risk of being lost entirely", top forestry scientists have warned. The International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) says forests are under increasing degrees of stress as a result of climate change."



Climate protest: rock the state, save the planet
by Paul Rogers
<http://tinyurl.com/cnwouz>

The dream of the first eco-city was built on a fiction by Fred Pearce
www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2009/apr/23/greenwash-dongtan-ecocity

MCFly ON YOUTUBE!! www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImXTXR6-FPQ