

Young Energy People (YEP!) Local Steering Group Meeting

17th January 2008 at SWEA offices, Mitcheldean

Present: Rachel Close (SWEA), Mike Brain (SWEA), Peter Wiggins (GCC), Keith Lane (GCC), Tim Parker (GCC)

Apologies: Simon Kettle (SETPOINT), Andy Robertson (FEBP)

Overview of the project structure

Working alongside teachers in five secondary schools to engage 14-19 year olds. Secondary schools will be formally supporting and contributing to the development of a work programme that trains a School Energy Management Team of pupils in basic skills of surveying the energy situation and instigating a programme of improvements on the basis of their observations. The school building and community will be used as a basis for the acquisition of skills that can then be transferred to the workplace.

School Energy Management Teams will be matched with workplaces supporting and informing the project action so that pupils will have the opportunity to visit a place of work and apply their knowledge to a real life context. This increases the general awareness of energy use and efficiency measures for pupils, teachers and workplace staff and has the additional benefit of introducing pupils to the possibilities for future careers in the field of sustainable energy.

Update on start of local project

The role of the steering group is key in the project development particularly in helping to generate local engagement of key actors in particular business contacts as this is a challenge for the project work.

The steering group will also have a role to play in selecting the resources and guiding the structure of the pupil work and helping to gather baseline data of energy consumption of the selected schools.

The steering group will expand at a later stage as we bring schools and businesses into the project work.

If meetings were scheduled at participating schools would make it easier for them to attend.

The work to engage the interest of schools has begun.

Rednock are confirmed participants after they approached us looking for support in developing education projects with community links to support their specialist school status.

Rednock have suggested involving their cluster of schools – Winchcombe, Stroud High for Girls, The Crypt

Farmors' School Fairford have also approached us looking for support in energy education. A meeting is planned soon. They are wanting to take their school to Eco and Ashden award and are therefore worth supporting in terms of developing a best practice example school.

Lakers' School are also interested.

It was pointed out that there were a lack of urban schools, it was suggested that we look to the highest energy users and those that were making building improvements or have plans to do so and make a selection from there. Severn Vale, Bishops College, Maiden Hill and Beaufort were suggested as likely candidates.

EPC's within schools planned for April – GCC will train staff to carry these out. This service could focus on the YEP schools

The need to have selection criteria in place as reasoning behind not making school selections was highlighted, such as:

- Their willingness to participate – all schools should be made aware of the project action and the opportunity to participate. This was done through a mail out to all secondary schools of a brochure of our education work featuring this project and the opportunity to participate.
- Matching with curriculum/specialism
- Spread across county districts
- Range of performance/ consumption against a league table – info from GCC

Links with GCC's project with the Carbon Trust should also be explored

It will be necessary to organise a local kick off meeting when all schools established with the aim of generating interest for businesses.

Suggested contacts – Business Link / FSB – Jerry Morgan / GEFB

Endorsement from BSO's (Inc Gloucs First) to encourage participation from business

Minimum requirement for 5 businesses but dependant on business capacity to take students and number of pupils this is likely to be much higher.

Schools may have existing business links they wish to utilise

Feedback from European Kick off meeting

European kick off was in Berlin and YEP! has a strong and supportive partnership:

Partic N°	Participant name	Participant short name	Country code	Main Role in Consortium
1 (CO)	Severn Wye Energy Agency	SWEA	En	Coordinator (leader WP1,5,7)
2	Energy Agency of Livorno Province	EALP	It	WP 3 leader – contributor to all WP's
3	Energieberatung Prenzlauer Berg	EBPB	De	WP 4 leader- contributor to all WP's
4	Agency Energy Ribera	AER	Es	Contribution to all WP's
5	Energikontor Sydost	ESS	Sv	Contribution to all WP's
6	Energy Agency of Perugia	AEA	It	Contribution to all WP's
7	Regional Energy Agency Crete	REAC	Gr	WP 6 leader – Contributor to all WP's
8	Energy Agency of Plovdiv	EAP-save	Bg	WP 2 leader – Contributor to all Wp's

Practical issues, finance arrangements

The co- financing is secured through grant from the STW flood fund and communication will be sent shortly regarding invoicing.

Action points

K.L. to review school energy users and pass on contacts for those with potential for the project.

T.P. to follow up possible links with EPC work.

P.W/K.L to produce league table of high energy consuming schools for selection criteria

R.C/M.B to attend meeting with Carbon Trust in February.

Next meeting

To be w/c 21st April – TBC by email