



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

The Centre

The vision of 'The Reading Sustainability Centre' is to establish an eco-education centre, combined with a hydro scheme on Caversham Weir, in Reading, and promote the better use of resources like water, food, electricity.

We have ambitious plans to install hydro turbines on the Thames in Reading, and we are about to apply to the Urban Community Energy Fund which, if successful, will give us the funds to carry out feasibility studies and obtain an Environment Agency licence for the project.

Website

With support from the Earley Charity, The Reading Sustainability Centre has now launched its website:- <http://ReadingSustainabilityCentre.co.uk> (also see the new RNN video clip).

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Funding

Tony Hoskins is now the mentor to our funding team. We will target the European Union (EU), and both national and local organisations to obtain various types of funding. We have received a grant of £500 from The Naturesave Trust to cover essential office-procedures. Abbey Community First have also awarded us £800 to help with other start-up costs.

Volunteers

Thanks, mainly to the RVA, we have new volunteers with specialisms in law, finance, sustainability, management etc. coming forward to help us in our various activities.

Reading Museum will be holding an exhibition next year on the topic of: 'A Vision for Reading as we move towards 2050', which we hope to contribute to.

Forthcoming Events

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Our Community Interest Company (CIC) launch event

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There will be a launch event for our CIC on 7th January beginning at 7.00 pm, in the new Reading Council offices. We will present an update of where we are, share all our latest news and talk more about our vision. We invite all like-minded people to join this open meeting.

Needs Survey

We would greatly appreciate it if you would spend a couple of minutes in completing the survey below this will help us to develop a design brief for the centre.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VWFYQ2W>