

Hi

Just a few local initiatives/events I wanted to tell you about:

1. Thermal imaging for homes in Bristol;
2. An energy course - how to DIY draught-proof your home ;
3. The Salt Café is giving an added incentive to try out an electric bike;
4. Earth Hour on 25th March;
5. Bedminster Energy Group are meeting next Tuesday and would welcome anyone who would like to get involved;
6. Next talk at the Snug, Tobacco Factory is '**Is Nuclear the Answer?**' - **Tuesday 21st Feb.**

1. Please see the attached poster. This project is open to any home owner or tenant anywhere in Bristol, not just Easton. **Thermal imaging will help you identify exactly where you are losing heat, and trained assessors will be able to advise you** on how to cut your consumption and costs. This is free for those on lower incomes.

2. Sign up now for low cost or free places on the BCR Energy Group / **MakeyourhomeEco short course this February**. Learn about low cost, temporary or more ambitious energy efficiency measures in 6 enjoyable, informative sessions, tailored to the needs of your home. **Suitable for home owners or tenants**.

6 x 2-hour sessions, open to householders in all areas of Bristol at The Hub, Bristol Harbourside, BS1 5UH (next to The Watershed) Weekly from Monday **February 20th, 6.00-8.00pm (refreshments at 5.45)** First session is free. Decide and pay for the full course at end of first session Cost of full session £30 or free to low income households.

Sign up for first session at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/makeyourhomeeco-course-tickets-31160319354>

Free one-off session suitable for rented accommodation (including students).

We can also run a day-time course if enough interest. Please email

[info.bcrenergy@gmail.com](mailto:info.bcrenergy@gmail.com) for more information

## MakeyourhomeEco course

[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

Make saving energy one of your New Year resolutions with a community run MakeyourhomeEco course. First session free. Open to residents of all parts of Bristol Make your home more comfortable and save money on energy bills. Learn about low cost, temporary or more ambitious energy efficiency measures in 6 enjoyable, informative sessions, tailored to the needs of your home. The full course of 6 x 2 hour sessions will run weekly from Monday February 20th, arrive 5.45pm for refreshments, sessions 6.00-8.00pm Sign up here to first free session. Decide and pay for the full course at the end of the session. Venue will be The Hub, Bristol Harbourside, BS1 5UH (next to The Watershed) Cost of course £30, but entire course is free to low

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3. I'm evangelical about electric bikes! I bought one two years ago and it's changed my life. I hardly use my car at all now and never have to worry about being too tired to cycle somewhere... No more parking problems. **The Salt Café has teamed up with Atmosphere Bikes at the bottom of Jacob's Wells Road to hold a two week promotion - a free coffee to anyone who goes and tries out a bike. This begins on February 20th.** Nought per cent bike finance is available which makes a new bike really affordable. If anyone wants to ask about charging the battery, costs, etc., please do write to me or speak to Alastair at Atmosphere.

#### 4. Earth Hour

(<http://email.wwf.org.uk/In/140782477/0/QPtSR8JTrqFzWKQaj4FF3Ly%7ezsa8PNBslrvZlcNWqqu/>) is the world largest demonstration of support for action on climate change. At **8.30pm on Saturday 25 March, millions of people, organisations and landmarks around the world will switch off their lights for one hour** to show their support for our brilliant planet.

This year is Earth Hour's 10th anniversary and is set to be our biggest yet, with iconic UK landmarks including Big Ben, the London Eye, Palace of Holyrood and Windsor Castle, all switching off their lights.

With 2016 being confirmed as the hottest year on record and a new high for the third year in a row, it's more important than ever that we take action on climate change. So join with us, be part of Earth Hour and make it matter.

5. The **Bedminster Energy Group** is hosting the current round of talks in the Snug at the Tobacco Factory, and is looking at ways of changing the energy mix in Bedminster and in particular, helping households in fuel poverty. If you would like to get involved, their next meeting is on **Tuesday 7th, in the main bar Tobacco Factory, at 7.30pm. All are welcome.**

6. I will be giving the next talk in the series - **Is Nuclear the Answer? - at the Snug, Tobacco Factory, 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st February.** Please book through Eventbrite and if you have to cancel your booking for any reason, please do so through Eventbrite so that others can take your ticket. Bookings are free, and this talk usually generates a lot of interest. For anyone who wants to stay informed about nuclear developments in this country, I would recommend going on the mailing list of **South West Against Nuclear - [swanactive@gmail.com](mailto:swanactive@gmail.com).**

Many thanks. All good wishes.

Nikki