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Adam Kennerley
Montgomeryshire

Adam is a trained ecologist who began his working life managing nature reserves and large protected landscapes. He is Chief Executive of Cwm Harry Land Trust, which offers communities practical ways of taking responsibility for their resources. This means collecting and composting food waste from over 8,000 homes in Montgomeryshire and providing locally grown food. Adam has successfully taken the organisation from a grant-funded body through to a commercial operation. He also runs sister social enterprise Light Foot, who has helped 1,500 households cut carbon by an average of 29% – winning them the Big Green Challenge in early 2010.



Alan Jones
Pembrokeshire

Alan Jones is passionate about preserving the ancient process of straw roofing, which dates back to the time when our ancestors stopped being nomadic and started animal and crop husbandry. In Wales 150 years ago, most roofs were thatched – the straw for the roofs being a by-product from food production. Alan trains people in the craft and he is helping to regenerate farming and wetland management practices to keep this sustainable activity alive. He firmly believes that ancient varieties of wheat are an important part of our culture's evolution, continuing to provide shelter and maintaining the link with sustainable practices that are worth preserving today.



Alun Evans
Rhondda Cynon Taf

Alun is Head of Technology at a Welsh-medium secondary school. His commitment and determination have helped make Ysgol Gyfun Llanhari a leader in the field of sustainable development. He has supported organisations including WWF, the Centre for Alternative Technology and Sustainable Design Award to develop educational resources that are now used throughout the UK. Alun has been a delegate to the British Government team attending the Earth Summit for Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, where he witnessed the poverty affecting areas of South Africa. He also helped to form the first branch of School-Aid in Wales, establishing a regular charitable supply of educational resources to communities in Africa.



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Angela Payne

Swansea

Angela Payne works for the City and County of Swansea Youth Service as a full-time area youth worker. Part of her role has been to develop 'education for sustainable development and global citizenship' with young people. This has meant developing and coordinating a two-year piece of work to encourage environmental awareness through participation. The project has had numerous aspects, including building a cob round house and cob seating area, growing vegetables, looking after pigs, recycling and renewable energy education. Many partner organisations and over 120 young people have worked together incredibly hard to make the project a success.



Anna Surridge

Cardiff

In 2009 Anna became one of six Climate Change Champions for Wales. Throughout the year, she worked to raise awareness of climate change, including everything from attending community events to being interviewed for TV and radio. As Anna's end-of-year project, she chose to write and illustrate a children's superhero book on climate change. Following a very long process, her book *Max, Bell and Casper Save the World* has been now published by the Welsh Assembly Government. It was initially distributed to all primary schools in Cardiff and proved so successful that another 1,000 were printed to go around Wales.



Barmouth Resort Improvement Group

Gwynedd

Formed in 2007, Barmouth Resort Improvement Group is a small progressive not-for-profit group of people from the local area, who are committed to the common goal of improving the town. They aim to achieve this in a radical and ambitious way – for example by running projects that range from the simple tidying of neglected small areas to full-blown resort-changing projects that could make Barmouth a leader in sustainability within the region. They have already delivered a dolphin water feature, Palm trees along the Promenade and rejuvenated the railway station, creating a more attractive environment, and have bold plans for the future.



Barry Lee

Denbighshire

Barry Lee would put any litterbug to shame. He spends most days clearing litter and waste from the area around his home in Denbigh. Not only this – Barry sorts, cleans and separates the waste, and takes it to the local recycling banks. He was once responsible for clearing over two tonnes of fly-tipped rubbish that has been tipped into a local stream over a period of months. His unflinching dedication to the local environment is commendable, and has led to a yearly event where around 300 residents of the town clear on average 100 bags of litter and waste.

Bassaleg School Eco Champions

Newport

Bradleigh Reeks, Charles Cowper, James Foulkes Nock, Thakor Patel and John Wilkinson are five Year 9 pupils at Bassaleg School who are committed to sustainability. They have led the way for the entire school – running pupil-led Eco Committee meetings, going into assemblies to speak and tirelessly monitoring water usage and recycling. They even researched and led a micro-energy generation project that resulted in a school wind turbine being built in 2009. The pupils are dedicated to promoting environmental messages to the school community. Their success has shown others that giving young people a voice can make exceptional ideas become a reality.

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Bridgend County Borough Council's Sustainable Development Team

Bridgend

Every member of Bridgend's Sustainable Development team has contributed their expertise and experience towards sustainability initiatives in Bridgend. These range from climate change adaptation and environmental footprinting to engaging young people and partnership working. This experience, together with a broad range of activities, projects and partners, has enabled the team to successfully drive sustainability high up the agenda – influencing policy and operations within Bridgend. They have worked with lead officers to reduce the council's carbon emissions, developed sustainable procurement to help us buy locally and fairly, and helped schools to confidently engage their pupils in sustainability and global citizenship.



Canton Carbon Cutters

Cardiff

Canton Carbon Cutters project is run by Cardiff Home Energy Volunteers, a group formed by members of Cardiff Transition project during the spring of 2009. The volunteers have been trained in green energy by Household Energy Service and they aim to help people reduce energy use in the home, in particular through loft and cavity wall insulation. In partnership with the Energy Saving Trust (EST) Green Communities scheme, Canton Carbon Cutters have delivered the EST Household Survey to over 500 homes. They have also launched the 'Put A Hat On Canton' campaign – a giant bobble hat – with the enthusiastic support of local schools and many people in the community.



Carmarthenshire County Council Sustainability Team

Carmarthenshire

The Carmarthenshire County Council Sustainability team is made up of Kendal Davies, Eurgain Powell, Neil Evans, Diane Thomas, Tina Brice, Sharon Griffiths, Guto Owen and Rhian Owen. They form one of the leading local authorities in Wales for sustainable development and corporate social responsibility. They have piloted and developed the 'Byw Sir Gar' challenge – giving members of the community the chance to come up with innovative solutions to environmental problems. The team's commitment, enthusiasm and interest has been nationally recognised: they are the second in Wales to receive a Platinum Award for the Corporate Health Standard.



Chris Blake

Powys

Like many other people in and around the Brecon Brecons, Chris became involved in the Green Valleys project as part of NESTA's Big Green Challenge towards the end of 2008. Unlike many other people, since then he has been helping to shape a lasting community response to the challenge of climate change. He was a founding director of the Green Valleys Community Interest Company and is now managing director of TGV Hydro – a company dedicated to installing micro-hydro systems for the long-term benefit of communities. Chris is a vocal advocate of social enterprise and is a trustee of the Talgarth Mill renovation project.

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Christine Hughes

Wrexham

Christine Hughes is the Environment Systems Coordinator at Sharp Manufacturing, where she has worked for 11 years. She has been key to moving the factory towards sustainable manufacture, installing systems that have gained plaudits such as 'exemplary' and 'best in class'. As a result, Sharp has gained recognition and won several green awards, including overall winner at the Business and Sustainability in Wales Awards 2008. As a guest speaker, Christine frequently visits other organisations to share her experiences of delivering sustainability programmes in large companies. She has spoken to Business in the Community, the Federation of Small Businesses and many more.



Conwy Orchard Community Group

Conwy

Conwy Orchard Community Group was originally formed to bring a neglected and overgrown 100-year-old orchard under active management for the community and wildlife. The Council-owned orchard contains traditional varieties of apple, pear, plum and damson, and many public footpaths. The group manages it by replanting saplings as the current orchard ages, wassailing, fruit thinning and harvesting. They also run public awareness events throughout the year. Conwy Orchard Community Group aims to strike a balance between creating space for healthy tree growth, wild patches for biodiversity and clear areas to encourage visitors to enjoy the site.



Cris Tomos

Pembrokeshire

Cris is Deputy Director of Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services. He has been heavily involved with community development for several years, including being a board member of Land for People – Community Land Trust, and PLANED. Cris has helped the community in Cwm Arian to be successful in securing £400,000 to building two large wind turbines to be owned by the community. These will generate approximately £330,000 a year from the sale of electricity to the national grid, which will be used to help local households and businesses reduce their carbon footprint, establish new green technology social enterprises employing local people and affordable housing for local families.



Croissant Neuf Festival

Monmouthshire

Sally and Andy have a passion for the environment and a passion for music. They put on the Croissant Neuf Festival – a low-impact event that aims to educate people about green issues as well as being fun. The festival was powered entirely by solar panels and wind generators, saving an estimated 1.5 tonnes of carbon dioxide. All food served was organic and local, and all ales were locally produced. The event has won awards for being the most environmentally sound event in the UK, scooping the top green award at the Virtual Festivals UK Festival Awards and winning the Adventa Award for Sustainable festivals in Monmouthshire.

David Naylor

Swansea

David has a life-long love and appreciation of cycling. For nearly three decades before his retirement, he taught civil engineering at the University of Wales, Swansea, and he has cycled both for commuting and pleasure for most of his life. David is a committed supporter of voluntary organisations that promote cycling – in particular Sustrans and the CTC national cyclists' organisation. In 2007, he revived the flagging Swansea Bay Cycling Campaign Group Wheelrights and is now their secretary, webmaster and newsletter editor. He works closely with Swansea Council to improve provision for cyclists, he is a Sustrans liaison ranger and CTC's Right to Ride representative for the Swansea area.

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Dawn Purkiss
Monmouthshire

Dawn was brought up in the countryside, often heading out with her brothers for walks and litter picking during the holidays. This instilled in her a deep sense of satisfaction when it comes to improving the area we inhabit. Dawn's background led her to start recycling before the local authority started collecting it. And she has been working with young people for 12 years, coordinating the 'Get Up and Grow' project for Monmouthshire Youth Service. The project is as organic as it can be, with students learning about gardening, nature, the environment and recycling in order to achieve the Open College Network qualification in horticulture.



Deb Hill
Swansea

Deb Hill has worked in the environment sector in Swansea for 25 years. She has been instrumental in helping to establish and support the Swansea Environmental Forum, Environmental Education Forum, Biodiversity Partnership and Forest School Swansea Neath Port Talbot. She has helped to deliver many innovative, creative and successful initiatives, including the Swansea Environment Centre, Green Futures Eco Fest, Sustainable Swansea project and the Swansea Environment Strategy. Deb is currently a nature conservation team leader responsible for delivering the area's Local Biodiversity Action Plan. Her latest project is the Swansea Nature Network project funded through the Countryside Council for Wales Communities and Nature Convergence programme.



Dorothy Mitchell
Wrexham

Dorothy became involved in the Wrexham Sustainability Forum after it established guidelines together with Caia Park Environmental Group about community-level environmental, social and economical development. These guidelines bring together the elements set down in Agenda 21 from the Rio Earth Summit of 1992. The group has set up projects with the community and local schools including open days, competitions, clean-ups and litter-picks. They are involved in encouraging recycling, carbon reduction, composting and in increasing bio-diversity awareness. The group also is developing a community allotment and has a bike project that aims to involve disadvantaged groups as part of its drive towards social inclusion.



Elizabeth May & Professor David Warner
Swansea

Elizabeth May has been a leading light in sustainability at Swansea Metropolitan University for decades. She is a key member of the local wildlife trust and has been associated with many local environmental projects. She has set up a yearly environment week – introducing thousands of students to sustainability issues through her teaching and her role as environment manager. In the community, she has supported Swansea Environmental forum for seven years, bringing the strength of her principles and beliefs to the group. Elizabeth does not own a car, she passionately believes in fair trade and she travels by train to reduce her air miles wherever possible.

David Warner is the longest-serving head of a higher education institution in Wales. He is currently Vice-Chancellor of Swansea Metropolitan University and is an authority on higher education management. David has written or edited 10 books on themes including human resource management in higher education, managing mergers, the state of UK higher education, law and managing crisis – all of which make reference to the environment. He is currently the commissioning editor of a 16-volume series for the Open University Press titled *Managing Universities and Colleges*. David has undertaken a number of international consultancies, the most recent being for universities in Namibia, Romania, Belarus and Queensland.



Elizabeth Straiton

Denbighshire

Liz Straiton describes herself as ‘a lifelong green worrier’. This year, she has become one of Denbighshires' Green Champions – enabling her to get involved with green issues in schools and at county level. She has set up a digital library of environmental literature with links to helpful websites and she actively encourages teachers to weave environmental issues into their curriculum. She has tackled waste with the help of students from Ysgol Brynhyfryd's Eco Group and, with the support of senior management, she is exploring new ways to educate students and teachers to reduce their carbon footprint.



Eric Maddern

Gwynedd

Australian-born Eric Maddern has lived near Llyn Padarn in Snowdonia since 1986. There, with friends, he's created Cae Mabon: an eco-retreat centre set in oak woodland by the river Afon Fachwen. The community centres around a thatched Celtic roundhouse and includes lodges, cabins and cottages made from strawbales, lime, logs, timber and cob, all lit by solar power. Eric offers courses in environmental awareness, healing, creativity, singing, storytelling, yoga, meditation and green spirituality. He is also a singer-songwriter, storyteller and children's author, whose work aims to inspire action to protect the Earth for future generations.



Fay Sharply

Carmarthenshire

When Fay Sharpley heard that the village shop faced closure, she took it as an opportunity to do something on her own initiative rather than waiting for ‘somebody to do something’. Living in a small isolated rural community, she realised that making changes to ensure the community is sustainable was up to them. That was in 2003, and she has continued to carry out self-directed projects since – making better use of energy, piloting using LED replacements for traditional lighting and buying a thermal imaging camera. Fay has also brought in expertise to help people make informed choices about renewable energy technologies and to raise awareness about energy saving measures.



Gideon Carpenter

Carmarthenshire

Gideon has a professional environmental background – he works for Environment Agency Wales. He's also a member of the local Community Association and Community Council in Llanfallteg, West Carmarthenshire. With the support of his community, Gideon has developed and coordinated events to increase energy awareness and promote renewable energy technologies. These include a renewable energy trail, climate change and recycling activities for the childrens' club, and information-sharing for green technologies. He has been central in securing funding and permission to install a photovoltaic system for the community hall – erecting a visible symbol of change.



Grenville Ham

Powys

Grenville Ham has worked for the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority since late 2007. During that time he has been involved with over 100 renewable energy installations, founded award-winning community initiatives and created a number of social enterprises. He is a strong supporter of local business and has helped several Welsh renewable energy installation and manufacturing companies to start up. Grenville's commitment is to developing initiatives that benefit the community, improve the environment and involve local people. He is a strong believer in the ‘rightness’ of a particular piece of work – and relishes the challenge, no matter the size of the task.

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Gwen Prince

Powys

Following her experiences of working in Africa with refugees, Gwen Prince co-founded Llanidloes Energy Solutions (LLES) in 2001. She wanted to raise awareness of climate change and promote sustainable living. It is now an environmental charity and part of the Low Carbon Communities Network. LLES runs eco-home open days, green fairs and various events to promote sustainability. They have recently 'eco-renovated' Llanidloes Community Centre – installing solar photovoltaic panels to generate electricity. They have also explored setting up a community hydro scheme. As part of the global 10:10 campaign, they held monthly stalls on different topics with a prize for the best energy-saving idea.



Ian Draisey

Powys

Ian Draisey is Director at Dulas, a company on a mission to improve lives through renewable energy and sustainable technology. From their premises in Machynlleth, they offer consultancy and expert advice on biomass, wind energy, solar and hydro power, as well as supply chain management and low-carbon engineering. They are leaders in their field, having been central to Welsh renewables since 1982 and winning a Queen's Award for their solar-powered refrigerators. Dulas's projects have delivered thousands of solar hospitals, vaccine stores and blood banks. And their renewable power systems keep healthcare, water supply, telecommunications, educations and communities going around the world.



Jan Cliff

Carmarthenshire

Jan Cliff is the founder of the first community-based, not-for-profit biodiesel production plant in the UK: Sundance Renewables (no longer trading). She has campaigned tirelessly across all tiers of government locally, nationally and globally for 'fair play on biodiesel'. She is regarded by many to have single-handedly led the local collections of waste cooking oils, small-scale production of B100 biodiesel in Carmarthenshire and the wider distribution of affordable, reduced carbon biofuel in communities across Wales. Jan has shared her experience and knowledge through training courses, teaching the science of renewable energy and biofuel production to individuals and organisations from around the world.



Jane Clough

Denbighshire

Jane opened Caffi Florence in Loggerheads Country Park in December 2007 with the aim of providing delicious food in the most sustainable way possible. Not only does the café use many local suppliers, it actively encourages local producers to supply products that aren't yet available. Staff at the café work hard to minimise energy usage: wastage is kept to a minimum through a green buying policy and Jane works with suppliers to reduce packaging. The café now attracts more than 85,000 visitors a year. It makes almost everything scratch – the bread, its famous cakes, meals and even the tomato ketchup are made on site.



Janette and Barry White

Pembrokeshire

Janette and Barry run The Grove Hotel and Pub – an SA Brains establishment. They have made a number of small changes that have added up to a big impact on sustainability. They have worked with Dwr Cymru to install water-saving measures that have saved 18% volume and over £800 on their bill, including more efficient shower heads in guest rooms. Together with the Carbon Trust, they put in an energy-saving curtain in the cellar, loft insulation and better draught excluders. All this adds up to big savings and a change in the way staff, the community and SA Brains itself thinks about energy use.

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Jenny Howell

Cardiff

Jenny runs the Riverside Community Garden project in Cardiff, where all members of the community are welcome to grow fruit and vegetables. Any produce is shared and the project offers training in gardening skills, cooking and sustainable technologies. Jenny is also involved in local food and growing events in Clare Gardens, Riverside – a local park in a highly populated, diverse area of Cardiff. More recently she has set up Orchard Cardiff, which aims to promote the use of fruit and nut trees in the city and encourage further planting for both people and wildlife. Orchard Cardiff recently held its first 'Apple Day' in Riverside, promoting locally grown apples.



Jo's Organic Store

Vale of Glamorgan

Neil and Jo Shah started Jo's Organics in 1999 because they believe passionately in organic principles. Local girl Jo was teaching in Penarth at the time and Neil was in London. They now run a successful business selling organic and ethical versions of everything you can buy in a supermarket – from meat, dairy, fruit and veg, to toiletries and cleaning products – all of which can be refilled on the premises. Neill and Jo try to source their food from local organic farms and ethical organic wholesalers. They have a loyal community of suppliers and customers, and believe small is beautiful.



Kate Meakin

Cardiff

Kate is a central member of the Cardiff East Transition Group, where she organises events that publicise the impacts of climate change, peak oil and what we can do to adapt. These have included the 'Food Fight' and 'Cardiff Feed 500'. She's also a member of Canton Carbon Cutters – giving members of the public information on home energy and working with schools to encourage better insulation. Each year, Kate arranges for a fair trade producer from another country to meet people from the UK and show how fair trade has benefitted their community. She has inspired hundreds of people to make real changes in their lives.



Liz Freeman

Vale of Glamorgan

Liz Freeman is a teacher and eco-school coordinator in Llandough Primary. She is a champion of the environment: her two gardens for nursery and reception children have won biodiversity and 'Vale In Bloom' awards. Her gardening club has established a wild flower bank, all grown from seed (a painstaking task). They also have a pond for tadpoles – and have secured £600 from Llandough Council to build a new and larger pond. Liz has installed 14 bird boxes, the school is an active member of 'Breathing Spaces Schools' and it has recently received trees to plant as part of the Woodlands Trust and Sainsbury's 'Sustainabili-tree' campaign.

Madalena John

Powys

Madalena John is a property secretary and finance clerk for the National Trust at Powis Castle and Garden. Four years ago she set up an environmental group at the castle – the Powis Castle Green Group – with staff and volunteers from every department. This year, the group has been instrumental in National Trust Wales achieving Green Dragon Level 3. They produced a free 'green' booklet for children, installed a borehole and ground-source heating pump, they use energy saving lights, monitor energy consumption monthly and they source food and retail produce locally. On top of this, Madalena also goes out and about promoting Powis Castle at local green events.

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Mark Jenkins

Bridgend

Mark Jenkins is well-qualified in environmental matters: he has completed an MSc in Environmental Education, a permaculture design course and six City & Guilds sustainable food and horticultural courses. Mark aims to have the lowest possible personal ecological footprint (including a composting toilet). He runs a business teaching schools, community groups and the public how to become more sustainable. He specialises in sustainable food projects and also runs courses on DIY renewable energy projects, for example solar cookers and cob ovens. He is currently building a passive solar classroom from sustainable materials, which is due to be delivered at courses from spring 2011.



Michael Butterfield

Powys

Llangattock Green Valleys put its roots down in September 2008 and from there it has grown into a Community Interest Company where ideas are bearing fruit. Led by Michael Butterfield and a group of community members, they've come from humble beginnings and now set their sights on becoming a 'carbon negative community' by 2015. Being one of the finalists in the British Gas Green Streets competition for 2010 has opened up doors for the initiative to deliver a wide range of community projects. Each project has a strong emphasis on reducing over-reliance on grants and developing sustainable income streams to fund future projects.



Michele Fitzsimmons

Vale of Glamorgan

Michele Fitzsimmons has been teaching permaculture and food growing courses, and designing edible landscapes since the early 1990s. She is responsible for thousands of people engaging with permaculture and being inspired to grow their own food. Many more people now grow their own food and live healthier lifestyles because of Michele's teaching and design work. Imported food is major contributor to the UK's carbon footprint. Growing our own food is vital to reducing this footprint and offsetting the effects of higher food prices. Michele is an important part of this transition for Wales – helping us to become more self-reliant and resilient in the face of peak oil and climate change.



Mick Bates AM

Powys

Throughout his last 10 years at the Welsh Assembly Mick Bates AM has been committed to helping Wales develop a low-carbon economy. He is a former Welsh Liberal Democrat Shadow Minister for the Environment, Sustainability and Rural Affairs, and has held many senior positions. Mick has long been a key voice for green issues: he has supported many small-scale community energy projects and even planted trees with local children to offset the carbon footprint of their travel to school. Mick continues to campaign at local and national level for more support for energy efficiency, microgeneration and renewable energy – to protect the environment and improve the lives of people across Wales.

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Mike and Lucy Evans

Carmarthenshire

Mike and Lucy Evans are the co-creators of The Ferryside Village Forum, a charity aiming to encourage greater awareness of sustainability and climate change in the area. Together with Carmarthenshire County Council and Menter Cwm Gwendraeth they have organised green events and set up a 'Carbon Zero' descent plan – working with 40 local people to adapt to climate change. Mike and Lucy are leading this collective to set up a shared allotment and a social enterprise in the community centre. Their successes are paving the way for other communities in the county, alongside the Byw Sir Gar and Community Challenge initiatives, which they have been involved in.

Nick and Dianne Bullen

Gwynedd

Sylvantutch is a small company specialising in the design and manufacture of rustic woodland furniture. It has become a popular brand name in rural Wales and is run by Nick and Diane Bullen. Nick and Diane gather all of their materials from natural resources in an ecologically sound way, with minimum impact on the environment. They use exclusively reclaimed and recycled wood salvaged sustainably and locally in the foothills of the Snowdonia National Park – creating furniture from scrap lumber, discarded tree trimmings, dead or dying trees, driftwood and discarded fence and gate posts. They also support the local community by teaching people how make wooden furnishings in an environmentally friendly way.



Paul Wimbush

Pembrokeshire

Paul Wimbush and his colleagues at Lammas have made their vision of a low-impact eco-village a reality and a thriving success. It has become a hub of innovation and inspiration for shifting attitudes towards sustainability and countryside development. Despite many setbacks and difficulties with planning, including some local opposition, their efforts have produced a wealth of information – from habitat surveys, geology surveys and local history, to existing models, precedents and market research. Paul and Lammas are now sharing their experiences of building low-impact sustainable communities through education initiatives and publicity, helping people to replicate the achievements of the project.

Peter James MBE

Powys

Peter James's J&R Cooking School has been providing courses on sourcing and preparing local and organic fresh food for five years. He supports and promotes local growers in the area, as well as helping the fishing environment by using sustainable and line-caught fish to maintain stocks. Peter also owns The Drovers Rest restaurant, which champions local food. He is a member and winner of the nationally recognised Green Tourism Business Scheme Gold Award for sustainability and chairman of the Llanwrtyd Wells Gourmet Festival of Fine Food & Drink, which brings together over 60 Welsh and regional producers each year.

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Ray Davies

Neath Port Talbot

Ray has set up a community garden for young people using a £500 start-up grant from Keep Wales Tidy. With the help of his group Daclus Sandfields Aberavon and young people from the surrounding community, Ray campaigned tirelessly for a multi-usage games area for young people to use. His work has transformed a previously unremarkable plot into a beautiful green space. Ray also organises events for local young people, including beach cleans, litter picks, community gardening and awareness-raising trips. He works closely with Keep Wales Tidy to organise waste amnesties, which have helped to remove over 30 tonnes of rubbish.

Richard Thomas

Cardiff

Richard Thomas is passionate about renewables, sustainable living and the arts. He firmly believes education through participation is the key to making Wales a better place to live. He has run Triban Solar Stage with a team of dedicated volunteers for the past five years. Triban is a mobile exhibition entirely powered by wind and solar energy. It has toured Wales, England and Ireland with its organic café, providing a range of workshops in sustainable energy and a platform for musicians. Electric By Nature is Richard's latest project – it aims to illustrate how easily small-scale, DIY renewable energy can be incorporated into everyday life through fun, interactive demonstrations and workshops.



Rod Williams

Conwy

Rod Williams is Business Development Manager at Crest Cooperative social enterprise. He has been the driving force behind an award-winning recycling partnership, hailed as the first of his kind in the UK, which aims to save building materials from landfill. In cooperation with Conwy housing association – and owing to Rod's efforts – the scheme has soared 10 years ahead of Welsh Assembly environmental targets. By promoting Crest's mission of social inclusion, Rod has created work opportunities for 200 people, including some people who were long-term unemployed, on community payback, volunteers and adults with learning disabilities. Rod's work on the pioneering project has now led to 10 people gaining full-time, permanent employment.



Sarah Woods

Powys

Sarah Woods lives on an eco-smallholding near Machynlleth. She is a playwright and educator in the fields of climate change and global justice. She is passionate about inspiring young people to campaign for a greener, fairer world. Sarah's latest play *Mr Jones* (BBC) looks at sustainability and sheep farming in the Welsh uplands. She has also worked with a group of young people from Ysgol Bro Ddyfi to make *spOILt*, a film about the Canadian Tar Sands. With Sarah's help, the students have founded the International Youth Transition Movement (part of the Transition Towns initiative) to inspire youth globally.



Sebastian Giraud

Cardiff

Sebastian is one of six young people chosen by the Welsh Assembly Government to be a Climate Change Champion for 2010. He is spending the year learning about climate change and persuading friends, family and people across Wales to do their bit to help. He has been working tirelessly – through TV, radio and newspaper campaigns – to target the simple things we can all do to reduce our impact on the environment. Alongside his role as a champion, Sebastian has also sat on the Climate Change Commission for Wales and contributed to the youth version of the Climate Change Strategy.



Sian Day and Shirley Price

Swansea

Sian Day and Shirley Price first started a local produce and craft market in 2008... two years later they have launched a second food and craft fair with over 40 stands of local produce, arts and crafts. Their aim was to create a platform for local producers, farmers and crafters to sell their products locally, cutting down on air miles and keeping the local economy healthy. With no funding or outside financial support they've made a success of the venture: they now have a waiting list of traders and hundreds of local people visit the market regularly.



Steve Harris

Rhondda Cynon Taf

Steve Harris is an intellectual pioneer who tackles the tricky issue of sustainable development head-on through his 'Science Shops Wales' at the University of Glamorgan. These workshops help Welsh community groups and organisations to work with students, tutors and researchers to carry out collaborative research projects on topics like the environment, health and social problems. Steve's work centres on finding ways of translating the science of systems and thermodynamics into policies and projects that will deliver sustainable resilient communities. He has helped many communities with desktop and practical research into Japanese knotweed, ecological audits, aqua and hydroponics, biodiesel for community use and community-scale renewables.



Ty Unnos

Powys

The Ty Unnos team were set a challenge in 2006: to build affordable rural housing using indigenous softwoods. It had never been done before. The team included specialists from public, private and academic bodies, whose skills reached from the forest to the design studio to the construction site. Work on a prototype Ty Unnos house, which is a highly adaptable, modular system, established that the building system was capable of creating larger buildings like schools and workshops. Two important structures – a house and a classroom – have now been completed at the Ebbw Vale site, and four houses have been delivered to a site in Dolwyddelan.