OXFORDSHIRE SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP PARTNERSHIP (LAUNCH AUTUMN 2014)

Oxford Brookes University, University of Oxford and Student Hubs recently won two proposals for funding to establish a regional hub to support aspiring social entrepreneurs. The Oxfordshire Social Entrepreneurship Partnership (OSEP), with funding from UnLtd, will provide support to individuals and groups from the county who want to establish Social enterprises.

CIEEM ACCREDITATION

The MSc Conservation Ecology, BSc (Hons) Biology, BSc (Hons) Animal Biology Conservation and BSc (Hons) Environmental Science degrees have been awarded Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management has awarded accredited degree status, as they offer an integrated approach to the study of ecology and the conservation of biodiversity.

CPD SHORT COURSES FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Environmental Information Exchange (EiE) programme for schools provides four CPD Short Courses on various energy topics relating to schools such as energy management, meter data, waste management and recycling.

HARCOURT HILL ALLOTMENTS

BA Primary Teacher Education students developed a project that would help them study for their Design and Technology module and would improve the Harcourt Hill campus. They spent a session creating a plan of action for the planting and upkeep of the allotment, and continue to keep a journal on the relationship between educational theory and practice.

OXFORD INSITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Rajat Gupta, Professor of Architecture and Climate Change at Oxford Brookes, and his team have monitored the performance of a refurbished ‘Eco House’ which uses 85% less gas and electricity than conventional homes. The research project is focused on developing a Community Energy Toolkit containing materials and guidance for energy projects and expanding the eco house idea on a larger scale.

The Sustainability Team offer assistance with integrating sustainability into the curriculum. This year work has been done in the School of Planning and the Pathways area to increase sustainability within the curriculum.

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