

## Seeking new climate heroes

The British Council is searching for twenty of Northern Ireland and Ireland's most motivated young people to join them in tackling the global challenge of climate change.

The call, aimed at 18-35 year olds, is the start of a three-year campaign called Challenge Europe which will recruit teams of Climate Advocates from 15 European countries to collaborate on taking action to tackle climate change.

The SDC is offering its support to the project. NI Director, Jim Kitchen, said, "This is a real chance to share best practice across Europe and promote unique ideas that will accelerate change towards a low carbon future for all of us."

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#### [Orchard Building is the pick of the crop](#)

The Orchard Building at Stranmillis University College in Belfast has become the first winner of a Sustainable Planning award organised in Northern Ireland by the Royal Town Planning Institute NI (RTPI NI) branch and the RSPB.



#### [Committee on Climate Change reveals ambitious targets](#)

Lord Adair Turner, the recently appointed chair of the high-profile Committee on Climate Change, visited Belfast last month. He has the difficult job of setting national targets for CO<sub>2</sub> reductions and monitoring the government's performance in achieving them.

#### **North Down wastes no time in addressing green issues**

North Down Borough Council has wasted no time in addressing what has become a major issue to the people of the locality—the impact of our throw away culture.

[Read the full case study.](#)

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#### **Other recent work**

Recent UK wide work:

- [Green, Healthy and Fair](#) - a review of government's role in supporting sustainable supermarket food

- [Health, place and nature](#) - recently published by the SDC's Healthy Futures team; funded by the Department of Health, it reviews the current knowledge base on the environment and health

- [Engagement](#) - find out about our ongoing work in this area and its role in sustainable development; our new



### [SDC announces new date and venue for its 2008 lecture series](#)

Professor Tim Lang, Commissioner for Natural Resources and Land Use, kick starts the Sustainable Development Commission's 2008 lecture series when he delivers the inaugural address, titled 'The Rapidly Changing World of Food', at 6.30pm on Thursday 29th May in the Peter Frogget Centre, Queen's University Belfast.

### [Master Class reveals Sustainability as key to economic progress](#)

The launch of OFMDFM's first Sustainable Development Master Class in March, marked the opening of a comprehensive programme of sustainable development training for civil servants from across policy and operational areas of government.

web pages include two YouTube video clips

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