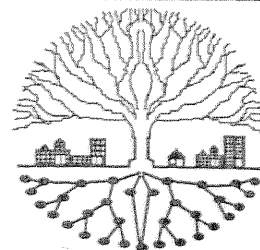


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GreenNet News



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GreenNet now has two fully functioning databases on-line. One is the WCMC (World Conservation Monitoring Centre) database on UN and National Park-lands world-wide; the other is the EDET (The Environment and Development Education and Training Group) listing of almost 3000 UK and international names and addresses of individuals and organisations related to the work of the EDET Group.

The EDET Group is a loose alliance of UK non-governmental organisations which bridges gaps between environmental and developmental education, using education, training and awareness-raising as a way of promoting education for sustainability.

EDET was first established in July 1990 to play a part in the UK UNCED preparations. The combined strengths and experience of a number of

EDET

The Environment and Development Education Training Group

organisations enabled the group to prepare an NGO submission to the UK Government. Financial support from the Department of the Environment helped to publish and distribute, prior to the Earth Summit, a popular version of its submission.

EDET aims to

- promote the principles of Education for Sustainability
- broaden the network to communicate more effectively with other participant groups at local, national and international levels
- stimulate action and evaluation in the UK related to Agenda 21

EDET's tasks over the next year include:

- running workshops for educators and trainers on sustainability
- preparing for a UK conference in 1993 to enable educators, trainers and policy-makers to start acting on the Agenda 21 of the Earth Summit and to widen its network
- preparing the ground for a high level meeting with key UK Govt. Departments
- maintaining the EDET electronic conference launched in October 1992 to communicate quickly and cheaply with GreenNet users.

TO ACCESS EDET ON GreenNet:
database - select "d" from the main command menu after you log on.
conference - select edet.earthkeep in conferences.

Human Rights Up-Date

The Association for Progressive Communications has been officially endorsed by the United Nations Under-Secretary for Human Rights, Antoine Blanca, to provide all communications and information services at the World Conference on Human Rights to be held in Vienna in June 1993. There have been APC representatives at a number of the Prep. Comms, who have been able to put news on-line of the progress of agenda-forming and deciding on the status of NGOs. Check the following conferences for details:

unhr.news - This conference will contain general information about the upcoming UN World Conference on Human Rights to be held in Vienna in June 1993.

unhr.general - The purpose of this conference is to be a gathering place for all NGOs to network around the conference.

unhr.documents - This conference will contain official documents from the Secretariat of the United Nations Centre for Human Rights.

un.general - Will contain information by and about the United Nations.

GreenNet Training Evening:

The next GreenNet Training
Evening will be on Wednesday
2 December at:

GreenNet,
23 Beviden Street
London N1

Cost: £15.00 per person
Time : 6pm to 9pm

To book send email to
support@gn or phone us on
071 608 3040

Groups of four or more can arrange special sessions, either at our offices or your premises, ask for more details.

End-of-Year Party at GreenNet Tuesday 15 December 1992

GreenNet users and other sympathetic elements are invited to drop by our office to help us celebrate the festive season. It is hoped that people will start appearing from about 4pm and continue arriving into the evening. We suggest you bring along something to contribute to the eating and drinking supplies.

New Conferences on GreenNet

Quite a number of new conferences have come on line recently. We list a selection for you below:

agri.farmbill - The purpose of this conference is to strategize around the 1995 farm bill. Particular emphasis will be on sustainable agriculture as it might affect the upcoming bill.

bas.magazine - The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists is a magazine specialising in nuclear and arms control issues, international affairs and species survival.

env.biotech - Weekly news summary of biotechnology issues.

env.siberia - Issues relating to Siberian environment and indigenous peoples.

fip.segured - A conference on the human rights of journalists in Latin America. This is the Spanish sister of the IFJ's conference ifj.safenet.

gatt.agri - News, information and discussion about the impact of GATT on agriculture.

gef.report - Documentation on the Global Environment Facility, a three year experiment that provides grants to explore ways of assisting developing countries to protect the global environment and to transfer environmentally benign technologies.

gem.gondwana - A conference to target student involvement and advocacy in environmental issues.

geo2.hazards - Imported from the GeoNet bulletin board system, this is information about toxics and hazardous materials in the workplace.

link.library - Supported by LINK, a UK based network aiming to raise awareness of Third World library issues within the information related professions in the North, to link librarians and libraries in the South with colleagues worldwide for their mutual benefit. It's also hoped that this will become a forum for exchanging information on the widest range of library issues.

reg.bougainville - News about Bougainville and the struggle of the separatist movement there.

reg.costarica - For all information and materials on Costa Rica only.

sindicatos - This conference from Uruguay discusses labour and trade union issues in both Spanish and Portuguese.

unced.csd - This conference is sponsored by the International NGO Task Group on Legal and Institutional Matters of UNCED (UN Conference on Environment and Development). It provides a clearing house for information, ideas and notices about the soon to be established United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development.

The Other European Summit

Held at Edinburgh from the 7 - 12th December 1992, The Other Europe Summit sets out to challenge complacency on the future of our Europe.

This is the latest in the series of *The Other Economic Summits* which have been convened each year immediately preceeding the G-7 Summit; where the leaders of the world's seven strongest industrial countries meet. *TOES* has met every year since 1984 and provides a setting for thinkers and activists from around the world to publicize their research.

GreenNet staff will be on hand at Edinburgh to bring the events of *The Other Europe Summit* to GreenNet and other APC users. GreenNet will endeavour to put speakers' addresses, general discussion and remote participation onto GreenNet in advance of events. Check out the conferences **toes.general** and **toes.summit** from the 4th of December.

The Edinburgh organisers have described the theme of *TOES 1992* as the outlining of an alternative vision of Europe opposed to that of the EC as "a narrow union that excludes the rights of poor and non-white communities, downplays the accelerating degradation of our environment and turns deaf ears to the needs of people in the Europe outside...in Eastern Europe, and beyond in the Third World." More information is available from the New Economics Foundation, tel: 071-377-5720, email: neweconomics@gn.apc.org

Technical Up-Date

9600 baud modem access...

It is now possible to access GreenNet with a 9600 baud modem. The number to dial for this service is +44 71 608 2911.

New Manual...

The new GreenNet manual is in its final stages of preparation. It should be available to you around the end of November. The price will be somewhere between five and six pounds per copy unless you are a recent subscriber awaiting your first complimentary copy.

New worker...

Don't be alarmed if you are greeted by a strange voice next time you phone. GreenNet has a new part-time member of staff named Andrew Syer.