



Climate Connections

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A partnership:



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

Be Humankind  **Oxfam**





Aims & objectives:

- To raise awareness on the impacts of climate change from a global to local level and to show the global links by connecting stories of people living around the world, with those in Brighton and Hove
- To engage with residents and communities across Brighton and Hove in acting on climate change, reduce their carbon foot print and support their learning through the creation of local champions
- Promote local community projects, initiatives, organisations and businesses for supporting local residents making informed choices and actions concerning how they impact the world around them



Brighton & Hove City Council and Climate Connections

Outreach the city population on issues around carbon reduction and sustainability

Work together/feedback on the adaptation planning work prioritised by the City Sustainability Partnership following from last year scrutiny panel inquiry

Link the programme with B&HCC ebulletins and website

Link with the low carbon city and 10:10 campaign endorsed by the council





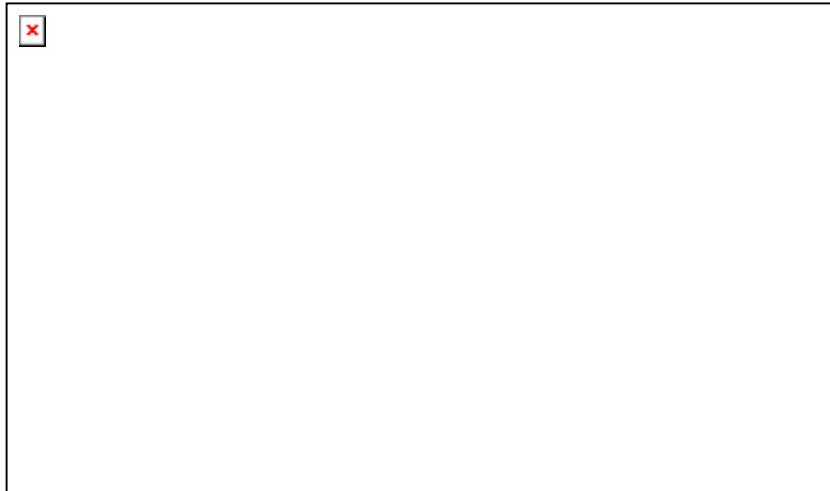
Time frame:

- The 3 years programme was started in April 2010, it was launched at the end of March 2010 and will close on June 2012
- Launch of interactive website
- Large scale outdoor exhibition at locations across the city
- Presence at day events
- Workshop to community groups





Progress so far: exhibition



- **Exhibition on city public spaces**
- Jubilee Square – 2 weeks
March/April 2010
- Mosaic area next to birdcage bandstand – 4 weeks August 2010
- Churchill Square – 4 weeks
January/February 2011





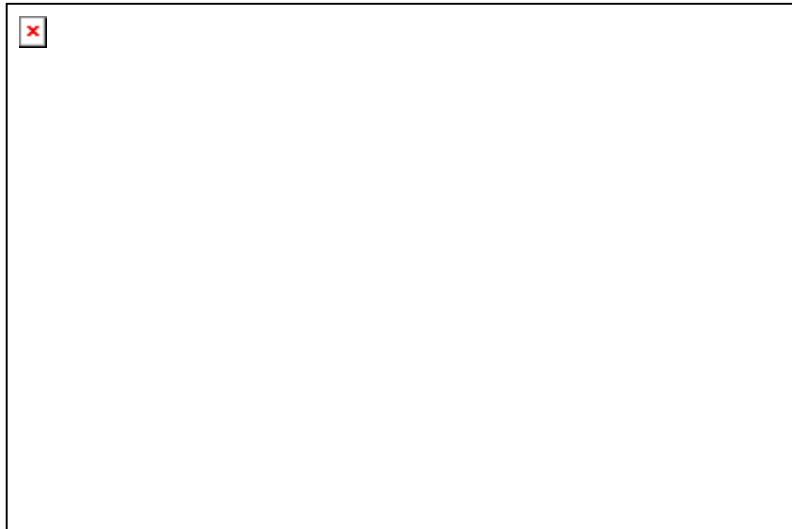
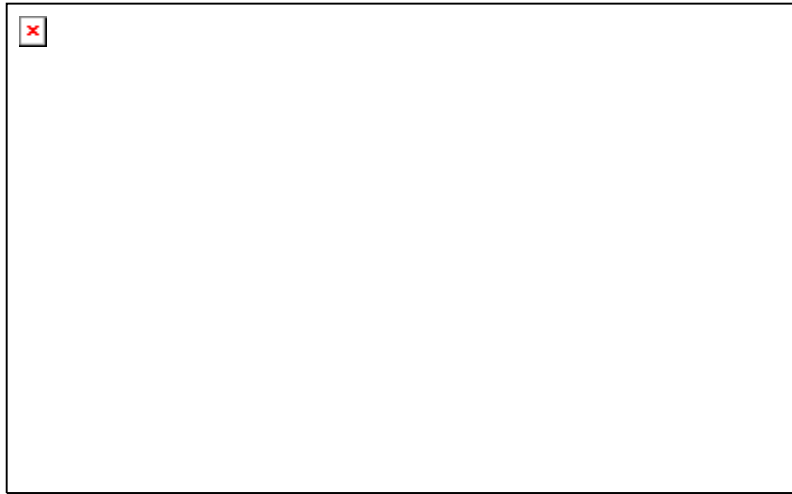
Progress so far: events



- **Participation to day events across the city**
- A total of 14 events attended with replica of exhibition and info stall
- St Annes Well Gardens Festival
- Springwatch at Stanmer Park



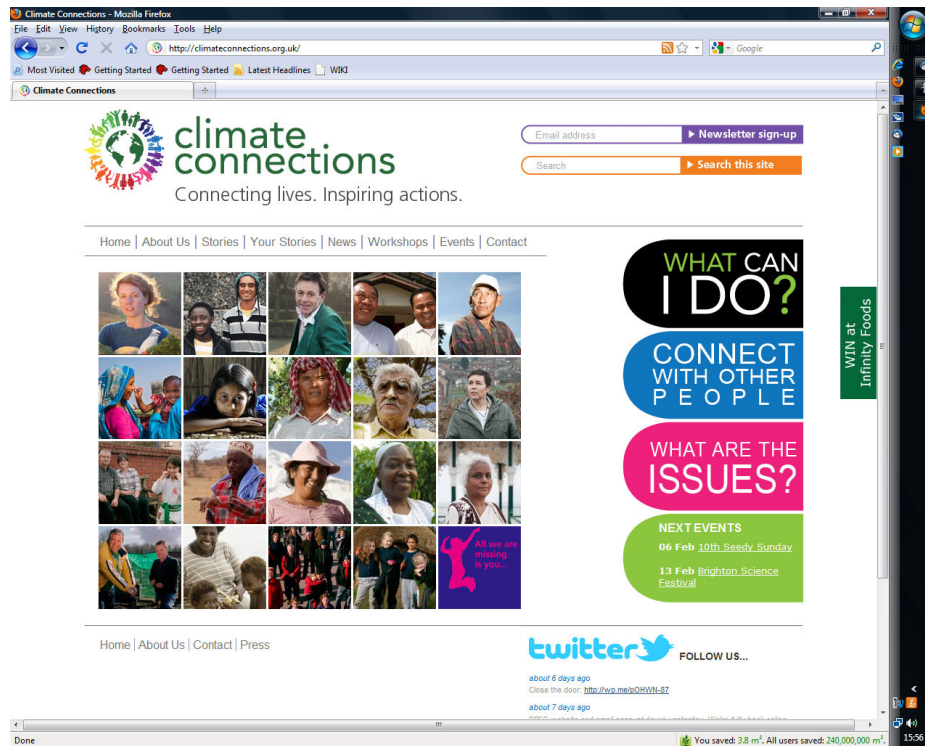
Progress so far: workshops



- **Workshops to communities groups**
- A total of 10 workshops delivered – participative and inclusive space for individuals to explore issues related to climate change and make pledges
- Hindu Elders Groups
- Care Management Group



Progress so far: website



- A portal reflecting the exhibition
- Global and local stories
- Info on what people can do
- Links to Brighton Green Pages and what's going on in the city
- Events in the city



2 case study:

- **Care Management Group:**
- Following two workshops delivered to CMG residents in supported housing, individuals took ownership of reducing the amount of water and energy used; the way individuals travel; growing of food vegetables gardens and consumption of locally produced food. We are in the process of rolling out same training to other supported housing services
- **Bristol Estate:**
- Leading a neighbourhood event on sustainability taking place in March for residents of East Brighton. Individuals will be able to find out more about what's available in the city



Evaluation interim report

- People engaging with Climate Connections are increasing their take-up of local climate change related resources, initiatives and projects, particularly those who participate in workshops
- The workshops are succeeding in making participants aware that climate change has an impact on poverty
- Climate Connections is succeeding in encouraging people, particularly those who participate in workshops, to take positive actions to mitigate climate change
- *(The report is available by request from me or Thurstan Crockett)*



Future Plans:

3 more large scale exhibition –
seafront, Bartholomew Square

Attendance to events – Seedy
Sunday, Sussex University
Green Week

Workshops to community groups

A more interactive website with
more stories, information and
links

Deliver of a comprehensive training
and support for individuals and
communities in partnership with
B&H 10:10 – carbon
conversations

Ongoing partnership with
Groundwork, Food Partnership
Brighton & Hove and Brighton &
Hove Sustainability Team, adult
education colleges and
Community Development Trust