



Goodbye Simon, welcome Teresa

Changeworks has a new Chief Executive

On Thursday 20 March, Changeworks' Chief Executive Simon Lee closed the door of the charity's Newhaven Road headquarters for the last time. No, Changeworks isn't moving (yet), but Simon is definitely heading for pastures new. Simon, the inspiration behind Changeworks' recent and rapid development into an organisation renowned for its innovative, yet practical, approach to sustainable development, is moving to Sutherland to become a crofter.

"Leaving such a fantastic job with such a fantastic organisation is a big step, but I'm looking forward to my new life," he said. "Changeworks is on the cusp of something really big, so this is a brilliant opportunity for the new Chief Executive, Teresa Bray, to make a real difference."

Simon has a history of successful third sector project and partnership working. Between 1993 and 2002 he was the marketing officer for the Lothian and Edinburgh Energy Efficiency Advice Centre (EEAC). He also developed and managed a number of award-winning sustainable energy projects including ReWarm, overcoming the challenge of encouraging private landlords to install sustainable energy measures in their rental properties, and Warm + Well, securing mainstream funding from the NHS to help people whose health is affected by damp, cold housing.

In 2002 Simon was appointed Chief Executive of the then Lothian and Edinburgh Environmental Partnership (LEEP). He has transformed both the image and the culture of the organisation with his strong leadership and vision, not to mention his infectious enthusiasm.

During his last few weeks in post, Simon returned to his energy roots as Interim Centre Manager, following the award of the contract to Changeworks to deliver the Energy Saving Scotland advice centre for the South East of Scotland on behalf of the Energy Saving Trust and the Scottish Government (see page 2).

Former Director of Finance and Resources at The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) and Deputy Finance Director of Napier University, Teresa Bray, joined Changeworks as Chief Executive on 18 February. Part of her introduction to Changeworks involved going 'out on the trucks' collecting business waste with LEEP Recycling!

For Teresa, joining Changeworks as Chief Executive is a unique opportunity. "The role allows me to combine my personal interest in environmental issues with a leadership role within the third sector in Scotland. Climate change and the need for sustainable development are some of the most pressing issues facing everyone.

"At Changeworks we are looking to provide real solutions to allow individuals and businesses to make a difference. By working in partnership with local authorities, government, communities, businesses and other third sector organisations we can start to tackle the issues. The staff and volunteers working for Changeworks are fully committed to achieving our vision: resources for life."

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Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre Established 1 April



Earlier this year Changeworks was delighted to learn that we had won the contract to establish and manage the Energy Saving Scotland advice centre South East, part of a Scotland-wide network of advice centres funded by

the Scottish Government and managed by the Energy Saving Trust.

The new advice centre, based at our Newhaven Road headquarters, opened on Tuesday 1 April 2008. It aims to make 'sustainable energy the choice for all individuals and organisations in South East Scotland', and to help to achieve the Scottish Government's challenging targets for carbon reduction, because there's no fooling anyone anymore: climate change is for real.

Successful

Previously there were eight Energy Efficiency Advice Centres or EEACs across Scotland, providing energy efficiency and small-scale renewables advice to around 100,000 people a year. The EEACs also offered energy advice to small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and sustainable energy support services for local authorities. Changeworks has delivered the Lothian and Edinburgh EEAC for several years.

Managed by the Energy Saving Trust, the EEACs have been successful in delivering a local, accessible service that has made it easier and more convenient for individuals and organisations to take action and cut carbon.

One-stop-shop

Five, larger Energy Saving Scotland advice centres will take over from the EEACs, offering the full range of sustainable energy advice, including transport, to over 250,000 people a year. The Centres will also perform an important role in referring and signposting clients to appropriate local organisations for further support and will also continue to work with smaller businesses and local authorities.

This one-stop-shop approach will simplify the process for accessing sustainable energy information – especially for consumers, who are often faced with a confusing variety of options and organisations. The ultimate aim of the advice centres is to create low-carbon citizens, who actively choose sustainable energy options through their behaviour and purchasing decisions.



"Changeworks is absolutely delighted to have this opportunity to engage with so many people to encourage positive behaviour change, and to work in such close partnership with the Energy Saving Trust," said Changeworks' Head of Projects Liz Partington, who has taken over from Simon Lee as Interim Centre Manager.

"Everyone here is really looking forward to delivering a centre of excellence for carbon reduction in Scotland."

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About Changeworks

Changeworks exists to improve quality of life and to protect the environment. We work with passion, integrity and in collaboration to develop and deliver innovative projects and businesses in energy, waste prevention and transport that inspire and empower people and communities to make a difference.

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