



Sustainable Energy Ireland Launches News Website to Help Combat Climate Change in Ireland

Sustainable Energy Ireland (SEI) has launched a new website, www.combatclimatechange.ie, as part of their Energy Awareness Week campaign to encourage Irish consumers to be more energy efficient in their everyday lives and help to combat climate change in Ireland. The website which provides information on climate change, allows consumers to calculate their energy use and highlights ways to be more energy efficient.

The theme of this year's Energy Awareness Week is Combat Climate Change. Climate Change is already affecting Ireland as evidenced in recent years by the increase in extreme weather events such as floods, storms and droughts. The impact it will have on our country by 2050 will be sizeable, including more frequent and extreme weather events, wetter winters and warmer summers leading to water shortages. The main cause of climate change is carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions which are released into the atmosphere when we burn fossil fuels to produce energy.

The Combat Climate Change website includes the useful SEI Energy Calculator which allows you to determine how much CO₂ you produce in your home and in your car; in-depth details on how to take action against climate change including top 10 energy saving tips that you can do in your own life and practical advice on energy efficiency in the home. Tips include turning appliances off standby rather than leaving them on standby and buying A-rated kitchen appliances. A number of Irish celebrities have already adopted some of the energy saving tips and are contributing to combating climate change in Ireland.

The website also provides a free lesson plan for CSPE and Transition year classes plus information on how to be more energy efficient. The plans present teachers with materials to teach students about climate change in a fun and interesting way through the use of interactive challenges and well thought out facts focusing on: energy usage in our everyday lives; non renewable and renewable energy; energy worldwide and its affect on climate change and calculating your energy usage.

Energy Awareness Week runs throughout W/C 18th of September, and will see numerous initiatives taking place nation-wide. To find out more about Energy Awareness Week and ways that you can help to Combat Climate Change just log on to www.combatclimatechange.ie

Sustainable Energy Ireland was established on May 1st, 2002, as a statutory authority charged with promoting and assisting the development of sustainable energy and is funded by the Irish Government under the National Development Plan 2000-2006 with programmes part financed by the European Union.

Note:

Website stills available on request.

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