

## Putting South Devon on the United Nations Education for Sustainable Futures map

This personal invitation comes to you from the Bioregional Learning Centre and Plymouth University. We would much value your presence at the inaugural planning meeting on 20 November (4.00 to 6.30pm) to discuss a joint application to the UN for South Devon to be recognised as a Regional Centre for Expertise (RCE) in Education for Sustainability in the United Nations University Institute for Advanced Study. You can find out more about the global reach here: <http://rcenetwork.org/portal/rces-worldwide>

An RCE is a network of formal, non-formal and informal education bodies that are delivering joined-up education for sustainable development (ESD) to local and regional communities. From school children to U3A, from ages 4 to 104. We think that South Devon, with its wealth of innovation around sustainability and future resilience, can become a learning region: a beacon with international recognition. And that becoming an RCE will give us the shared vision and values to connect around. At the meeting you will meet educators in formal and non-formal learning from across South Devon who, like you, want to see sustainability a central part of learning for the future.

**The format of the event is a round table discussion on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at Dartington Hall, from 4 til 7pm. Arrivals and networking are from 4pm, we start at 4.30 prompt, continue til 6.30 with tea, biscuits and coffee to sustain us, and then those that want to keep talking can continue til 7pm or adjourn to the White Hart. The venue is the Upper Gatehouse meeting room, which is located above the Visitor Centre. Please see the attached map for directions. Parking is nearby.**

We plan, with your help, to explore some of these questions:

- What is already happening on the ground that is good and we can build on?
  - What new ideas in the field of learning for a sustainable future can we test out here?
  - What new resources could we jointly develop and share?
  - How do we bridge the gap between formal and informal learning?
  - What do we want to have achieved in 5 years time? And 10 years time?

Please RSVP to Isabel Carlisle at the Bioregional Learning Centre

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With all good wishes

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