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PROJECT TITLE: Lincoln Enviro Town

Tags; enviro-town, sustainability, networking

Overview:

The LET is a community based trust aimed at making Lincoln an enviro town. LET describes themselves as working "with the community for the community.... to find solutions to projected growth and associated environmental issues." The trust partners with Selwyn District Council, Lincoln University, Landcare Research, Waihora Ellesmere Trust, Environment Canterbury, HortResearch, local schools, businesses and other organisations.

They use a range of techniques and activities including:

A mobile resource kit (caravan) which acts as a drop in centre and a repository for information and resources on a range of environmental topics, as well as brochures and information on all kinds of sustainability issues

Energy efficiency workshops for people to attend, which include a bus tour of some energy efficient homes in the area

Lending people centimeters to measure which of their household appliances use the most power

Involving the community in water quality testing in their local streams (measuring pollution and indicator organisms)

A community garden where the community can grow and share food and learn about sustainable gardening

Workshops on sustainable living and composting

An award system for businesses aimed at helping them become more environmentally responsible

A range of other activities, planting days and helpful information

Why is it relevant to PTS?

Community based organisation aimed at raising awareness and changing behaviours around environmental sustainability

Use a range of relevant techniques and activities as above

Ideas and tips for PTS:

The caravan is a good idea as a potential way to engage with the community in their local area, near a waterway, or in their school or business. It could act as a mobile resource centre with a range of activities, information, games and instruments to engage and get people thinking

Getting the community involved in actively measuring their energy consumption, and/or the water quality in their local stream is another great way to engage and get people interested



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The bus tour of energy efficient homes could also be an interesting idea to explore in Waitakere and wider Auckland

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