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The weekly newsletter from the *associate*
Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Group



This newsletter is produced by PRASEG for distribution to members once a week. PRASEG seeks to provide readers with news and parliamentary information related to renewable and sustainable energy issues.

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2010: This Week's Headlines...

Europe Could Save \$100 Billion on Power Efficiency, Climate Report Says - Weds, 15th September 2010

[Bloomberg](#) - [Commodity Online](#) - [The Canadian Press](#)

DECC digs out £1m for hot ROCs

[BusinessGreen](#) - [NewEnergyFocus](#) - [Renewable Energy Focus](#) - [Green Building Press](#) - [Energy Saving Trust](#)

Improved ports crucial for UK Round 3 offshore wind

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Upcoming PRASEG Events

PRASEG and Green Alliance Seminar **Renewables and energy security in an age of austerity**

Speakers: Charles Hendry MP, Minister of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change;
Caroline Lucas MP;
Date: Tuesday, 19th October 2010
Time: 17:00 - 19:00
Location: Committee Room 12, House of Commons

Date for the Diary! **PRASEG and APSRG Seminar** **Energy from Waste: Realising the potential.** **Anaerobic Digestion and Beyond**

Date: 7th December 2010
Time: 15:00 - 17:00
Location: Portcullis House, Boothroyd Room

Date for the Diary! **PRASEG Seminar** **Planning reform: implications for renewables**

Date: 2nd November 2010
Time: 16:00 - 18:00
Location: Committee room 17
Speakers: Helen Phillips, CEO, Natural England



Date for the Diary!
PRASEG Christmas Reception
Wednesday, 8th December 2010
12:30 - 15.00, House of Commons Terrace
(Marquee)



2. RECENT NEWS ARTICLES AND PRESS RELEASES

Headline news

Europe Could Save \$100 Billion on Power Efficiency, Climate Report Says - Weds, 15th September 2010
European Union energy users could save as much as 78 billion euros (\$100 billion) a year by 2020 under tougher efficiency targets, climate groups said, [Bloomberg](#) - [Commodity Online](#) - [The Canadian Press](#)



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DECC digs out £1m for hot ROCs - Thurs, 16th September 2010

The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) is putting £1m behind the search for suitable geothermal sites in the UK, BusinessGreen - NewEnergyFocus - Renewable Energy Focus - Green Building Press - Energy Saving Trust

Improved ports crucial for UK Round 3 offshore wind

RenewableUK has launched a national campaign to highlight the importance of investing in UK ports to enable offshore wind turbine manufacturing for Round 3, Renewable Energy Focus - Reve - The Engineer - NewEnergyFocus

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Other news

Government urged to 'cross off RHI and start again' - Fri, 17th September 2010

The government should scrap the proposed Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) scheme and start again, as it would be bad for the sector by encouraging technologies that "are not quite ready", an environmental consultancy has warned yesterday (September 16), NewEnergyFocus

Inquiry launched into Green Investment Bank plans - Thurs, 16th September 2010

The parliamentary committee charged with examining the effectiveness of the government's environmental policies has today (September 16) launched an inquiry into the proposed Green Investment Bank and exactly where areas such as renewables should figure in its priorities, NewEnergyFocus

Severn tidal power project under threat? - Thurs, 16th September 2010

Amidst claims that the Severn tidal power scheme to be axed, the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) insists that no decision has yet been made, Renewable Energy Focus

Australian PM refuses to commit to carbon tax under BHP pressure - Thurs, 16th September 2010

Carbon-intensive firms call for action from Julia Gillard before an international agreement is struck, Guardian

64% of new power to be renewable over next decade - Thurs, 16th September 2010

Renewable energy is set to make up nearly two-thirds of new electricity generation capacity installed in the EU over the next decade, according to new estimates by the European Commission, EurActiv

Mafia's dirty money linked to clean energy - Thurs, 16th September 2010

And if the assets of the Italian police's latest target are any indication, the Mafia is embracing the renewable energy business with an enthusiasm that would make Al Gore look like a dilettante, Independent

Welsh firm secures £15m Gwynt Y Môr cabling contract - Thurs, 16th September 2010

RWE npower renewables has awarded a £15 million cabling contract for the 576MW Gwynt Y Môr offshore wind farm to Welsh company Prysmian Cables & Systems, NewEnergyFocus

Chris Huhne worried on wind investment - Thurs, 16th September 2010

Energy secretary Chris Huhne has admitted he is concerned about the financing of major wind farms, as the UK aims to get a third of its energy from renewables, Telegraph

E.ON opens 180MW Robin Rigg offshore wind farm - Thurs, 16th September 2010



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“One of the UK’s largest” offshore wind farms, E.ON’s 180MW Robin Rigg scheme, has been officially opened in the Solway Firth, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

Huhne alludes to ports funding and RHI going ahead - Thurs, 16th September 2010
Energy secretary Chris Huhne has provided some assurance on the government’s plans for offshore wind investment and the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI), during an evidence session held by the Energy and Climate Change Committee, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

Shell, BP May Reap ‘Serious Profit’ by Using CO2 in Oil Fields - Thurs, 16th September 2010
Royal Dutch Shell Plc and BP Plc stand to make “serious profit” by pumping carbon dioxide from European power plants into North Sea oil fields, according to Petroleum and Renewable Energy Company Ltd, [Bloomberg](#)

Environmental Audit Committee calls for public input on Green Investment Bank - Thurs, 16th September 2010
Suggestions sought for funding, governance, remit and green bonds, [BusinessGreen](#)

Carbon emissions from homes increasing - Thurs, 16th September 2010
Office for National Statistics report shows overall increase from 2007 to 2008, [BusinessGreen](#)

ABB, Siemens, Schneider to Gain From Demand for Smart Grids, Goldman Says - Thurs, 16th September 2010
ABB Ltd., the world’s biggest electricity-networks builder, Siemens AG and Schneider Electric SA will be “key beneficiaries” of investments in so-called smart grids as they have the greatest operational and financial involvement in the field, Goldman Sachs said, [Bloomberg](#)

Nuclear Recycling Isn't Needed Because of Plentiful Resources, Study Says - Thurs, 16th September 2010
Recycling nuclear waste provides little short-term benefit because the process costs too much and uranium supplies remain plentiful, according to a study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, [Bloomberg](#)

Feed-in tariff incentive scheme must pay all generators the same - Thurs, 16th September 2010
Juliet Davenport, chief executive of Good Energy, calls for a fair deal for all, [BusinessGreen](#)

Miliband: Britain needs positive leadership on climate change - Thurs, 16th September 2010
This government will never be the ‘greenest ever’ with empty gestures and no sense of urgency. Where is the plan to deliver? [Guardian](#)

Thousands of green jobs could drive growth, says Huhne - Weds, 15th September 2010
“Green jobs” could ease the impact of spending cuts and drive the recovery, Energy Secretary Chris Huhne has said, [BBC](#)

Renewable Heat Incentive looks a little safer - Weds, 15th September 2010
Coalition energy secretary Chris Huhne today indicated that the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI), or a programme like it, is safer than the energy industry might have thought - or at least as safe as any government expenditure can be in the shadow of the Treasury’s up-coming comprehensive spending review (CSR), [BusinessGreen](#)

CBI raises the temperature on heat incentives - Weds, 15th September 2010
Report urges overhaul of Renewable Heat Incentive and uptake of “imaginative options”, [BusinessGreen](#)

World Bank invests record sums in coal - Weds, 15th September 2010
Last year, \$3.4bn was invested in the dirtiest fossil fuel despite international commitments to cut



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emissions, [Guardian](#)

Renewable Heat Incentive looks a little safer - Weds, 15th September 2010
Energy secretary tells select committee heat measures are essential to hitting 2020 renewables targets, [BusinessGreen](#)

Solar-Panel Prices May Decline Less Than Expected - Weds, 15th September 2010
Prices for photovoltaic panels that convert sunlight into electricity may fall about 10 percent next year, less than analysts forecast, as European demand increases, [Bloomberg](#)

Major Economies Forum On Energy And Climate In New York Next Week - Weds, 15th September 2010
New York City will host the two-day Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate that begins on Monday, [RTTnews](#)

Power grows on Rotherham waste site - Weds, 15th September 2010
Permission granted for Sterecycle's CHP plant while anaerobic digestion waits in the wings, [BusinessGreen](#)

Commission plans climate targets for 2030, 2050 - Weds, 15th September 2010
The European Commission has started working on climate targets above and beyond 2020, arguing that they will be instrumental in fending off competition from leading clean-tech industries in China and elsewhere, according to EU Climate Action Commissioner Connie Hedegaard, [EurActiv](#)

Search for hot rocks heats up with £1m fund - Weds, 15th September 2010
The Deep Geothermal Energy Fund, administered by the Department of Energy and Climate Change, will be open to applications until 29 October. The fund will help companies carry out exploratory work needed to find viable sites for this technology, [DECC](#)

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Report urges overhaul of Renewable Heat Incentive and uptake of "imaginative options", [BusinessGreen](#)

CO2 reductions slip down EU priority list - Weds, 15th September 2010
EU climate action commissioner Connie Hedegaard has said that achieving an agreement on reduced CO2 emissions at a United Nations' conference later this year is no longer a top EU priority, [EUobserver](#)

EPA begins investigation into hydraulic fracturing - Tues, 14th September 2010
The US Environmental Protection Agency is investigating the controversial practice of hydraulic fracturing used by mining companies to determine its effect on human health and the environment, [BusinessGreen](#)

Fears £9bn clean coal programme could be drastically scaled back - Tues, 14th September 2010
Energy department believes plan for four new clean coal pilot plants is vulnerable to cuts, sources say, [Guardian](#)

New Yorkers Spar Over U.S. Environmental Study of Natural-Gas Fracturing - Tues, 14th September 2010
A U.S. study of hydraulic fracturing, a process using blasts of water and chemicals to free natural gas from shale rock, triggered clashes between New York state supporters and opponents of the technique, [Bloomberg](#)

EDF awards £50 million of nuclear supply chain contracts - Tues, 14th September 2010
EDF Energy announced £50 million of contracts already awarded to 130 UK firms at its second new nuclear supply chain event this week, [UtilityWeek](#)

Call to replace UN climate chiefs - Tues, 14th September 2010



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Lord Turnbull, the former head of the UK civil service, says the government must push for new leadership of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), [BBC](#)

Republican 'climate zombies' could claim the US Senate - Tues, 14th September 2010
A survey of comments made by Republican candidates for the US Senate show vast majority are climate sceptics, [Guardian](#)

Renewable Energy Needs More Community Power - Tues, 14th September 2010
The renewable energy sector needs to use a wider range of business models in order to ensure a fairer distribution of power plants across the UK, according to research funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), [eGov](#)

Biofuels May Replace Half of EU Gasoline by 2020 Using Waste, Study Says - Tues, 14th September 2010
Steen Riisgaard, chief executive officer at Novozymes A/S, talks about a Bloomberg New Energy Finance study into the potential for biofuels from plant waste and trash to replace more than half of gasoline use in the European Union by 2020, [Bloomberg](#)

'Climategate' inquiries were 'highly defective', report for sceptic thinktank rules - Tues, 14th September 2010
Review for Lord Lawson's sceptic thinktank says none of the three inquiries into the hacked climate emails affair was objective or comprehensive, [Guardian](#)

Scottish clean energy - Tues, 14th September 2010
A Scottish led EU partnership looking to increase onshore and offshore wind development was launched by Energy Minister Jim Mather today, [Scotland](#)

Biofuels May Replace Half of EU Gasoline by 2020 Using Waste, Study Says - Tues, 14th September 2010
Steen Riisgaard, chief executive officer at Novozymes A/S, talks about a Bloomberg New Energy Finance study into the potential for biofuels from plant waste and trash to replace more than half of gasoline use in the European Union by 2020, [Bloomberg](#)

Smart meters 'may not cut energy use' - Mon, 13th September 2010
Installing smart meters may not result in households saving energy, a study has suggested, [BBC](#)

Energy minister unveils zero-carbon housing development - Mon, 13th September 2010
Energy minister Chris Huhne has opened one of the UK's largest developments of zero-carbon homes, [Engineer](#)

AD industry warns against setting RHI levels too low - Mon, 13th September 2010
The government will only succeed in its pledge to drive a "huge increase" in anaerobic digestion technology if it sets the right Renewable Heat Incentive levels, according to the trade association for the sector, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

Merkel's 'nuclear tour' remains inconclusive - Mon, 13th September 2010
For several months, Germany has been discussing the future of its energy policy. Last month, Chancellor Angela Merkel went on an "energy tour" through the country to meet different stakeholders and visit various power plants, [EurActiv](#)

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Solar panels you can install with a clear conscience - Monday, 13th September 2010

Toxic pollution and links to the arms trade - not all solar panel suppliers are ethically sound. Simon Birch offers some consumer guidance, [Guardian](#)

Health gain would help meet cost of EU carbon goals: group - Monday, 13th September 2010

Deepening its cut in greenhouse-gas emissions from 20 percent to 30 percent would coincidentally save the European Union (EU) tens of billions of dollars in health costs, campaign groups said on Tuesday, [AP](#)

Government recognises role of 'key' renewables technologies - Mon, 13th September 2010

The government has identified offshore wind and marine technologies as "fundamental" to the development of a low carbon economy, in a report response published today, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

Britain must adapt to 'inevitable' climate change, warns minister - Sunday, 12th September 2010

As experts call for action now, the coalition withholds green funding and appeals to private enterprise, [Independent](#)

ScottishPower and Gamesa in new renewables projects - Sunday, 12th September 2010

SCOTTISH POWER is this week expected to announce another significant investment in renewables alongside Spanish firm Gamesa, which will unveil plans to manufacture equipment for wind turbines, [Scotsman](#)

World's largest offshore windfarm set to open off Kent coast - Sunday, 12th September 2010

Vattenfall's Thanet farm set to open as National Grid confirms wind-generated electricity has hit a new peak, [Guardian](#)

Charles takes swipe at climate sceptics - Saturday, 11th September 2010

The Prince of Wales said yesterday he found the views of climate-change sceptics "extraordinary". He warned that life would be "no fun at all" for future generations unless people took action to fight climate change, [Independent](#)

BP suffers setbacks over oil spill - Friday, 10th September 2010

BP suffered two more blows yesterday, after it was kicked out of the FTSE's ethical investment index and forced to delay its financial results on account of mounting oil spill costs, [Telegraph](#)

Fireball tragedy in California suburb brings gas industry under scrutiny - Fri, 10th September 2010

The deadly explosion has increased pressure on the government to regulate the extraction method hydraulic fracturing, [Guardian](#)

Barack Obama: 'no' to solar panels on the White House roof - Fri, 10th September 2010

A quest to get Barack Obama to shout his commitment to solar power from the roof tops - by re-installing vintage solar panels at the White House - ended in disappointment for environmental campaigners today, [Guardian](#)

Combined heat and power system reaches milestone - Thurs, 9th September 2010

A district heating system which provides low carbon and affordable warmth to local residents and businesses is to be installed in the 1,000th home in Aberdeen, [AberdeenCouncil](#)

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3. RECENT REPORTS AND PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITY



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Parliamentary Report - Commons

Select Committees

The Energy and Climate Change Committee held an evidence session on the UK Deepwater Drilling - Implications of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill inquiry and heard evidence from Dr Tony Haywood, Group Chief Executive, BP - click [here](#) to watch the session. The deadline for written evidence is Monday 13 September 2010. Click [here](#) for further information.

The ECC committee held a one-off oral evidence session with Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change, at 9.45 am on Wednesday 15 September 2010 in the Grimond Room, Portcullis House. Click [here](#) for further information.

The Environmental Audit Committee has launched an inquiry entitled: 'Embedding sustainable development across government.' Click [here](#) for the terms of reference. Interested parties should submit written evidence by Wednesday 13th October 2010.

The Environmental Audit Committee has also launched an inquiry on the Green Investment Bank. Click [here](#) for the terms of reference. Interested parties should submit written evidence by Friday 15th October 2010.

The CLG Committee will held an evidence session with the Secretary of State on Monday 13th September 2010. For further information, click [here](#).

Parliamentary Questions

The written answers to MPs' questions published this week by DECC are summarised below.

Monday: (Browse the day's printed answer [here](#))

Topics included: local carbon budgets ([here](#)); Hunterston coal power station ([here](#)); offshore energy jobs ([here](#)); wind power planning ([here](#))

Defra answered questions on the reporting of UK business emissions ([here](#)); emissions from peatland and wetland([here](#)); Greenhouse Gas reporting ([here](#))

Treasury answered question climate finance ([here](#)); community based credit unions ([here](#))

Tuesday: (Browse the day's printed answer [here](#))

Topics included: carbon capture and storage ([here](#)); plans for an EPS ([here](#)); Hunterston power station ([here](#)); microgeneration finance ([here](#)); offshore grid capacity([here](#)); costs to expand the grid for renewables ([here](#)); plans for the delivery of renewable energy ([here](#)); plans for the replacement of the LCBP with the RHI ([here](#))

DCLG answered questions on biofuels ([here](#)); climate change - Green Book guidance ([here](#)); renewable energy planning permission ([here](#))

Thursday: (Browse the day's printed answers [here](#))

Topics published include: energy supply ([here](#)); councils and greenhouse gas emissions ([here](#)); business greenhouse gas emissions ([here](#)); planning and offshore energy industry ([here](#)); HVDC cables ([here](#)); offshore wind ([here](#)); wind power noise ([here](#)).



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Treasury answered a question on the Green Investment Bank ([here](#)).

Early Day Motions

The motions presented this week by MPs are:

- **Alan Meale MP** has tabled [EDM 734](#) on the polluter pays principal, calling on the Government to place the blame of under the polluter pays principal for the conservation of nature and 'believes that the present Coalition Government should recall its promises at the last general election and make them the priority of current Government policies in order to protect our countryside and its wildlife and restore its biodiversity to levels which safeguard its future.'

Recent Reports

Green Alliance report: Promoting renewable heat - Mon, 13th September 2010

Renewable heat is the Cinderella of energy policy, and suffered years of 'paralysis by analysis' under the last government. We had eleven reports and consultations in five years and no action. The Coalition can change that if they introduce a Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI), which will reduce the overall bill for reaching the UK's renewable energy target.

Click [here](#) to access the report

Committee on Climate Change Adaptation Sub-Committee report: How well prepared is the UK for climate change? - Thurs, 16th September 2010

The independent body that advises government on climate adaptation (the Adaptation Sub-Committee) today published the first national assessment of how well prepared the UK is for climate change. The report concludes that, with the impacts of climate change already being felt in the UK, people must start preparing now. Climate change is already having an impact in the UK. Since the 1970s, average annual temperatures have risen by 1°C, and Spring arrives 11 days earlier. These impacts are likely to increase as a result of future climate change, with the incidence of extreme weather events such as floods, heat-waves and droughts becoming more frequent. The UK needs to start taking action to prepare for these impacts, ensuring that we have the resilience to cope with climate change.

Click [here](#) to access the report - click [here](#) for the press release

European Climate Foundation and the Regulatory Assistance Project report: Energy Saving 2020 - Weds, 15th September 2010

This summary, by RAP and the European Climate Foundation (ECF), is based on their jointly commissioned study, "Energy Savings 2020: How to Triple the Impact of Energy Savings Policies in Europe." The paper draws from the study by Ecofys and Fraunhofer ISI, which cites massive potential and urgency for improving energy efficiency in Europe but notes that the EU must triple its efforts to meet its 20% energy saving target by 2020. This summary concludes: "The EU and Member States must raise their level of ambition and commitment to tapping the full cost-effective potential of energy efficiency across the economy. In addition to solidifying the EU and Member State commitment to the 20% energy saving target, this effort must be coupled with a package of effective programme designs and implementation practices. No single solution will be enough."

Click [here](#) to access the report

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4. EXTERNAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

Carbon Connect Inquiry

Event: Inquiry session examining private sector investment opportunities created by Feed-in-Tariffs.

Date: Wednesday 13th October 2010

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Location: Portcullis House, Westminster

Description: Carbon Connect is conducting a research inquiry to examine how private sector organisations can develop sustainable business strategies that reduce GHG emissions and stimulate investment in renewable technologies. This inquiry session will examine how businesses of all shapes and sizes can unlock the commercial value of FiTs, secure upfront capital and overcome implementation hurdles. If you feel that your expertise would be able to contribute to this debate please contact thomas.moody@policyconnect.org.uk. A final report is to be launched in Parliament in March 2011.

Further details: [click here](#).

National Heat Pumps Awards seminars

Event: Take advantage of the heat pump market

Date: 4th November 2010: Harrogate; 3rd February 2011: Daventry; 28th April 2011: Basingstoke

Further details: [click here](#)

Solar Power UK 2010 Conference

Event: Enabling the UK Solar Market for 2011

Date: 18th and 19th October 2010

Location: IET LONDON

Description: This comprehensive 2-day conference including a mini exhibition will provide exclusive UK PV industry insights. Challenges of supply, cost and the rapid growth in demand from the UK have created the need for an accelerated maturation of the solar power industry. Solar Power UK 2010 will be the first step in ensuring that all the major players in the UK market can come together as one industry to make sure that the 250MW target is achievable. An exclusive Gala Networking Dinner, sponsored by Trina Solar, will be held as an accompanying event to the conference, thus opening the opportunity for further networking and business development in an elite environment.

Further details: [click here](#)

EAS EnergySavers Award 2010

Date: 3 - 5 November 2010

Description: The EAS EnergySavers Award recognises excellence in local energysaving initiatives which tackle fuel poverty and improve domestic energy efficiency. The Award is promoted by fuel poverty charity Energy Acton Scotland (EAS) and is being supported by Eaga. There is a first prize of £1,500 and a second prize of £1,000

Further details: [click here](#).

National Energy Foundation courses

Wood Fuel Heating & CHP, November 8th, Milton Keynes

For further information, click [here](#).

RenewableUK event

Event: RenewableUK 2010

Date: Tuesday 2nd November - Thursday 4th November 2010



Location: Glasgow

Description: Over 4,000 people will attend RenewableUK's 32nd annual conference and exhibition, to be held over 2nd - 4th November 2010 at the SECC, Glasgow. Delegates will include senior government officials, investors, financiers, manufacturers, developers and all others with an interest in wind and marine energy. Over 200 companies will be on display at the exhibition, which is open to industry and the wider public alike.

Further details: Click [here](#)

The Rushlight Awards Clean Technologies Show and Gala Dinner

Host organisation: Rushlight Awards

Date: 27th January 2011

Location: Church House, Westminster

More information: Click [here](#)

The Rushlight Awards promote and celebrate the leading energy, resource and environmental technologies and innovations by organizations throughout UK and Ireland.

With 24 separate categories covering renewable energy, clean fuels, energy efficiency, power generation, green products and services, water, waste and environmental monitoring and management, these awards will highlight the technologies and innovations that are shaping the energy, transport, environment and industry sectors in the future. If you have developed a technology or innovation that is pertinent to one of these categories, then do not hesitate to enter as you have so much to gain:

- There are over £100,000 worth of prizes to be won
- As an RSA accredited event, all group category winners will automatically be nominated for the UK entries for the European Business Awards for the Environment and all entrants.
- All entrants can be included in the Book of Entries published each year
- All entrants are eligible for a significant discount on the price of a stand at the Rushlight Clean Technologies Show on 27 January 2011 at Central Hall Westminster, London

The Rushlight Awards 2010 are now open for entries. The closing date for entries is 31 October 2010 and the Gala Awards Dinner will follow on 27 January 2011 at Church House Westminster, London.

Ashdown Awards for Sustainable Energy

Description: The Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy are seeking entries from ground-breaking businesses, schools, not-for-profit initiatives, and public sector organisations that are encouraging the use of sustainable energy. Applications must be for work that has been running for at least a year, is technically excellent and is improving the lives of local people. In addition to cash prizes of up to £20,000, we offer our winners a package of benefits and support including a broadcast-quality short film about their work, tailored business support, introductions to influential policy makers and, in certain cases, funders. The awards will be presented at a VIP ceremony in London in June 2011. Entries needed by 26 October 2010

Further information: [click here](#)

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