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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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## 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010: This Week's Headlines...

### DECC reveals fresh details for port funding programme

[BusinessGreen](#) - [Renewable Energy Focus](#) - [NewEnergyFocus](#) - [DECC](#)

### Vestas to close five wind turbine plants

[Guardian](#)

### Siemens and GE confirm wind investment plans

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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, DECC; Caroline Lucas MP; Meg Hillier MP, Shadow Secretary of State, DECC

**Date:** Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010

**Time:** 18:00 - 20:00

**Location:** Grand Committee Room

## **PRASEG and APSRG Seminar** **Energy from Waste: Realising the potential.** **Anaerobic Digestion and Beyond**

**Speakers:** Lord Taylor of Holbeach, Government Spokesperson for Energy and Climate Change

**Date:** 7th December 2010

**Time:** 15:00 - 17:00

**Location:** Portcullis House, Boothroyd Room

## **PRASEG Seminar** **Planning reform: implications for renewables**

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010

**Time:** 16:00 - 18:00

**Location:** Committee room 17

**Speakers:** Helen Phillips, CEO, Natural England; Bob Neill MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government



**PRASEG Christmas Reception**  
**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010**  
**12:30 - 15.00, House of Commons Terrace**  
**(Marquee)**



**Speakers:** Charles Hendry MP, Minister of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change; and Mitesh Dhanak, Director of Carbon and Business Development, Eaga  
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## 2. RECENT NEWS ARTICLES AND PRESS RELEASES

*Headline news*



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**DECC reveals fresh details for port funding programme - Weds, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Department of Energy and Climate Change scraps competition in favour of longer-term funding round, [BusinessGreen](#) - [Renewable Energy Focus](#) - [NewEnergyFocus](#) - [DECC](#)

**Vestas to close five wind turbine plants - Tues, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Vestas, the Danish wind turbine manufacturer, will cut 3,000 jobs as a result of the closures, [Guardian](#)

**Siemens and GE confirm wind investment plans - Mon, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Engineering giants Siemens and General Electric are pushing ahead with plans to develop UK offshore wind turbine manufacturing facilities after the government confirmed last week that it would make funds available for improving UK port infrastructure, [NewEnergyFocus](#) - [BusinessGreen](#) - [FT](#)

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## *Other news*

**Corn's Gain to Two-Year High Fails to Curb Ethanol Profit: Energy Markets - Fri, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

The highest corn costs in two years are failing to dent profits for U.S. ethanol producers as demand grows and prices for the biofuel and a byproduct used for animal feed increase, [Bloomberg](#)

**Shell profits a boost for oil sands - Fri, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Expansion of the Canadian oil sands and more deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico are all in the pipeline for Royal Dutch Shell following to an 18pc increase in profits, [Telegraph](#)

**GE to Place Order for 'Tens of Thousands' of Electric Vehicles - Fri, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

General Electric Co. may jump-start the electric-vehicle industry with an order that Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Immelt said will be the largest in history, [Bloomberg](#)

**Scottish and Southern increases gas bills by 9pc - Fri, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Gas bills are likely to go up across the country as winter starts, after Scottish and Southern Energy announced a £67 a year price increase, [Telegraph](#)

**Spain Gets 907 Solar Installations to Accept Lower Price in Amnesty Plan - Fri, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Spain, seeking to slash renewable-energy subsidies, convinced 907 solar-power installations to accept lower prices for the electricity they generate in return for avoiding investigations over permit violations, [Bloomberg](#)

**Strong reaction to report on 50% fall in wind farm approvals - Fri, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

A leaked RenewableUK report which has found that wind farm planning approvals have fallen by half over the past year has prompted concerns across the sector, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

**Cash incentives for councils that sign up for new wind farms - Fri, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Local councils are to get extra funding if they give the go-ahead to new wind farms, under plans to stop local communities sabotaging renewable energy projects, [Independent](#)

**Spain May Limit Solar Subsidies by Capping Operating Hours, Official Says - Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Spain may limit the hours during which photovoltaic-power plants may earn subsidies as part of a plan to rein in electricity costs for consumers, according to a government official involved in talks with the owners, [Bloomberg](#)

**France Will Be Net Importer of Electricity in All Hours Today - Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010**



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France, Europe's second-biggest power market, will remain a net importer of electricity today as striking workers cut output at nuclear and thermal plants and units were halted for maintenance, [BusinessWeek](#)

**New EU energy savings plan due in spring - Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

The European Commission's new energy efficiency action plan will not be ready until next year, but a leaked preliminary document shows that it will be a stripped down version of its predecessor, [EurActiv](#)

**Wind Power Turbine Installations Forecast to Rebound in 2011 After Slump - Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Wind turbine installations will bounce back in 2011 after stalling this year, according to a report from Bloomberg New Energy Finance, [Bloomberg](#)

**BrightSource breaks ground on world's largest solar farm - Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Californian firm begins work on giant Mojave Desert power plant, but its stint as the world's largest solar site is likely to be short-lived, [BusinessGreen](#)

**EOR could yield 3 billion bbl additional North Sea oil - Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Oil recovery using carbon dioxide could lead to production of an extra 3 billion bbl of oil in the North Sea, according to a new study published by an academic energy expert, [Oil&GasJournal](#)

**Vestas Shares Fall as Customer Signs With Siemens - Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Vestas Wind Systems A/S, the world's largest maker of wind turbines, fell for a fifth day in Copenhagen trading after a customer chose rival Siemens AG to deliver machines for new European projects, [Bloomberg](#)

**Merkel's Nuclear-Power Plans Are Passed as Greens Cry 'Putsch' - Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Chancellor Angela Merkel's plan to prolong Germany's use of nuclear power cleared parliament after a debate lasting more than six hours as the opposition pledged to challenge the extension in court, [BusinessWeek](#)

**Wood panel workers plan biomass subsidies protest - Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Over 600 workers at one of the largest wood panel plants in the UK are set to down tools tomorrow (October 29) in protest at "unfair" government subsidies for biomass energy - which they claim are driving the use of virgin wood for energy generation rather than manufacturing, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

**India, China to Lobby UN Against Changing Carbon-Emission Rules - Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

China and India are working together in an effort to persuade the United Nations not to restrict access to the world's biggest source of UN-certified emission-reduction credits, an official said, [Bloomberg](#)

**Are accountants the last hope for the world's ecosystems? - Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Biodiversity attracts as many money men as nature lovers at Nagoya summit as 'environment services' begin to be assessed, [Guardian](#)

**Jeremy Leggett: Solar storm coming: the battle for the UK energy industry - Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
[Independent](#)

**Surging price of oil forces US military to seek alternative energy sources - Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Fiscal reality is dawning as US jets and warships trial alternative fuels in bid to end military's costly dependence on oil, [Guardian](#)

**Shell profits rise by 18% - Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

Oil company's quarterly earnings hit \$3.5bn, exceeding expectations, as new oil sands facility comes on line, [Guardian](#)



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**IPCC vice-chair: Attacks on climate science echo tobacco industry tactics - Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
Jean-Pascal van Ypersele says rows over 'climategate' emails and Himalayan glaciers were organised to undermine Copenhagen summit, [Guardian](#)

**Localism agenda may be 'incompatible' with renewables - Weds, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
A specialist lawyer has urged the government to address concerns that its localism agenda may be incompatible with the need to meet renewable energy targets, claiming the 'not in my back yard' attitude may hamper progress, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

**EU to propose burying nuclear waste as safest option - Weds, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
The European Commission will promote underground storage as the safest option for storing nuclear waste, according to a leaked proposal which has already irked environmentalists, [EurActiv](#)

**OPINION: Spending Review - hot news or hot air? - Weds, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
Mark Bedford, energy director at engineering consultancy Wardell Armstrong and chair of the planning and permitting working group at the Anaerobic Digestion and Biogas Association (ADBA), assesses the consequences of the Comprehensive Spending Review for renewable energy, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

**Private sector urged to stump up for renewables projects - Weds, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
UK businesses must do more to maintain investment flows into nascent renewables industry, head of advisory group warns, [BusinessGreen](#)

**Tidal lease awarded for "Crown Jewel" of Pentland Firth - Weds, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
The Crown Estate has today (October 27) awarded the MeyGen joint-venture an agreement for lease to develop a 400MW tidal project in the Inner Sound, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

**Giant biomass plant planned for Liverpool - Weds, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
RES Group proposes 150MW plant based at the city's port, but 80 per cent of wood feedstock expected to be imported, [BusinessGreen](#)

**Queen visits new CHP facility - Weds, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
A new bottling facility in Northern Ireland is cutting CO2 emissions by 66% with the installation of an on-site Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant, [Edie](#)

**Solar PV panel production above 15 GW in 2010 - Weds, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
Solar photovoltaic (PV) panel production could grow 92% in 2010, eclipsing the previously estimated 15 GW, according to GTM Research, [Renewable Energy Focus](#)

**Climate sceptics launch campaign to overturn green targets - Weds, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
Climate sceptics, including a number of high profile Tory backbenchers, are launching a campaign to overturn the Coalition's green targets, [Telegraph](#)

**Developer hails 'crown jewel' in Scotland's marine energy revolution - Weds, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
MeyGen plans to deploy 400 Atlantis and TGL turbines after securing Crown Estate lease for Inner Sound project, while Marine Energy Centre celebrates power deal, [BusinessGreen](#)

**Local authorities urged to raise revenue from green energy projects - Tues, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
Councils ready to usher in 'brave new world' of renewable energy, but Local Government Association warns members will need funding to drive renewables revolution, [BusinessGreen](#)

**MPs could call time on 'energy-sapping' GMT - Tues, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
Energy and Climate Change Committee to consider evidence that keeping British Summer Time through the



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winter would cut carbon and boost business, [BusinessGreen](#)

## Northwest could generate 40GW of renewable energy - Tues, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010

The Northwest of England has the potential to generate 40GW of renewable energy and deliver a "significant" percentage of the UK's renewable energy targets, according to a study funded by the region's development agency, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

## Potential for deep-water floating offshore wind turbines - Tues, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Offshore wind turbines could be sited in deeper water off the UK coast using floating foundations, according to the Energy Technologies Institute (ETI), [Renewable Energy Focus](#)

## Cairn Energy is feeling the chill in Greenland - Tues, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010

At \$100m each, holes in the ice are expensive - and three have failed to deliver, [Guardian](#)

## Planning approval secured for 24MW EfW plant in Oxfordshire - Tues, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Proposals to build a large-scale energy-from-waste incinerator which will generate up to 24MW of electricity at Ardley have been approved by Oxfordshire county council, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

## Landowners urged to cash in their wood chips - Tues, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010

LC Energy predicts Renewable Heat Incentive will lead to demand for sustainably managed timber, [BusinessGreen](#)

## Construction starts on 2.6MW Bedfordshire biomass plant - Tues, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Construction has started on a 2.6MW waste wood biomass facility on the site of a disused Ministry of Defence building in north Bedfordshire, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

## Huhne hints at future for Carbon Trust - Mon, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Negotiations on future of Carbon Trust and Energy Saving Trust likely to continue for several more months, [BusinessGreen](#)

## Simple measures could save households £2 billion in energy bills - Mon, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010

The Energy Saving Trust is claiming the nation could save more than £2 billion a year and hugely reduce its carbon emissions by taking 'simple steps', [Edie](#)

## Biofuel capacity to grow 7.8% annually - Mon, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Biofuel capacity could expand to 53 billion gallons in 2015, representing an annual growth of 7.8%, while bio-based materials boom to 8.1 million tonnes with an annual growth of 17.7%, according to Lux Research, [Renewable Energy Focus](#)

## Spanish wind giant Gamesa to invest £133m in UK - Mon, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Spanish wind energy firm Gamesa has today (October 25) announced plans to make the UK the centre of its worldwide offshore wind energy business and invest €150 million (£133.7 million) in the country by 2014, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

## Poll: California likely to retain flagship climate change law - Mon, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010

But mid-term polls suggest wider US climate change policy could be scuppered by Republican victory, [BusinessGreen](#)

## RES Group announces £300m Liverpool biomass project - Mon, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Renewable energy developer RES Group has announced plans to develop a £300 million biomass facility within the Port of Liverpool at Alexandra Dock, [NewEnergyFocus](#)



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**High energy costs prompt householders to cut back on winter heating - Mon, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
UK consumers face a winter of discontent as they attempt to keep this year's energy bills down, [Guardian](#)

**Nagoya biodiversity summit is showing depressing parallels with Copenhagen - Mon, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
Nagoya is another ill-tempered bout between the global haves and wanna-haves in which the fiercest blows are landing on the natural world, [Guardian](#)

**Tea Party climate change deniers funded by BP and other major polluters - Mon, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
Midterm election campaigns of Tea Party favourites DeMint and Inhofe have received over \$240,000, [Guardian](#)

**Call for Scotland to ditch its 'addiction' to oil and coal - Sun, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
One of Britain's top green gurus has attacked Scotland for its "addiction" to the oil and coal industries which he says threaten to tip the world into catastrophic climate chaos, [Herald](#)

**Gas storage licence for North Sea - Fri, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010**  
The government has issued a Gas Storage Licence for a major new gas storage facility in the North Sea at the Deborah field, a depleted off-shore field near the Bacton Terminal, [Edie](#)

**DECC hails increase in low-carbon spending - Fri, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010**  
Chris Huhne promises fully functioning green investment bank, CCS demonstration project and revival in onshore wind, [BusinessGreen](#)

**OPINION: Too much emphasis placed on wind power - Fri, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010**  
John Barton, director at North East England commercial energy and environmental technology delivery body, RENEW, discusses whether UK wind power targets are realistic in terms of meeting the 2020 renewables targets, [NewEnergyFocus](#)

**Huhne hints at revival for onshore wind farms - Fri, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010**  
If we like windmills, why not wind turbines, asks Energy and Climate Change Secretary, [BusinessGreen](#)

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## 3. RECENT REPORTS AND PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITY

### *Parliamentary Report - Commons*

#### Select Committees

The **Energy and Climate Change Committee** heard from the University of Cambridge and National Grid on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October on the inquiry into effect on energy usage of extending British Summer Time. Click [here](#) to watch the session.

The **ECC Committee** heard from the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Dr Jonathan Wills, Councillor, Shetland Islands, ClientEarth, Dong Exploration and Production UK, Chevron UK and Total Exploration and Production UK on Tuesday 26 October on the inquiry into UK deepwater drilling - implications of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Click [here](#) to watch the session.

Charles Hendry MP will give evidence at the next **ECC inquiry** session on UK deepwater drilling - implications of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill will take place on Tuesday 2 November at 10.15 am 2010 in the



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Wilson Room, Portcullis House.

The **Science and Technology Committee** heard from Sir Muir Russell, Professor Edward Actor and Professor Trevor Davies on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October on the review into the Climatic Research Unit's e-mails at the University of East Anglia. Click [here](#) to watch the session.

The **Environmental Audit Committee** heard from the Aldersgate Group, Green Alliance, RenewableUK, Carbon Trust, ETI and Ofgem on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October on the Green Investment Bank inquiry. Click [here](#) to watch the session.

The **Business, Innovation and Skills Committee** heard from Rt Hon Vince Cable MP, and Rt Hon David Willetts MP, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010 on the Spending Review. Click [here](#) to watch the session.

## 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: nuclear insolvency ([here](#))

CLG answered a question on planning - read it [here](#).

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

Topics included: the CCS Levy ([here](#)); energy cooperatives ([here](#)); the Green Deal ([here](#)); the Green Deal and the private rented sector ([here](#)); heat pumps ([here](#)); energy efficiency of housing ([here](#)); spending on nuclear power ([here](#)); RHI and energy intensive users ([here](#)); tidal power and the Bristol Channel ([here](#)); warm front ([here](#)); and the FIT review ([here](#)).

DCLG answered a question on the Code for Sustainable Homes - read it [here](#).

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

DCLG answered a question on sustainable planning - read it [here](#).

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

Topics included: local authorities and CERT ([here](#)); local authorities role in the Green Deal ([here](#)); fuel poverty ([here](#)); solar thermal and the RHI ([here](#));

## Westminster Hall Debates

Ian Liddell-Grainger MP secured a debate on Natural England. Read it [here](#).

## Oral Answers

John Thurso MP asked a question on Port Infrastructure for Scotland. Read it [here](#).

## Ministerial Statements

Charles Hendry MP, Minister of State, DECC, made a statement on Offshore Oil and Gas Licencing. Read it [here](#).

## Reports



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Energy and Climate Change Committee Report: *Fuel Poverty: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2009-10* - Monday, 25 October 2010-10-29

Click [here](#) to access the report

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## 4. EXTERNAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

### CHPA Annual Conference and Awards

Event: Annual Conference: Integrating Energy 2010; and Annual Awards and Gala Dinner

Date: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Location:

Conference: One Great George St, Westminster, Central London.

Awards and Gala Dinner: Gibson Hall, City of London

Description:

This one day event looks at the innovative approaches used to deliver energy locally for the benefit of business, industry, consumers and communities across the UK. The conference will look at the specific role and future of community energy, CHP, district heating and pioneering models for their delivery, all of which help deliver a highly efficient, cost and environmentally friendly approach to energy delivery. Attendees will learn about the commercial, social and policy opportunities and challenges that currently face the sector.

Further details: click [here](#)

### Energy Institute event

Event: Countdown to 2020 - 2010: A decade for a British Renewable Energy Revolution

Date: 29 November 2010

Location: Deloitte

Description: The UK has signed up to a legally-binding European treaty requiring it to supply 15% of all primary energy from renewable sources by 2020. This is a huge task and the bulk of the burden will fall to the power generation sector, but heat and transport fuels will also have to make a quantum leap in capacities.

Further details: click [here](#)

### Heat pump 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](#)

### EAS Annual Conference 2010

Date: 3 - 5 November 2010

Description: Prioritising the Fuel Poor. The Energy Action Scotland Annual Conference will focus on why addressing fuel poverty is a matter of urgency as the 2016 target to end it approaches.

Further details: [www.eas.org.uk](http://www.eas.org.uk)

### National Energy Foundation courses

Wood Fuel Heating & CHP, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Milton Keynes

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



## RenewableUK event

Event: RenewableUK 2010

Date: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Ashden 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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