



## SE<sup>2</sup> Update: September 2012

### SE<sup>2</sup> news

We'd been talking about it for a long time, but in January 2012 our new website went live - and very proud we are of it too! It's a lot more streamlined than the old version - brighter, funkier and (we like to think) a little bit more like us. Have a look at [www.se-2.co.uk](http://www.se-2.co.uk) and let us know what you think!



In February, we hosted our first seminar of our very own (instead of organising them for other people like we usually do!). 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly' saw friends from across the industry come together to debate their visions for 2012. It was great fun and we fully intend to do it again next year!

Building on our own knowledge, we've also secured speaking slots at other events. Liz hosted a session about Low Carbon Schools at UKGBC's Big Tent at EcoBuild in March, as well as speaking at the RICS theatre about marketing your business for the Green Deal. In May, Rachael also took to the stage at NEMEX, talking about how local authorities can best engage internally as well as with external partners on sustainability initiatives.

### London calling



2012 has seen us get more involved in projects closer to home - which is always very exciting. The most recent is the second phase of RE:NEW, the Mayor of London's retrofitting scheme aimed at reducing carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from the residential sector. Working with Community Energy Action, we're involved in providing community engagement support in four out of the five sub-regions.

We've also recently been appointed the secretariat for the London Carbon Action Network, a network of over 90 local authority and associate members working to reduce domestic carbon emissions and tackle fuel poverty. This complements our existing role as the secretariat to the London and South East Insulation Partnership.

### Euro-schools



Our work with schools has seen us involved as a partner in an EU funded project for the very first time (and yes - trips on Eurostar!) Working with the Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership, we're helping to develop a carbon footprinting toolkit for schools. Prototype toolkits are being tested in the UK, the Netherlands, Italy and Poland; the next phase hopes to see the toolkit online and rolled out to all 27 EU countries.



It's been a fascinating project: we're working with some great corporate partners from Skanska, Arup, AGC and Philips among others - and we're making links between bottom-up action by schools and top-down policy and regulatory frameworks. To find out more, visit the ATLAS Schools website: [www.atlasschools.org](http://www.atlasschools.org).



### Fighting fuel poverty



In a time of rising fuel bills, falling incomes and deeper cold snaps each winter, we believe that our work on fuel poverty makes a real difference to people's health, wellbeing and quality of life. Since 2008, we have been working with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, helping local residents to stay warm and well during the winter months. This year, we'll also be working with Hammersmith & Fulham and Westminster Councils to engage the third sector with fuel poverty initiatives. This builds on a busy period in Spring 2012 delivering training for council, health and third sector workers across the seven East London Boroughs. We also coordinated a conference for Hounslow Council to help shape their fuel poverty services in conjunction with the voluntary and health sectors.

### Awards Awards Awards!



SE<sup>2</sup> has been much in demand lately to help organise a raft of industry awards. Once again we're co-ordinating both the CHPA Awards 2012 ([www.chpa.co.uk](http://www.chpa.co.uk)) and the LowCVP Low Carbon Champion 2013 ([www.lowcvp.org.uk](http://www.lowcvp.org.uk)). But new to our portfolio are the Retro Expo Awards ([www.retroexpoawards.co.uk](http://www.retroexpoawards.co.uk)), which recognise excellence in retrofit products, projects and people. In each case we help to promote the awards and identify potential entrants, manage the judging process and liaise with the winners. We'll be helping with the Awards Ceremonies too - on 31<sup>st</sup> October at the NEC for the Retro Expo Awards and at the Great Hall at Lincolns Inn on the 15<sup>th</sup> November for the CHPA.

### On the Road



We've been clocking up the miles over the last few months, co-ordinating and attending not one - but two series of roadshows for DECC. The first was a set of 11 breakfast briefings across the country, attended by over 2000 members of the supply chain to help get them ready for the Green Deal. Next up is a series of training events for social housing providers about the changes in the MCS guidelines for heat pumps ([heatpumps.eventbrite.com](http://heatpumps.eventbrite.com)). We're leading a great team of industry experts in putting the training together, managing the booking systems and liaising with all the venues. We're also very excited to be working with GreenB ([www.greenb.org.uk](http://www.greenb.org.uk)) to put together online learning content for RSLs unable to attend the sessions - watch this space!

### Heat Conference 2012



We've been working with the CHPA on their annual conference since 2008, but this year sees an exciting new partnership with the Energy Institute to create the Heat Conference 2012, placing heat on the agenda of policy makers and industry decision makers at the highest level ([www.heatconference.co.uk](http://www.heatconference.co.uk)). The conference takes place at the Royal Society, London on 15<sup>th</sup> November. SE<sup>2</sup> has been closely involved in developing the programme, liaising with speakers and sponsors, marketing the event and taking care of all venue arrangements.

### Batty for bats



Just to prove we have transferrable skills, we're also co-ordinating the National Bat Conference 2012. A 3-day residential event at the University of York - it's the biggest event in the bat calendar (and also Chloe's first solo conference management project!)

Call the office on 020 8469 1333 and have a chat with Liz, Rachael or Chloe for further details on any of these projects, or check out our website at [www.se-2.co.uk](http://www.se-2.co.uk).