

This directory has been compiled by Sound Bites. We have made every effort to check for mistakes and apologise if you find one that we missed. The directory is intended to be a resource to promote and encourage people to get involved with, the different social change groups and activities that exist in Derby. We have included all of the groups that we are aware of that appear to be working towards a better world. We have not included bigger, national organisations unless they have an active local branch. We realise that this is not an exhaustive list of groups in Derby. If you know of any suitable groups that have not been listed please contact us.

Sound Bites is an 'Ethical Grocery' shop and social change information point. It will be possible to download this directory from our website soon. We will update the web based version regularly, so do contact us if you know of anything that should be added or updated.

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Directory of Social Change Groups and Organisations in Derby

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Environmental Groups

BTCV

BTCV is about 'creating better environments where people feel valued, included and involved.' From Derby you can take part in conservation tasks (Tuesday to Friday) such as dry stone walling or canal clearance, and no experience is necessary. They also run a 'Green Gym' combining fitness and gardening. Nationally BTCV organises conservation holidays of varying lengths.



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DATA

The Derbyshire Alternative Technology Association encourages informed debate about sustainable ways of living, and where possible demonstrates it! Founded in January 1996, it brings together people interested in developing sustainable technologies in the region. Members and supporters come from a wide variety of backgrounds, each having the opportunity to contribute enthusiasm and knowledge to DATA and their community.

Alternative and sustainable technologies encompass a broad range of activities - some high tech, others simple and low cost. DATA aims to promote understanding of these to facilitate their uptake.



0115 9448911

Derby Campaign Against Climate Change

The objectives of Derby Campaign against Climate Change Network are to:

- Campaign in Derby around issues relating to climate change
- Act as a network publicising and promoting climate campaign activities initiated by organisations active in Derby
- Support the National Campaign against Climate Change



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Derby Cycling Group

The Derby Cycling Group works to promote cycling as an enjoyable, healthy, economical and environmentally friendly form of transport. Since its formation in 1979, it has campaigned to improve the conditions for cyclists in Derby and increase the role of cycling in the city's transportation system. It is also engaged in practical activities such as organising bike parks at events and Doctor Bike sessions.

Meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of the month at The Brunswick at 7.30pm, and all members are invited, but email to check meeting details before attending.



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Derby WEN

The Women's Environmental Network, (WEN) researches and campaigns on environmental and health issues from a female perspective. Currently WEN's campaigns include 'real' nappies, chemicals in cosmetics, and local food.

The Derbyshire contact is Marion McCartney,



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www.wen.org.uk

Friends of the Earth (FoE)

Derby & South Derbyshire FoE is a local environmental lobbying group set up to alert people to the daily abuse of the planet - local, regional, and national, and to expose the truth about climate change and its effects. The word is spread through Days of Action, talks, demonstrations, presentations, slide shows, leafleting, visiting schools, lobbying local and national politicians, and advising local community groups and individuals on how to campaign, etc.

The FoE group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 52 Elmtree Ave, Osmaston, Sinfin, 6.30pm



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theadora@screaming.net
http://beehive.thisisderbyshire.co.uk/derbyfoe

Greenpeace

Greenpeace supporters are busy in Derby, Matlock, Buxton and Nottingham. The groups campaign on national and international issues, including: climate change and renewables, deforestation, oceans, genetic engineering, and chemical and nuclear pollution. Activities include letter writing, non-violent direct action (NVDA), fundraising, and lobbying. Training is available in NVDA and community campaigning issues. The Derby local group meets on the first Monday of each month at The Flower Pot at 8pm.



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janet@jmassociates.demon.co.uk
www.greenpeace.org.uk

Peace / Humanitarian Groups

Amnesty

The Derby and District Amnesty group has been active for over 40 years, and welcomes new members. The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Friends Meeting House on St Helen's Street.

Amnesty International works for: the release of prisoners of conscience, fair trials for political prisoners, and an end to torture, extrajudicial executions, 'disappearances', and the death penalty. To these ends local activists lobby, write letters, raise funds, and raise awareness in the community.



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Derby Churches Justice and Peace Group

Christians from several traditions gather monthly to see how Gospel values apply to current social /political issues. Some meetings provide information and raise awareness, some offer opportunities to reflect - all provide those who come, with support for taking action in their own church settings or in the wider community. The group meets on the 1st Tuesday each month at St Mary's Parish Centre, Darley Lane, Derby. All welcome.



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Oxfam

The Oxfam group is for anyone. They meet at the Oxfam shop on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. They campaign on international development issues and organise events to raise general public awareness through street activities, with the media etc and also have a system for contact with MPs and MEPs.



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People and Planet

This is a vibrant student group made up predominantly of Derby University students. The group campaigns on development issues, human rights and the environment and organise social events. To get involved contact the University Student Union or email, for details of meetings.



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World Development Group

The Derby WDM group is affiliated to the national WDM. It campaigns on issues such as Debt, Trade Justice, Aid and Water. Meetings are informal and open to all. They share information on development issues, learn together and plan lobbying, letter writing and other campaigning. At present members come from Burton to Matlock, and meet about once a month, at the Unitarian Chapel, Stafford Street, on Mondays at 7.45 p.m. Further information from Ann:



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Animal Welfare / Rights Groups

DAWN (Derbyshire Animal Welfare Network)

DAWN meets at 7pm on the last Friday of each month at The Friend's Meeting House on St Helen's Street. The group campaigns on a range of animal welfare issues and also fund raises for different animal sanctuaries and larger animal welfare campaigning organisations. They organise social activities and they also produce a regular newsletter.



**PO Box 6188,
Belper,
DE56 0ZL**

Derby Animal Rights / Hunt Sabs

This group has been actively campaigning in the Midlands since 1977 for the basic right of animals to be free from persecution and suffering. New members welcome.



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**www.derbysabs.org
derbyar@wildmail.com**

RSPCA Derby and District Branch

The Derby branch of the RSPCA is based on Abbey Street. It is an animal shelter which re-homes countless animals every year. Many of the staff are volunteers and as well as caring for the animals they do a lot of fund raising work to cover the costs of running the branch. They are looking for financial support and volunteers as well as homes for the animals in their care. They are open 11am – 4pm everyday except Wednesday.



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Community Groups

S19

S19 is a small group of people setting up a vegan housing co-op in the east midlands (Derby, Leicester, Notts). A housing co-op is a way of establishing secure social housing. By working together a group of people can buy property, and run it how they choose, taking control of a major part of their lives. The benefits are numerous - low rents, not living in fear of eviction, freedom to follow personal and political beliefs and being able to help/inspire others to do the same. S19 uses a legal set-up that ensures that no-one can ever personally benefit monetarily from any property bought. The co-op owns the property, not the individuals who are its members. They want to build something that involves their local community. They plan to have a resource centre, workshop space and areas for growing food. The housing co-op will be child and dog friendly.

They are aiming to move in sometime in late 2006 but need help now. Fundraising, in particular, is a massive task. Want to be a member? Anyone willing to put in the necessary effort, please contact:



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Horizons

The Horizons group (formerly Spirit Well) integrates many disparate practices into a wholesome community. The group presents talks on a variety of subjects from the esoteric to spiritual, holistic to health and healing. Topics have one thing in common and that is they all offer participants opportunities to further themselves. Horizons also has meditation evenings and discussion nights. The group promotes local events and practitioners to increase awareness of the diversity that Derby has to offer.

They meet on Wednesdays at 7.30pm at the Friends Meeting House on St Helen's Street. Costs: £3 / £2



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Kaleidoscope Community Choir

Kaleidoscope Community Choir sing a wide range of songs from the UK and around the world. The choir is open to everyone, regardless of experience, ability or confidence. They occasionally perform, but there is no pressure to do so. The choir meets every Thursday during term time at 7.45pm at The Voicebox on Forman Street.



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www.kaleidoscope-music.org.uk/choir

LETS

LETS stands for Local Exchange Trading Scheme. LETS operates throughout the country but each city's scheme is distinct. Group members trade goods and services using their own local LETS currency; in Derby this is called WADs. The group also organises social activities. To join or find out more contact the membership secretary Mark Simnett.



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The Open Lunch is a vegetarian community meal served from 12 – 2pm on the second Monday of every month (except Easter and August). The food is delicious and cheap and there are always friendly people to chat to. It takes place at The Open Centre, 43 Peartree Road. Normanton.



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Woodcraft Folk

Woodcraft Folk is a national organisation for children and young people based on co-operation, equality, social justice, peace, and sustainability. They have a varied programme including games, craft, drama, singing, camping and outdoor activities. There are four age groups: 6–9yrs, 10–12 yrs, 13–16 yrs and 16–20yrs.

Woodcraft Folk (cont)

The group meets during term time on Friday evenings in Derby, but have members from all over southern Derbyshire, as far north as Ambergate.

For further information, contact Jane Whitaker:



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www.woodcraft.org.uk

Centres

Multi Faith Centre

The Multi-Faith Centre at the Kedleston road site of the University of Derby is the first purpose-built Centre of its kind in the UK. The Centre is a 'village of spaces' where people can meet to develop mutual understanding, and is open to all people regardless of their faith or none. The Centre has many regular events including talks, and introductions to the basics of the main religions. For further information contact:



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**www.multifaithnet.org
mfc@derby.ac.uk**

The Open Centre

The aim of The Open Centre is to foster good relationships and understanding between different cultural and religious groups. The bulk of the work of the centre is educational, non religious and non political. As well as arranging trips for schools to different places of worship, the centre offers a range of classes, which work towards the aims described above including Asian Dance, Caribbean food, story telling, multi faith assemblies and much more.



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**43 Pear Tree Road,
Derby
DE23 6PZ**

Women's Centre

Derby Women's Centre is a resource for all women over 18 in and around Derbyshire. DWC aims to improve the quality of life of women in Derbyshire. It has been operating for over 25 years and supports women from all backgrounds, ages and cultures. DWC provides services such as counselling, support and advice sessions, pregnancy testing and a crèche. Therapists work from the centre offering: reflexology, relaxation and meditation, reiki and Red Cross massage. Projects and courses run regularly including Confidence and Assertiveness Building, Stress and Anger Management, and Arts and Crafts. There is also a smoking cessation advisor and Legal Surgery. 4 Leopold St, DE1 2HE.

Women's Centre (Cont)

Open Mon-Thu 9.30am-5pm, Fri 9.30am-4pm



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derbywomenscentre@aol.com

Networks and Organisations

Derby Home Education Group

Now in their 3rd year, Derby HE Group is expanding and welcoming new people every month. There are a growing number of home educators in the Derby area and the group acts as a mutual support network providing social and educational events as well as being a link to the wider HE community.

The group meets on the 4th Thursday of the month.



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www.derbyhe.co.uk/local/dheg/
andy@derbyhe.co.uk

Environmental Co-ordination Team

Derby City Council's Environmental Co-ordination Team works to raise environmental awareness in the community and to 'green' the council from within. They work with local groups to organise Eco-Fest - a free family festival that celebrates the environment and inspires people to make a change. They run EnviroLearn - a free course, which gives local adults tips on how they can reduce their impact on the environment. They support the Council's Green Team, local groups, allotments, schools and companies in improving their environmental performance.

Contact Debbie Wargate, Environmental Projects Assistant if you are interested in attending EnviroLearn or to find out more about the work of the team.



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Furniture Recycling Project

The Derby Furniture Recycling Project offers a service to collect furniture, white goods, bedding and clothing from those who no longer need them and pass them on to those who do with the help of volunteers. The project offers training to all volunteers and work experience for unemployed volunteers in order to enhance their opportunities and develop their skills.

To donate items, enquire about the service or to be a volunteer contact:



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**www.derbyfurnitureproject.co.uk
derbyfurnproj@fiscali.co.uk**

Global Education Derby (GED)

GED is a specialist educational organisation, working in Derby, Derbyshire and the East Midlands. They work with schools, youth workers, other educators in the formal and informal sectors to promote understanding and learning for a better world, through education for sustainable development and global citizenship.



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admin@globaleducationderby.org.uk

PARC

The Play and Recycling Centre is a charity that recycles waste products into useable creative materials for use of schools and community groups. They have a 'scrap store', games for hire, a Re-Paint scheme selling cheap recycled paint, as well as office furniture and refurbishment materials, at very good prices. PARC also runs creative workshops, designed to promote environmental awareness through artistic reuse of waste materials. Businesses can help by donating materials. PARC offers work experience for volunteers and New Deal placements.

6-10 Werburgh St, DE22 3QG. Open Tuesday and Wednesday 10am-3pm, and Thursday 10am-5pm.



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www.derbyplayandrecyclingcentre.co.uk

Websites

The Beehive

The Beehive is Derbyshire's online network devoted to the county's community groups. Many local groups are listed on this site, with details of their activities and how to get involved. If you represent any not-for-profit organisation, then the Beehive offers to host your group's website for free.



beehive.thisisderbyshire.co.uk

Derby ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) Forum

This is an inclusive group for organisations and individuals interested in the sustainable development of Derby communities, through formal and informal education.

The Forum is for:

teachers

other school staff

youth workers

FE lecturers

adult and community educators

staff from voluntary sector organisations

local authority staff any other educators



www.derbyESD.org.uk

Freecycle

'Freecycle' is a new web-based network of people exchanging unwanted things for free, with a view to reducing waste going into landfill. There are groups all over the world including one in Derby! To find out more or to join the group go to:



www.freecycle.org

(Follow links from International to UK then Derby.)