

DEBI



Devon Environmental Business Initiative

Helping to build a better, greener future in and around Devon

Running your business, school or social enterprise while trying to put the environment at the heart of what you do can be tough. It's about constant innovation and keeping up-to-date with the latest legislation, products and local and national targets - while still maximising your efficiency and profits.

Support

DEBI is here to help. The not-for-profit organisation was set up in the early 1990s with the aim of making life easier for environmentally pioneering companies and individuals in the South West. We are all about sharing ideas and expertise - our members have access to information and advice covering a huge variety of eco-issues, from biomass options to waste management and sustainability in manufacturing.

Inspire

Sometimes being up close and personal is the best way to learn. Regular DEBI events and visits, everything from a trip to an award-winning eco B&B through to a flood forecasting talk by The Environment Agency, give you access to experts in many different fields. And they are free to members.

Reward

We all need to feel appreciated.

The DEBI Annual Awards held each November are a chance to say well done to those working hard at making Devon a centre of environmental excellence. The Awards are free to enter and the evening is hosted by our longstanding partner, the Met Office, at its innovative and inspiring headquarters in Exeter.



Benefits of membership

We would love you to join us and help make Devon an even more sustainable, environmentally friendly community. The more members we have, the more effective we can be.

These are the key benefits of membership:

- **Access to information and advice from those who know best** - the people running businesses and enterprises who have been there, done it.
- **Visits and events designed to put you in touch with experts** - we aim to cover the main areas - climate change, waste management, renewable energy and sustainability. Award winners and finalists often host events so it's a great opportunity to meet and learn from like-minded companies and individuals.
- **Exclusive members' forum on our website** - it's there for you to post your stories, ask questions, start a debate, read about others' experiences.
- **Fortnightly email newsletter** - we'll keep you in touch with what's relevant and you can use it to publicise *your* achievements.
- **DEBI Annual Awards** - the high point of the DEBI calendar. A prestigious event held at the Met Office in Exeter, and a great networking and publicity opportunity. You're doing some good work - now's the time to shout about it!

All this for as little as £25 a year – see the back page for membership types and joining details.



DEBI directors

DEBI is a registered charity run by a voluntary Board of Directors which meets six times a year. Directors include representatives from The Environment Agency, energy and carbon managers, property managers, waste experts, solicitors, sustainability officers, manufacturers and others with backgrounds in tourism, marketing, finance and publishing. All are committed to helping nurture environmental excellence in Devon.

The full list is kept up-to-date on our website www.debi-online.org.uk

The DEBI Awards at the Met Office

“We thoroughly recommend entering the DEBI Awards. It helped us look at our business’s eco-credentials and the judges’ input was invaluable.”

Alistair Handyside

Spokesperson for South West Tourism Alliance and owner, Higher Wiscombe Holiday Cottages



The DEBI Awards have now been running for more than two decades and are highly respected within the South West. Nominations go through a rigorous vetting and judging process by teams of DEBI directors, including visits to meet the finalists. The invitation-only ceremony, hosted in November by DEBI corporate supporter the Met Office in Exeter, is free for members, supporters and all Award entrants to attend - thanks to the generous support of our Award sponsors. It's a chance for big business, SMEs, charities, social enterprises, community projects and public bodies to come together and celebrate Devon's environmental achievements. It's always a great evening and finalists - and of course the winners - benefit hugely from the publicity surrounding the event.



DEBI Environmental Education Award



DEBI Made in Devon Award



DEBI Enjoyed in Devon Award



DEBI Sustainable Ethos Award



DEBI Public Service Award



DEBI Environmental Champion Award



DEBI Member Award

To keep the Awards fresh and ensure we reflect new environmental directions, we sometimes change one or two of the categories but this is a typical example of the spread of Awards on offer.

If you would like to enter our Awards, or know someone who deserves to be recognised, you can download an application form from our website www.debi-online.org.uk. Guidelines are also available on the website. Or call us on 0845 257 3324 or email info@debi-online.org.uk and we will post an application form to you.

Come and join us

Corporate Supporter £100 per annum:

for medium/large organisations

Member £25 per annum:

for individuals, small businesses and social enterprises

To join DEBI please complete this form indicating whether you wish to become a Corporate Supporter or Member and submit it to us either by post or email.

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Please make cheques payable to 'Devon Environmental Business Initiative' and post to the address below.



Working together
makes us stronger.

Become a
DEBI member
from just
£25 a year!



Get in touch today

We're here to help – and would love to hear from you. Catch us on Twitter and Facebook, check out our website – QR code below – or just call for a chat.

Don't forget to like & follow us on social media



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