

The Phoenix Community Resource Hub Ltd

Senior Civil Servant visits The Phoenix



Following the recent 'green' building work completed at The Phoenix Centre and the press coverage received, Mr. Chris Nichols a senior civil servant from the Department of Environment and Rural Affairs attended the Centre on a study visit.

Mr. Nichols who has sat on the Government's Climate Advisory Committee, was influential in drafting the Climate Change Bill, is a specialist in carbon abatement and environmental mitigation techniques. He is currently researching household scale renewable energy technologies.

Mr. Nichols was accompanied by Hans Ericsson of Environmental Heating Solutions, the company that fitted the state of the art Panasonic air source heat pumps at The Phoenix Centre. A heat pump is an electrical device that extracts heat from one place and transfers it to another. The heat pump is not a new technology; it has been used for decades in fridges and air conditioners.

Mr. Nichols witnessed the high efficiency units in use at the Centre, the only community venue in the UK to be using this technology and received presentations from Phil Scott the Chair of The Phoenix and from Mr. Ericsson.

Mr. Nichols stated: This is a wonderful example of a community group taking the lead to help solve a global problem, that of climate change, I am most impressed.

Phil Scott: We hope that Mr. Nichols will take back this information to central government to be incorporated into new policy on renewable energy technologies. It is visits like this that make the all of the effort seem worthwhile.

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