



The Melting Pot E-bulletin

July 2007

In this month's issue, you'll find:

- **Your only chance to see the space and more before opening - Monday 16th July 2007**
- **Latest news and events - things warm up in the Pot...**
- **Useful Links for Space, Membership, and a remarkable course for Social Innovators**

1. What will The Melting Pot be like? - Your Chance to See the Space, who's in already and how it'll be

Monday 16th July 2007, 4.30-7.30pm, 5 Rose St, Drop in for ½ hour or more, no need to book...

"Come on up, the door's open" - this is your only chance to visit the premises before we open - 'cos the builders are doing their thing!

- **View** The Melting Pot's exciting new space at No 5 Rose Street
- See the **Eco-Funky Designs** - and share your views and ideas
- **Low-Carbon Workspace** - find out about the 'Green credentials' and features of The Melting Pot
- **Meet our "Pioneer Customers"** - and find out why they want to come in to the Pot



- **Talk Tech** - meet the IT and Operations guys, get your questions answered
- **Sponsor a Chair** - add your name to our Supporters' List...
- Sign up for our **Office Fit-Out Party** in September, as we prepare to open our doors!
- ... and have **a Cuppa...**

2. News up-date, meeting social innovators and our pioneer members

With just 2 months to go before we open, we're gathering steam:

As part of our commitment to inspire and support social innovators, we've held some great community building events over the last few months, despite the weather! **Mike Stevens** from 'Talking up for a change' gave us a clear impression of how Scotland's ripe for positive change. Urgency reigned (or rained - monsoon weather here) during our two summer events: exploring how we will provide low-carbon urban workspaces at **The Big Tent** - Falkland's Festival of Stewardship and **The World Justice Festival** in Edinburgh. During a stimulating day, our interview with social innovator **Mukti Mitchell** about his personal journey to set up the Low Carbon Lifestyle Tour was filmed live for ITV.



"It was inspirational! He's a very wise guy. It was an inspirational and thought provoking event. Anyone who's got an idea that they haven't fulfilled yet, should hear this guy. It just shows that if you've got an idea, you should just go for it! Who knows where it will lead? Anyone who's got a half baked idea should come and hear him - it might finish the baking process!"

Mandy Meikle a sustainability campaigner on Transition Towns: communities working towards the transition to a low carbon economy.

Other news:

We're into the nitty-gritty of the process of signing a lease with the Ethical Property Company. And as we move towards opening, our teams are working on: Design / Build, Operations, IT, Planning, Finance, Marketing, Community Building and Funding. We've all been very busy - as you can see. John Cant, our Finance Director says, "It feels like the Pot is really getting warmed up" - which is just as well because June's not been so hot!



If you've got skills, time and the focus to deliver, offer your contribution by getting in touch with Claire.

We've been taking bookings for our large accessible workshop and funky private meeting spaces -available from 1st September onwards. We are sourcing good catering...

Pioneering Members are jumping onboard, here's an insight to one of the latest people to apply:

Pioneer Member - Rachel Amey

Rachel is a freelance writer and performer, concentrating mainly on political humour and inclusive theatre. She says "I'm interested in the spiritual aspects of performance as well as down to earth social commentary. I work with a wide audience including disabled and deaf adults, children, refugees, young offenders, activists, etc. I'm taking TMP25 membership to have some dedicated time in a work environment, to expand my own professional capabilities and to be a member of a new 'community'."

4. More about the Space, Membership, and some remarkable courses for Social Innovators

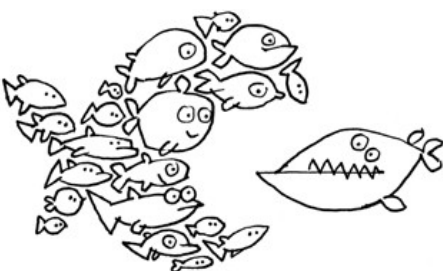
Want to Join Us? For full details of our Membership Information and an Application form, go here: <http://www.themeltingpotedinburgh.org.uk/offering>

Take a Look: over the months we've put a few presentations and photo galleries together about our aims, the space, and the events we've been holding. Have a look for yourself; you might be in one of the pictures! <http://www.themeltingpotedinburgh.org.uk/presentation>

Save a stamp: many of you've said how good our new postcard is - thanks. If you know someone who you want to give it to, but haven't got one, go here: <http://www.themeltingpotedinburgh.org.uk/postcard>

The Scotsman promotes MSc Courses relevant to Social Innovators...

Claire Carpenter, Founding Director of The Melting Pot, is a Fellow and Graduate of the Centre for Human Ecology. The Centre's courses run in Glasgow, Edinburgh and elsewhere. If you are interested in learning more about these remarkable courses, then check out this excellent article by Myshele Goldberg, which was recently published in *The Scotsman*: <http://www.che.ac.uk/mambo/content/blogsection/1/44/> We're looking forward to seeing many of the CHE network in The Melting Pot over the years to come...



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Our aim is to inspire and support social innovators to realise their ideas for a better world

