

# **Environmental Dates for 2008**

**2008 will be the International Year of Planet Earth**

**World Wetlands Day, 2nd February 2008**

**National Tree Week, 2th - 8th March**

**Earth Day, APRIL 22nd,**

**World Forestry Day, 21st March**

**World Water Day, 22nd March**

**World Meteorological Day, 23rd March**

**European Day of Parks, 24th May**

**Green Week, start of June**

**World Environment Day, 5th June**

**World Oceans Day, 8th June**

**Heritage Week, August 24th, September 1st.**

**Car Free Day, 22nd September**

**European Shark Week 8-14 October**

## **What is ENFO?**

ENFO is a public service which provides easy access to wide-ranging and authoritative information on the environment, incl. sustainable development. It was established in 1990 by the Department of the Environment Heritage, and Local Government.

## **Aim of ENFO**

The aim is to foster increased environmental awareness and thereby facilitate a broad partnership in efforts to promote sustainable development including protection of the environment for the benefit of future generations.

The importance of ready access to relevant information on environmental protection was reaffirmed in the UN/ECE Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, which was signed by the Minister for the Environment Heritage, and Local Government in Aarhus, Denmark in June, 1998.

### **What does ENFO do? / Services**

ENFO collects and maintains up-to-date information on all aspects of the environment and sustainable development and makes it readily available to anybody who wants it. ENFO services include

- \* A range of information leaflets/fact sheets/posters on a wide variety of environmental topics;
- \* Query answering service, by post, phone, or e-mail - mostly a same day service if answer is on a printed leaflet, otherwise information is obtained from other sources or in the case of more complex queries the enquirer is put in direct touch with the relevant source;
- \* Reference Library with books, journals, reports, microfiche, computer databases, US EPA reports, online access to the Barbour Index and Murdoch's Irish Law Companion ( for Act's and SI's) ;
- \* Video lending for schools and environmental groups;
- \* Teaching resource pack lending for teachers;
- \* Exhibitions and exhibition lending for any interested groups;
- \* Group visits , talks and activity trail for visiting schools and other groups of all ages - assistance will be provided to meet the requirements of individual groups. Prior booking for groups is recommended;
- \* Children's Club with periodic postings of games, puzzles, colouring pictures, newsletter, etc

### **ENFO Services**

A drop-in information centre at 17 St. Andrew St., Dublin 2, which is open to the public from 10.00 to 17.00 hours every day (except Sundays and public holidays) contains the following -

- \* Information desk for personal callers;
- \* Exhibition area;
- \* Children's corner with floor games and puzzles, video, colouring, pc with interactive games;
- \* Video viewing facilities;
- \* Inter-active computer games;
- \* Lecture room with audio visual facilities;
- \* Function area;
- \* Reference library with
- \* database of approx. 55,000 titles, a bibliographic reference system which enables users to select most suitable publication;
- \* study and research facilities for third-level students, researchers, consultants, journalists, environmental groups and others;
- \* Public access to the Internet for environmental subjects;

- \* Children's section;
- \* Microfiche reading and duplicating facilities;
- \* Free photocopying;.

ENFO is a national service and aims to distribute information as widely as possible. The series of information leaflets/fact sheets produced by ENFO are available in many public offices throughout the country, including local authority offices, public libraries, motor tax offices and some college or school libraries.

ENFO participates in a number of major public events during the year. The lending system for exhibitions, videos, teachers resource packs and the maintenance of a website are all in keeping with the requirement to have a national focus

**Comhar - Sustainable Development Council**

<http://www.comharsdc.ie/>

**Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government**

<http://www.environ.ie/en/>

**Environmental Protection Agency**

<http://www.epa.ie/>

**Sustainable Energy Ireland**

<http://www.sei.ie/>

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- \* Visit the drop in centre at 17 St. Andrew Street, Dublin 2 and see the current exhibition, play in the children's corner, watch an environmental video in a viewing booth, play an interactive game on one of our p.c.s, use the reference library or have free access to the Internet for environmental research. ENFO is open Monday to Saturday 10:00am till 5:00pm

<http://www.enfo.ie/>