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the Environment Centre (tec)

Welcome to the Environment Centre (tEC)

We're an independent charity with a mission to reduce carbon emissions while helping residents live more comfortably at home.



Our mission

We're tackling some of the biggest and most complex environmental challenges, head on.

Heating our homes is one of the largest contributors of carbon emissions in the atmosphere, while **poor air quality** is the biggest environmental risk to human health in the UK.

We're here to facilitate and inspire change. Our bespoke **advice and project delivery services** provide our stakeholders and residents with the trusted, practical and impartial advice they need to make change feel accessible and achievable.

We're incredibly proud of the positive impact our work achieves for our planet as well as human health and wellbeing.



Heating our homes

Did you know that the way we heat our home can impact our physical health, as well as our comfort, finances and environmental impact?

With every household having its unique set of circumstances, we strive to provide the highest level of personalised advice, guidance and opportunity to all of our clients. Our household-centred, holistic approach means we could be supporting an application for grant funding one day, and exploring new heating and cooling technologies the next!



Air quality

Poor air quality is an environmental challenge that can be linked to home energy in topics such as burning wood for warmth, or dealing with damp and mould. But we don't stop there. Our project delivery extends beyond the home and into the wider world of air quality's impact on public health and the environment.

Our work

Affordable warmth

We believe everyone has the right to live in a good quality, safe and warm home. We want to make sure that every client we speak to, whether that's in the community as part of our outreach services, at a home visit or over the phone via a referral, has access to the support they need to reduce the risk of fuel poverty.

Through our specialist affordable warmth advice services, we're:

- Improving living conditions
- Reducing health risks and contributing to successful hospital discharges
- Improving energy finances
- Educating households to maintain comfortable and energy efficient homes
- Reducing domestic carbon emissions

Our current affordable warmth services are Southampton Healthy Homes (funded by Southampton City Council), Hitting the Cold Spots (funded by Hampshire County Council), and Switched On Portsmouth's phone line (funded by Portsmouth City Council).

Southampton
Healthy Homes

Hitting the
Cold Spots

SWITCHED ON
PORTSMOUTH

Home retrofit

In April 2025 we launched My Home Made Better, an advice service for homeowners looking for trusted, impartial advice on self-funding home energy upgrades. My Home Made Better aims to encourage low carbon heating upgrades and energy independence through personalised consultations and step-by-step planning.



Further information

www.environmentcentre.com/SHH
www.hantscoldspots.environmentcentre.com
www.switchedonportsmouth.co.uk
www.myhomemadebetter.org

Air quality

Wood burning

We're actively working with Local Authorities to help residents understand the impact that burning wood has on the environment and human health.

Rooted in public engagement, this project has generated numerous conversations and helped to unpick some of the common myths associated with this topic. Our leaflets, social media assets and FAQs can all be found on our dedicated wood burning webpage.



Working with healthcare professionals

Alongside our public woodburning engagement work, we've partnered with healthcare professionals across Southampton to offer training, webinars and networking opportunities. We're incredibly grateful to have the support of a wide range of experts including Dr Malcolm White, Dr Thomas Daniels, Dr Matt Loxham and Professor Stephen Holgate, Air Quality Adviser to the Royal College of Physicians, who we've had the privilege of interviewing.

Working at tEC

We're delighted you're interested in working at the Environment Centre (tEC).

To apply for a role, please visit www.environmentcentre.com/jobs to view our vacancies and download an application form. Completed application forms should be emailed to jobs@environmentcentre.com before the closing date specified on the advert.

Whilst we operate a hybrid working pattern, we appreciate seeing colleagues in person at our city centre office, just a short walk from Southampton Central train station.

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