



Greetings Everyone!

Our next Open Meeting will be on **Friday February 6th at 8:00 am** in the Lecture Room at Queen's Innovation Park. **Warren Mabee, Queen's School of Policy Studies** will be speaking. Warren will be talking about **A Renewable Energy Region: Eastern Ontario as a Net Producer of Green Power**.

1. A big thank you to renewing members, Queen's University and Boom Strategy.
2. **A reminder** that a free public screening of *The Suzuki Diaries*, will be shown this evening at 7:00 pm in the Large Lecture Hall of SWITCH member St. Lawrence College. The film chronicles Dr. David Suzuki and his daughter Sarika's trip to Europe to witness firsthand the renewable energy revolution underway there. The screening will be followed by a short presentation by the Ontario Sustainable Energy Association on the proposed **Green Energy Act** for Ontario and an opportunity for discussion. The event was mentioned in *The Belleville Intelligencer*.
3. **Events:** The "How To" Workshop Series on Home Renewable Energy developed by a group of SWITCH members, will have a kick-off and introductory session on March 3rd. Kingston City Councillor Dorothy Hector will be our keynote speaker. Please go to <http://www.switchkingston.ca/workshop/> for more information and to register.
4. **Event:** SWITCH will be exhibiting at the Quinte Conservation Sustainable Living Symposium on Saturday March 28th in Belleville. If SWITCH members would like the SWITCH staff to take some of your product and services literature to display at the SWITCH booth, please let us know. The event is usually quite well attended. For more information see <http://www.quintesustainability.ca/>
5. **Events:** SWITCH member TAB Mechanical's Greening Your Home series continues on Feb. 5 in Madoc, and Feb. 10 in Campbellford. Please see the SWITCH events calendar for more details: <http://www.switchkingston.ca/calendar.php>
6. **Events:** The ELORIN bio-breakfast series continues on Thursday Feb. 12th. Ted Wilson will speak on sustainability in Melbourne Australia. See www.elorin.ca for more details.
7. Brad Leonard, of SWITCH member Renewable Energy of Plum Hollow and SWITCH Board Member, attended a climate change/woodstove heating seminar at SWITCH member Queen's last week. To learn more, please go to <http://www.thewhig.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1413834&&#postbox>. If anyone is interested in reading the paper written by Paul Grogan, about woodstoves vs. natural gas for home heating, please contact SWITCH.
8. SWITCH Executive Director, Ted Hsu, was interviewed by CKWS Newswatch last week about renewable energy and the proposed Federal budget. To see the interview, please go to <http://www.ckwstv.com/index.cfm?page=news&id=136>
9. The speaker for next month's open meeting is Alex English of SWITCH member **Burt's Greenhouses**.

Hope to see you at *The Suzuki Diaries* and the next Open Meeting!

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