



Greetings Everybody!

Reserve the Date: 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 welcome to new trial member **Queen's Institute for Energy and Environmental Policy (contact: Tom Carpenter).**
2. Congratulations to St. Lawrence College for receiving over \$2 million in funding for Ontario's first Wind Turbine Technician program. Premier Dalton McGuinty travelled to SLC last Friday to present the good news. Please go to <http://www.thewhig.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1402905> to read the full story.
3. Congratulations to SWITCH member **Michael Tiffe, TAB Mechanical**, for the press they have received for their *Greening Your Home* seminars. Please see the above attachments and go to <http://www.napaneeguide.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1400341> to read more. The event schedule is posted on the SWITCH website.
4. **A Reminder** that the "How To" series of workshops on home energy conservation and use of renewable energy, organized by a number of SWITCH members, is set to kick off the evening of March 3rd. Save the date, details to follow soon.
5. **SWITCH is hosting a free public screening of the documentary, *The Suzuki Diaries*, an account of 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. Tuesday, February 3rd, 7:00 pm, St. Lawrence College in Kingston, Large Lecture Hall.**
6. **Biomass Opportunity:** Robert Hunter, P.E.C. Farms recently contacted SWITCH. They own and operate a large farm in Prince Edward County just north of Wellington with over 1000 acres available for biomass. If anyone is interested, please contact P.E.C. Farms, Robert Hunter at 613-399-3393.
7. SWITCH has a paper entitled, "*Building A Green Economic Stimulus Package for Canada*" by the think tank Sustainable Prosperity, available to anyone who may be interested in reading it.
8. SWITCH President, Don Young, will be speaking at the Professional Engineers of Ontario's Annual General Meeting (Kingston chapter) on February 18th.
9. Consumers will soon be able to return hazardous waste to selected retailers through the *Do What You Can* program. To read more, please go to <http://www.thewhig.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1399025>. Thank you to Steve Sottile, SWITCH Director, for sending this article.
10. **New Website to watch:** Power Up Canada: Canadians for Climate Leadership. Go to <http://www.powerupcanada.ca/contact/> to have a look.
11. **Free Workshop:** The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is hosting a workshop on Aviation and Alternative Fuels at their headquarters in Montreal on February 10-12. The

workshop is in preparation for an Aviation and Alternative Fuels Conference in November 2009. For more information, please go to <http://www.icao.int/WAAF2009/>

12. **Events:** SWITCH member Jeremy Neven passed along information for Decade for a Renewable Planet, an event taking place in Toronto, May 28-31 <http://www.decadeofchange.com/> Kingston's own "Green Up 2009" <http://www.greenupfestival.ca/> will be held on Saturday April 18th.
13. The conference on the Establishment of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), will take place on January 26th in Bonn, Germany. To read more about IRENA, please go to <http://www.irena.org/foundingcon.htm>. Thank you to Ian Rowberry, SWITCH Student Director, for mentioning this event.

Hope to see you at the screening of *The Suzuki Diaries* and the next Open Meeting,

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