

## NEWS RELEASE

### *Tomorrow's generation to Shout about Climate Change!*

Teenagers in Watford and Three Rivers are being invited to *Shout about Climate Change!* by local company Renewable Energy Systems as part of a nationwide campaign with Friends of the Earth to raise awareness about just how important it is that we tackle global warming. 11-13 year olds are being asked to come up with a poem, rap or song that tells people about climate change, whether it be the human causes of it - from power stations to poor building design - or the effects of it in terms of melting glaciers, rising sea levels, floods and drought, or the solutions to it including cutting down on energy use in the home and renewable energy technologies such as solar and wind power.

"Young people have a way of cutting through the politics and the excuses on climate change and want change to happen fast. It's their generation that will be most affected after all. We want to give them the chance to say what they want to see happen in a way that's creative and gets their message across," says RES Education Coordinator Annie Heaton.

Children can enter the *Shout about Climate Change!* competition on their own, in a group or with their school. Winners will be invited to perform their creation at the RES Public Open Day next summer. The closing date for entries is 23 November, and details of where to send them can be found on [www.beaufortcourt.com](http://www.beaufortcourt.com).

Extra opportunities are being arranged to give young people a chance to visit Beaufort Court, the RES zero-emissions head office in Kings Langley, during the *Shout about Climate Change!* week at the start of November. On Saturday 3 November, a **Public Open Morning** will be held for 12-18 year olds. And from Monday 5 - Friday 9 November, schools taking part in Friends of the Earth's national *Shout about Climate Change!* campaign can organise a **free class visit** to Beaufort Court. A visit will give pupils the chance to see some solutions to climate change in action, including a 50m tall wind turbine, a vast solar array generating both heat and electricity, a 3m tall crop of elephant grass to fuel a biomass boiler and a natural cooling system. Schools wishing to arrange a visit should contact Rachel Anderson on 01923 299400.

#### **Notes to Editors :**

1. **Photo opportunities:** young people visiting Beaufort Court will be in front of the 50m tall wind turbine/3m tall elephant grass on Saturday 3 November at 11.30am, and as part of school trips on weekday mornings of the following week. school children will be standing in front of the wind turbine on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November between 11am and 1.30pm. Photos of Beaufort Court, and its wind turbine are also available.

2. This event is part of "Shout about Climate Change!", an education campaign for schools organised by Friends of the Earth. For more information about the nationwide Shout About Climate Change week, or case studies on schools activity in 2006, contact Vicki Felgate, Youth and Education coordinator at Friends of the Earth on 020 7566 4086.

3. **Features:** If you would like to discuss potential features please contact Annie Heaton, RES Education Coordinator on 01923 299347 or 07795 236403 and Nick Davies, Friends of the Earth press team on 020 7566 1649.

4. The RES Group, which develops sources of renewable energy such as wind farms, biomass and solar PV, moved into its head office in Kings Langley in November 2003. The building aims to be carbon-neutral, and is heated and powered from renewable energy sources, including the well-known wind turbine that is visible from the M25. It also boasts solar panels and a biomass boiler to heat the building in winter. The company's refurbishment of the former Ovaltine Egg Farm also aimed to create a very energy efficient building, with motion-sensitive lighting, natural ventilation and deciduous trees to shade the building's south side from the summer sun.

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