

# Best practice at Farringdon – Climate Week Initiatives



## Overview

Climate Week was a national event that took place 21-27 March 2011 highlighting positive steps to combat climate change and move towards a low-carbon society. It focused on helping to drive a long-term shift in the way society views and approaches climate change; the challenges and ideas on how to overcome them. It encouraged us to take steps in the hope that small actions can lead to bigger changes

## Innovation

Network Rail signed up to Climate Week and the Farringdon team took this opportunity in implementing initiatives in the office as follows:

- Recycling and removal of desk waste bins**  
 Desk waste bins were removed permanently across the office to encourage staff to make full use of the recycling facilities provided in the kitchens for food, cans and plastics and general waste.
- Low Carbon Lunch**  
 A free low carbon lunch was offered to 50 members of staff who had the lowest carbon footprint. Lunch was provided by Farm – a local food shop specialising in low carbon and locally sourced British food.
- The Big Switch Off**  
 The Farringdon team took part in switching off individual PCs, monitors and desktops, overnight. This is an ongoing initiative and random spot checks are taking place to highlight areas of the office who are not switching off when leaving the office.
- Heartwood Forest tree planting day**  
 Network Rail and Costain organised a tree planting day at Heartwood Forest as part of Climate Week. Also to fulfil TLP's commitment to protecting and enhancing biodiversity and replace vegetation cleared during KO1 works.
- Dress Down Friday**  
 To end the working week for Climate Week, the Farringdon team had a dress down Friday with staff being encouraged to dress with an environmental theme or Wear It Bright for Earth Hour. Money collected for taking part was given to WWF-UK for their Rainforest Rescue programme.

## Benefits

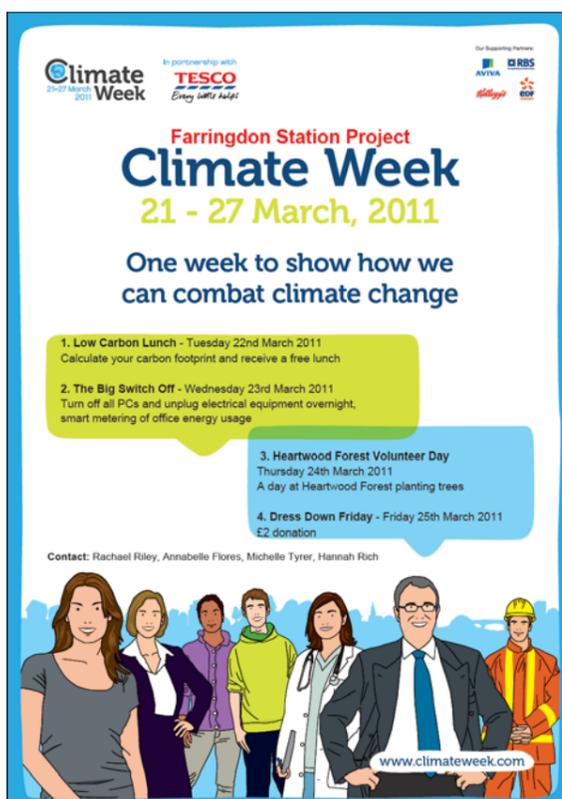
- Climate Week gave an awareness of how our individual actions can have an affect on the environment and climate change
- Encouraged use of recycling facilities in the office
- Energy saving initiative with the implementation of the Big Switch Off
- Contribution to rainforest programme through Earth Hour



Low carbon food and voucher from Farm



Karen Lewis – environmental theme best dressed



## Targets and objectives

Climate Week initiatives has helped us meet our targets and objectives in the following areas:

- CEEQUAL – material use; energy; waste management; ecology and biodiversity
- Farringdon Sustainability Strategy - energy and carbon; waste; ecology
- Farringdon Targets and objectives – minimise office waste production; energy