

GREEN LIGHT TRUST

Type	Business
Sector	Voluntary Sector
Business size	1-9
Website	www.greenlighttrust.org

Short description

We're a dedicated group of environmental professionals with many years experience in various aspects of environmental education, community outreach, business consultancy, and helping to preserve our natural heritage.

Environmental highlights

We have achieved an impressive 53% reduction in our carbon emissions between 2009 and 2010, largely due to a 60% decrease in business mileage. We are cutting down on commuting mileage too by home-working and internet-conferencing. Our landfill waste dropped to near zero and improvements to the wind turbine meant that we are producing more clean energy.

Green credentials

In 2008, Virgin named Green Light Trust as the UK's leading environmental entrepreneur and within the Top 10 of the world. We have been awarded the RIBA sustainability award for our sustainable headquarters - The Foundry, Green Apple for Business WildSpace project with Quotient Bioresearch, Creating Futures Award for Low Carbon Champions project and we are the Regional Winner of National Community and Heritage Awards. Our CEO is alumni of Cambridge University Climate Leadership Programme.

A summary of environmental achievements

Since 1989 Green Light Trust has supported:- 160 acres of volunteer owned 'WildSpace' in the UK- 2000 sq miles of virgin rainforest, and its people, in the Hunstein Range, Papua New Guinea - 150, 000 children and young adults to gain confidence through environmental stewardship programmes-85 organisations on a European pilot scheme that aims to improve the sustainability of business

Personal testimony

The Charter assessment was a good experience and the advisor has given sufficient time and attention to the works we have done. The decision from Charter Panel came within 4 weeks.

Key lessons

Having utility data handy and regular monitoring is always an advantage. Some time should be given towards preparation for the audit and it is helpful if the applicant is familiar with the Charter checklist.

Where did I get my advice

Low Carbon Champions