



The Sustainability Trust

Rotarians for Sustainability & Carbon Reduction

A charitable foundation helping Rotarians cope with a warming planet

The Challenge:

- We'll need 2 planets⁽¹⁾ to sustain our increasingly affluent lifestyles.
- Some vital natural resources are getting scarce.
- Peak Oil is approaching.
- Water is in short supply in many places.
- Natural disasters are getting more severe.
- We are in danger of poisoning the only home we've got.

Are these trends sustainable?

- Rotarians have a responsibility to seek solutions.
- As one of the world's largest volunteer NGO's, we can deliver change.
- We owe this to future generations.

The Impact of a Warming Climate:

- World average temperatures are rising.
- The weather is increasingly unpredictable.

- The W.H.O. is examining the potentially serious health impact in many countries, from Fiji to China.
- Problems are predicted to include increases in malaria, dengue, typhoid, rodent-borne diseases, malnutrition, air pollution-related health effects, water sanitation and food security problems caused by drought and land salination, effects of population displacement.⁽²⁾

The Solution - Create a Sustainable Planet.

- We need to introduce sustainable principles into our own lives, our communities and our humanitarian Rotary Club projects.
- Which is why eleven Clubs on five continents joined together to form The Sustainability Trust.
- The aim is to link all 33,000 Rotary Clubs world-wide into a network to share best practice.
- The Trust website is a forum connecting all interested Rotarians into a knowledge database.

Will You Join Us?

Connect your Club to The Sustainability Trust
– click on the red link at www.TheSustainabilityTrust.org

Register with the trust and get monthly updates with practical Ideas for action

Notes (1) Figures from moderate UN scenarios.
(2) World Health Organisation study 'Piloting Climate Change Adaptation to Protect Human Health'



“Do you know the 5th Test in the Four-Way Test? ...Is it SUSTAINABLE?”



What can you do?

Enrol your Club as a Sustaining member.

Join the growing online list of Clubs and Rotarians who are supporting the Trust - click on www.TheSustainabilityTrust.org/trustmembers.htm

Ensure these activities include Sustainable principles

Rotary Club Projects, your business, travel & transportation, domestic energy use, home insulation, airline flights, business management, your lifestyle?

Save money by adopting Sustainable principles

Use energy saving devices like Standby Saver, seen first on BBC's Dragons' Den, saving its cost in less than 12 months.
See www.standby-saver.co.uk for details.

The USA uses over 100million plastic bags annually, made from 500 million gallons of oil. String bags are reusable, low cost and flexible. Buy at a discount through the Trust. Sustainable principles save money and make life better.

Offset Your Carbon Emissions

Neutralise the CO₂ emissions from your car, flights, home energy use or business.

Use our website to calculate how much your emissions cost to offset and then donate with a debit/credit card. Every donation supports a Club project that cuts CO₂

Club Sustainability Projects:

Send in details of your Club project to info@TheSustainabilityTrust.org so that others learn about it. Get ideas on Club projects from the Trust website. See the charity's own sustainability project with solar ovens in South Africa.

How long does litter take to decay?

Cigarette butts... **1-5 years**. Plastic bags... **10-20 years**. Aluminium cans... **80-100 years**. Plastic beverage bottles... **450 years**. Glass bottles... **1,000,000 years**. Styrofoam... **never!** See list on our website download: Cut packaging, save waste, reduce, re-use, recycle.

For more information, check out our **Ten Minute Talk** in the downloads section on the website.

The Sustainability Trust - The CO₂ Offset Trust

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