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Groundbreaking energy saving project launches in Kirkcaldy

- *Local residents set to save over £95,000*

Greener Kirkcaldy, the environmental charity, will be running a project to help people make their homes more comfortable and reduce their fuel bills. This will save the community over £95,000 over the lifetime of the measures and help local people do their bit for the environment.

The Lang Toun Energy Savers project will start in May 2011, thanks to funding from the Ebico Trust for Sustainable Development. The project will provide advice in the Greener Kirkcaldy centre, events in community centres around town, and pilot a programme of home visits to install simple energy saving measures such as draught proofing.

The project will help people make cash savings on energy bills, allow people to be comfortable in their own homes and help people who struggle to pay high fuel bills. It will emphasise work with groups such as carers, low-income families, pensioners and families with children, but all will be welcome to drop in.

Suzy Goodsir, Chair of Greener Kirkcaldy, said "We are very grateful to the Ebico Trust for Sustainable Development as the funds have allowed us to launch this vital project. We are now looking for further funds to help expand the project's reach."

Ebico is the UK's only not-for-profit energy company, established as a social enterprise in 1998 to end fuel poverty in the UK. All surplus money is reinvested into the Ebico Trust for Sustainable Development in the pursuit of reducing fuel poverty and tackling climate change through funding community initiatives.

Phil Levermore, Managing Director of Ebico, commented: "Ebico was set up with the core aim to wipe-out fuel poverty in the UK and partnering with Greener Kirkcaldy on the delivery of its community energy advice programme enables us to further work towards our goal."

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. Greener Kirkcaldy is a community charity that helps local people to be more environmentally friendly, to save cash on fuel bills, and to reduce our ecological footprints.
2. The Greener Kirkcaldy advice centre in Kirkcaldy town centre gives free information and support relevant to you and your home, on energy smart thinking, eco-friendly food choices, and greener transport options. The centre is open to the public on Saturdays (10-5). It provides free, friendly support and information relevant to your personal circumstances.
3. The charity is working with community groups throughout the local area, and has a fun and varied programme of events. We are actively looking for groups who would like us to attend.
4. The Ebico Trust for Sustainable Development has funded Greener Kirkcaldy with £25,000 to run Lang Toun Energy Savers until April 2012.
5. Paragraph on Ebico and Trust.
6. To contact Greener Kirkcaldy, email info@greenerkirkcaldy.org.uk or call 01592 858458.

About Ebico

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