

## THE GREENHOUSE

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The Greenhouse in Bangor has been supporting and nurturing new community groups and volunteers for over 20 years. Fledgling groups are provided with meeting space, office resources and general support to enable them to find their feet.

Although the Greenhouse employs a full time development worker (job share), the Centre is mainly manned by volunteers who assist those wishing to make use of the extensive local information available there. There is a fund which offers free training courses to volunteers and access to numerous other courses which help develop skills for finding paid employment. Volunteers are also supported if they need help with job application forms, interview techniques etc.

All users of the centre are encouraged to become members, attend management meetings and become part of the decision-making process.

Apart from its primary aims and support for local environmental groups, the centre:

- Actively promotes the use of recycled and bio-friendly products
- Encourages sustainable living both in the building and through information provided
- Is planning an eco-restoration which will become an educational resource for the local community in terms of what can be done to an old building, both to improve energy efficiency and where sustainable/recycled building materials may be sourced
- Is running a campaign to promote better bicycle facilities in Bangor
- Plans a community café with stage for community performances and exhibition area for artists, more paid staff and volunteers.

*Desired help:* Information-sharing from other organisations with similar aims, problems etc., ongoing training, dedicated staff and volunteers, money!

*Status of organisation:* Voluntary organisation/company ltd y guarantee

*Area:* Bangor and surrounding areas