



News Release

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The Scottish Legal Aid Board will join millions across the world in switching off lights for one hour at 8.30pm this Saturday for Earth Hour 2011.

Earth Hour is an annual event, coordinated by the environmental charity WWF, to raise awareness of sustainability and climate change. Businesses and individuals around the world are asked to turn their lights out for at least one hour, from 8.30 p.m. on Saturday March 26, in a symbolic gesture demonstrating commitment to take action on climate change.

Last year in Scotland, 29 local authorities, 300 schools and over 200 public bodies, businesses, and community groups supported the big switch off or organised activities in the week leading up to Earth Hour. Globally, a record 128 countries took part.

Tackling climate change and promoting sustainability are priorities for Scotland. The Scottish Legal Aid Board will therefore be taking part again this year. This is an excellent opportunity to save energy in the workplace by remembering to switch off lights and appliances when they are not needed and staff have also been encouraged to take part in Earth Hour in their own homes.

Lindsay Montgomery, Chief Executive said: "I am delighted that we are supporting Earth Hour again. The Scottish Government's objective to create a Greener Scotland helps to create a more successful country and the Board has an important contribution to make to this goal. This initiative builds on the success that we have had in recent years in reducing the carbon footprint of our organisation. Through our Best Value Reviews we are also continually looking at different aspects of legal aid delivery to ensure they deliver the best outcomes, including environmental benefits."

Major Scottish landmarks taking part in Earth Hour 2011 are Edinburgh Castle, the Scottish Parliament, Scone Palace, the Falkirk Wheel, the National Wallace Monument, Arbroath Abbey, Castle Campbell, Kelvingrove Museum, Urquhart Castle, Inverness Castle and the Scott Monument.

You can find out more at: http://earthhour.wwf.org.uk/about_earth_hour/

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