

WORLD EARTH DAY 2006

The ESG together with GONHS and FoE will this year be celebrating World Earth Day by focussing on our environment and the areas which concern us the most.

On Saturday 22nd April a stall will be set up at the Piazza where information will be provided on the work being done by the ESG and GONHS in their respective areas. FoE will have a stall at Casemates too.

This year World Earth Day looks at climate change and global warming as its main focus and it is important that we, in Gibraltar, use this opportunity to look at how we move around and how we can cut down on car and motorbike use. A holistic transport policy aimed at discouraging personal transport and encouraging public transport, walking, cycling could help achieve this. The ESG is grateful to the Ministry for the Environment for providing free bus service for the upcoming Earth Day and hopes that people will make use of this. The opening of the air monitoring station at Rosia Road to the public on Saturday is also a positive development and the ESG congratulates the Ministry on this initiative.

The ESG at its stand at the Piazza will be pleased to interact with the public and will have on display information on the various aspects of its work to protect the environment, reduce pollution and raise awareness, the three main areas of its endeavours. The group has recently produced its annual newsletter, a comprehensive report on its actions and achievements during 2005/6; how it has worked with many in the local community on a number of projects which have made a difference and information on similar future projects. Its work on Bay pollution has been well publicised but Saturday is also a chance for more information to be made available.

GONHS is having its biodiversity year and will have on display an array of literature promoting the work being done by them to date on this and on other projects.

WORLD EARTH DAY is one day in the year when all in the community must reflect on their personal efforts to reduce their impact on the Environment.

From 10.00am to 1.30pm Piazza.