

Council Offices to embrace Earth Hour 2011

Earth Hour 2011: 8.30pm, Saturday 26 March. Earth Hour is a global event asking households and businesses to turn off their non-essential lights and other electrical appliances for one hour to raise awareness towards the need to take action on climate change. This Earth Hour, go beyond the hour with a commitment to a positive action for the planet and celebrate that commitment with the people of the world by switching off your lights for Earth Hour 2011.

From its inception as a single-city initiative – Sydney, Australia - in 2007, Earth Hour has grown into a global symbol of hope and movement for change. Earth Hour 2010 created history as the world's largest ever voluntary action with people, businesses and governments in 128 countries across every continent coming together to celebrate an unambiguous commitment to the one thing that unites us all – the planet.

North Tipperary County Council has been implementing a series of energy saving measures in its head quarters at the Civic Offices on the Limerick Road in Nenagh. Examples of such measures include the optimization of heating controls, raising awareness amongst staff through energy awareness campaigns and training, and optimization of lighting levels and controls throughout the building. The Civic Offices tries to achieve the goal of switching off of all unnecessary lights every hour the building is unoccupied.

This year North Tipperary County Council is once again embracing Earth Hour, ensuring that all lights are turned off in Council buildings. ESB Customer Supply, Bord Gáis Energy and Airtricity - plus the National Electricity Association of Ireland -

are all lending their support as official partners, encouraging all their customers to take part in this huge event through their web-pages and online billing pages and in-house in a number of ways. The ESB, as part of their Cúl Green initiative with the GAA are turning off the lights on Croke Park for the event.

Government buildings and some national monuments (such as the Rock of Cashel), will switch off their lights for earth hour. Sign up to earthhour.org, switch off your lights for Earth Hour 2011, and share the positive actions you will sustain for earth beyond the hour. Earth Hour can be found on www.earthhour.org

Spreagann Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh an pobal le Laghdú, le hAthúsáid agus le hAthchúrsáil an oiread agus is féidir.

Oibrímid Uimhir Shaorghlao i gcomhair Bruscair 1800 250 350 le cur ar chumas an phobail aon dumpáil neamhdhleathach nó bhruscar a chur in iúl don Chomhairle Contae.

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