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## **Green Jobs and Events Booming**

### ***New RCEN service serves up green opportunities across Canada***

OTTAWA, May 5, 2010 - It just got a lot easier for Canadians to participate in environmental initiatives in their communities. The Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN) today announced the launch of a comprehensive new eco-calendar, a green jobs board, and an environmental volunteer board.

Hundreds of events have already been posted from across Canada, ranging from a "Solar Home Tour", to organic gardening workshops, to national scientific conferences. Hundreds of jobs on the site include everything from tree planting work to executive positions at some of Canada's largest environmental organisations.

"This is a great initiative for recent graduates that want to gain practical experience while helping the environment. It's reassuring to know there are organisations that are looking out for students!" said Sharif Virani, a recent University of Ottawa graduate.

The RCEN is a national network of over 600 environmental organisations, many of whom are already using the service. The site is intended for all Canadians, as well as green businesses, educational institutions and environmental NGOs.

"Our goal is to make it easy for Canadians to participate in things that interest them - everything from home energy retrofits, to green jobs, to climate change policy.", said Robert Henri, RCEN Communications Coordinator.

The Everdale Environmental Learning Centre, northwest of Toronto, is already using the site. "It's like a community centre for everyone who's striving towards a more sensible, ecological future", said Gavin Dandy, Everdale co-founder.

"Getting involved in your community is one of the most rewarding ways to make a difference." said Henri. "It's easy to be cynical about the environment, but once you've tapped into some of the positive things you can do, that starts to change."

**View current environmental events, jobs and volunteer postings at:**  
<http://calendar.rcen.ca/>; <http://jobs.rcen.ca/>; <http://volunteer.rcen.ca/>

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