

## Climate Change

### What types of groups work with Science Shops Wales?

Science Shops Wales works within an ethical oriented framework with groups promoting social, environmental & cognitive justice.

#### Typically we work with:

- Community groups and charities
- Groups with no commercial aims
- Groups who can not afford to hire consultants or expertise
- Groups who are in a position to use research or information to further their development

#### Groups such as:

- Regeneration Trusts
- Local and regional authorities
- Schools
- Patient Groups & Health Initiatives
- Educators & Trainers
- Social Enterprise Organisations

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### About the Science Shops Wales Network:

Science Shops Wales (SSW) was set up in September 2006 with funding from the Higher Education Council for Wales Strategic Development Fund, under a joint widening access initiative with University of Wales, Newport. The purpose of SSW is eventually to develop a University and community service centre for engagement and communication, with a specific focus on science and technology.

The Science Shops Wales Network is a member of the International Living Knowledge Network; a global network of Science Shops, and the Global Alliance on Community Engaged Research (GACER).

#### More information?

For information on the Student Brokerage Project, contact Kim Fitzgerald on 0845 841 3545, or email [kafitzge@glam.ac.uk](mailto:kafitzge@glam.ac.uk)

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Are you a final year undergraduate, Masters or PhD student looking for a research project either for your dissertation, or to gain practical skills and experience?



Would you like to develop new skills and gain experience by conducting research or helping to run a project for a local community group?



Then Science Shops Wales may be able to help you!



## The benefits for students involved in Science Shops Wales Projects include:

- Practical experience which may help enhance future employment prospects
- Developing and consolidating skills learned while doing course work
- Access to ready-made, clearly defined projects
- For overseas and out of area students, increased opportunities to experience local cultures and customs
- The possibility of additional support and funds to help with project costs such as photocopying and travel (subject to SSW approval)
- Carrying out work which is useful to a community group
- Carrying out free work for community groups, which they could not otherwise afford
- Learning and refining key transferable skills and core competences such as team working, project and time management and negotiation skills

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### Why do a project?

A Science Shop Wales Project provides students and researchers with research of local relevance, and the opportunity to gain 'real-world' experience. Our database includes projects in art, business studies, education, sustainable development, engineering and the social sciences.

### Science Shops Wales holds an extensive database of student research projects including:

- Bio-diversity audits
- Market research for community businesses
- A feasibility study to install a wind turbine on school premises
- A technical feasibility study to install microhydro energy generation at the offices of a local community group
- Assess the possibility of creating an earth sculpture that is sufficiently robust to be used as a BMX course
- Develop a user-friendly website to promote a local heritage social enterprise project



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## What are Science Shops?

The science shops movement has been in existence since the '70s, and is part of the international Living Knowledge Network and the Global Alliance for Community-Engaged research. (For more information go to [www.scienceshops.org](http://www.scienceshops.org))

### Further Information:

University based science shops facilitate greater interaction between universities and their local communities by providing community-based research opportunities for students. Such activities are often referred to as 'service learning' or 'accredited volunteering'. Despite the name, science shops provide research opportunities in all fields from social sciences, business studies to technology and environmental studies. Research conducted within the International Science Shops movement has indicated that Science Shops projects provide curriculum enrichment and enhancement of the student experience\*

\* See the EU-sponsored SCIPAS Reports, available via the Living Knowledge Network website.

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