

Permanent Publications Win National Energy Efficiency Award

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Hampshire based environmental publisher, Permanent Publications, were winners of the Small & Medium Enterprises (SME) category at this year's National Energy Efficiency awards which were held at the London Aquarium on Wednesday the 5th of December.

Permanent Publications have already won the small business category of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Sustainable Business Awards 2007 and also won the overall Sustainable Business Award for all businesses in the region as well. Now, they have been judged as the greenest small and medium size company in Britain, national 'climate heroes' and champions of positive solutions for the environment.

As well as producing critically acclaimed books on sustainability, they also publish Permaculture Magazine - solutions for sustainable living (www.permaculture.co.uk) and run the online Green Shopping Catalogue (www.green-shopping.co.uk).

Maddy Harland, one of the company's founders, says, "We have been championing positive solutions to climate change and environmental damage for nearly 20 years and we are delighted to win national recognition, not only for how we manage our company, but also for being leaders in our field at a time when people are beginning to want to know what they, their families and local communities can do themselves."

The National Energy Efficiency Awards celebrate the achievements of individuals and their organisations in significantly reducing energy use. By so doing, they highlight the importance of energy efficiency in combating climate change and seek to inspire other individuals and organisations to emulate their achievements. The Awards encompass the full range of energy users including large and small companies, the public sector, schools and community groups.

Through the media partnership with The Independent newspaper all finalists' entries will feature in a full colour supplement published on Monday 10th December.

Maddy & Tim Harland are available for interview.

If you need any further information on this story, or any visuals, please let me know and I will get back to you straightaway. *Tony Rollinson*



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