

## Green Deal scheme discussed during Oldham ministerial visit

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*John Leah talks with energy minister Ed Davey*

**G**reen Deal Solutions' John Leah has met with government minister Ed Davey to discuss the future of the Green Deal scheme.

Technical Director John Leah attended a special event at Oldham College Green Technology Centre where Mr Davey, the Secretary of State for the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC), made a visit to meet the team that is running the Government approved Green Deal Advisor training scheme.

Green Deal Solutions has now been approved as a Green Deal Installer, and is working with the college to provide staff training courses.

John Leah, Technical Director, said, "It was a real honour to meet Mr Davey and to have the opportunity to explain how we have been working to get the Green Deal scheme working in the north west. There's a real buzz about what the future holds and it's an exciting time for us. We can reduce costs, create jobs and help reduce emissions all at once, and we see this initiative as a key area for growth in the green energy sector.

"There are millions of homes and commercial properties across the country that can benefit from the installation of energy efficiency measures such as insulation, solar electricity or double glazing. The Green Deal scheme enables people to reduce their carbon footprint but also save money, which is more important than ever in the current economic climate."

The Oldham College Green Technology Centre works very closely with businesses and provides bespoke training, with any profit made going straight back into growing the services available for young people in the area.

The Green Deal scheme allows homeowners, landlords and businesses to apply for a loan that will fund the energy efficiency measures carried out, and the loan is then repaid through the savings made on the energy bills for the property.

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