

## Upcoming Events...

### Renewable Energy Generation Short Course

Are you interested in learning more about renewable technology for your home and how to benefit financially through the Government's Feed In Tariff (FiT) and Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) schemes?

The Case for Renewable Energy is a two-day course dealing with the science behind climate change and practical measures anyone could take to lower their personal environmental impact and to save money. The course will provide an overview of renewable energy technologies currently in use and their suitability for a range of domestic and industrial situations. The course will be held on the University of Greenwich Medway Campus on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of April, and the fee is £250. To register interest in participation, please contact Jason by email at [info@big-kent.org.uk](mailto:info@big-kent.org.uk)



### i-MOCCA 1<sup>st</sup> Industry User Group Meeting

The University of Greenwich at Chatham Maritime is one of the key partners in the new EU Interregional Mobility and Competence Centres in Automation (iMOCCA) project.

The first User Group session will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012 and we are registering expressions of interest and any enquiries. The session will serve to gather feedback for professionals in engineering, data communication, electronics, embedded systems control and automation related fields to highlight key areas where training and knowledge development would be of high value. This will be used to formulate a series of free advanced training short courses, available to the employees of contributing companies and regional manufacturers. Companies that operate in industrial data communications, electronics control and embedded systems will find this immensely useful.

To register interest in participation, please contact Jason at [info@big-kent.org.uk](mailto:info@big-kent.org.uk)

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## BIG-Kent Exhibits at Southern Manufacturing 2012



BIG-Kent alongside key members of the group recently exhibited for the second consecutive year at the Southern Manufacturing 2012 exhibition in Farnborough. The exhibition is among the largest devoted to manufacturing in Southern England and Wales, featuring over 600 exhibiting companies and attended each year by over 6000 delegates from industry.

The exhibition was very successful for BIG-Kent and key supporting members, providing a national platform for the group and the chance to interact and network with representative from top UK and European manufacturing companies. Key visitors to the BIG-Kent pavilion included Belgium and Brussels business ambassador, the British Standards Institute, BAE Systems, East Sussex Council and PERA.

## BIG-Kent 2<sup>nd</sup> Industrial Workshop on Innovative Product Development



The BIG-Kent and the Centre for Innovative Product Development at the University of Greenwich recently held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Industrial Workshop on Product Development. The event was jointly organised and hosted by Cummins Power Generation at Manston, Ramsgate and held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2012.

The workshop brought together companies in Kent and the surrounding areas, to discuss and share their experiences in manufacturing engineering, focusing on strategic issues related to new product development and associated lifecycle activities. A series of talks were given by senior industrial speakers from BAE Systems, Cummins Power Generation and industrially experienced senior academics from leading Universities. Supporting the presentations were short sessions of interactive discussions, concerning industrial problems, issues, solutions and trends.