



**Greetings Everyone,**

**Another hectic month for us as usual. Monica is literally heading off to South Africa in a few hours time to make a visit to [Township Trades](#) and Khayelitsha. Visionary Soap Company is working on an exciting joint opportunity so a visit to the group is certainly in order! Do stay tuned as we will be announcing some great news shortly as well as report back about her trip!**

**Its all about Africa in May and June as Monica will then be leaving for Nigeria May 29 - June 14 to participate in an amazing project supported by the First Lady of Nigeria's River State, [Judy Amaechi](#). As part of her Empowerment Support Initiative (ESI), which campaigns against HIV/AIDS and advocates on the rights of the women and children, as well as promotes gender equity and Girl-Child education, she has enlisted the expertise of [Melinda Coss](#) to form a team of us whose task will be to train 1500 rural village women how to make soap!! This type of opportunity is exactly what makes us passionate about what we do and brings us to the very heart of what we are trying to achieve!**

**[Triodos Bank's](#) AGM in Bristol on Saturday 25 April was an absolute success. We participated in a question and answer session about our growing little company. We sold lots of products, received some amazing words of encouragement and support and found it incredibly affirming for what we are trying to do. Coincidentally, we suddenly found ourselves being filmed by TV Tokyo as they were in attendance. A film crew came to Hastings to visit our premises and a feature was aired on Japanese television last week, causing orders to pour in! When we get a link to the broadcast, we will certainly include it in a future newsletter.**

**Mark your calendars for the Visionary Soap Company Summer Fayre at Pestalozzi International Village in Sedlescombe, East Sussex on Saturday 13 June. Co-sponsored by [The Organic Home](#), a portion of the day's proceeds will go towards the support of [Pestalozzi's](#) Organic Gardening Project. Come and buy some products, participate in various presentations being planned by our Pestalozzi apprentices, tour the garden and enjoy some good food and musical entertainment from the students. There will also be a variety of stallholders selling their hand crafted items as well.**

**Our products can be found May 30-31 at the [Bristol Vegan Fayre](#) in the goody bags of [Cook Vegetarian Magazine](#). We also donated some gift boxes for the keynote speakers at [Women Unlimited's Celebrating Women in Social Enterprise Event](#) at the British Library on May 13th.**

**And last, but certainly not least, do check out our newly revamped [Website](#)! Adam of the [Green IT Company](#) has given our retail site a cleaner, crisper feel, so please take a look. We still have some subtle design changes to make but we think it looks great and a definite improvement. Do let us know your thoughts!**