

# Embracing sustainability — one bite at a time

Most of us want to contribute to the greening of our environment, yet finding products which allow us to take direct, albeit small, steps towards this can be difficult.

"Earth Angel is concerned with the state of our environment and the fact that many individuals and businesses continue to have difficulty in sourcing products to take direct action in their everyday personal lives or business operations to create a more sustainable world," says partner in this innovative venture, Michelle Dawson.

"We encourage you to take action for a sustainable New Zealand through considering how you spend your purchasing power."



Earth Angel is constantly adding products to its on-line store which brings together a collection of products and books providing the tools or purchasing alternatives to businesses and individuals.

"The range of products will continue to grow enabling you to purchase recycled products, use renewable sources of energy, or adopt more sustainable practices in your home or business."

Early this year will see the introduction of business and stationery items developed here and overseas. Many of the products are manufactured from recyclables.

Michelle has been working with individuals and businesses in adopting sustainable practices since 1999 and enjoys sharing her passion and knowledge with others to help them take action towards a sustainable future, both at home and work by acting as a guiding angel. The company is active at many business trade shows, prompting people to look at greener options, ways to reduce corporate waste and find more sustainable products.

"It is a bit of the old adage — 'How do you eat an elephant? Simply one bite at a time'.

"We want to help people take small steps remembering that sustainability is a journey, not a destination. We are all learning as we go."

Earth Angel was a finalist for The David Awards 2008 for Fledgling Business (under two years young, smart, quirky, or just very professionally set up) for home-based businesses. The awards recognise the unsung heroes in home and small businesses whose tenacity, courage and ingenuity place them firmly at the forefront of entrepreneurship in this country.

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