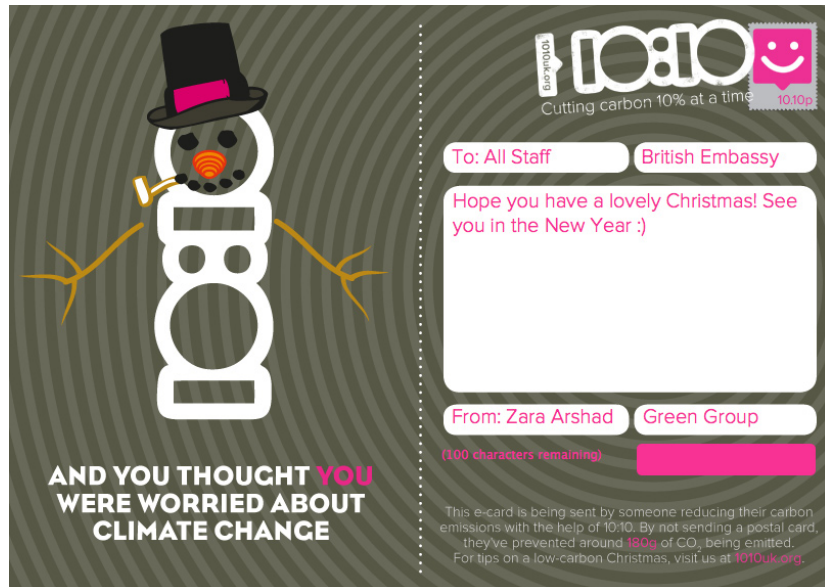




## REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

How YOU can make a difference to the FCO's environmental footprint the easy way.



## WEBEX TRAINING

The beginners WebEx workshop took place on 15 Dec, led by our Regional ITSO based in Singapore and assisted by Chris Webster in Beijing. Although more participants were scheduled to take part, for those who were unable to make it, another session will be organised next year. Please find attached some re-issued notices from Chris Webster in Beijing and video-conferencing capabilities (for unclassified communications).

## E-CARDS



attachment creates around 20g. When you think that around 882 million cards are sent per year in the UK, that amounts to an amazing 158,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>!

10:10 e-cards are a great alternative. They're quick, fun and carbon saving – and they will get there by Christmas Day! Get started at: [www.1010global.org/card-maker](http://www.1010global.org/card-maker)

Lorraine Quantrill is also trying to encourage charity donations rather than sending out Christmas cards as "it will save on paper as well as ensure that others less fortunate get some financial support." Get in touch with Lorraine for details.

Conventional Christmas cards sent by post within the UK create around 200g of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per card, while an e-mail with a medium-sized



Anyone who's ever found a lump of coal at the bottom of their stocking knows that too much carbon at Christmas isn't cool. Tuck into 10:10's "12 Ways of Christmas" tip sheet - your guide to festive fun with all the trimmings, but a little less of the waste: [http://www.1010global.org/sites/all/modules/christmas\\_card\\_maker/img/1010ChristmasChecklist.pdf](http://www.1010global.org/sites/all/modules/christmas_card_maker/img/1010ChristmasChecklist.pdf)





# R&S+ EXPO LEGACY



The 3 local schools, whose students took part in the PM's visit, as well as representatives from Roots & Shoots China, assembled last week to receive a UK Pavilion seed rod from Ambassador, Sebastian Wood.

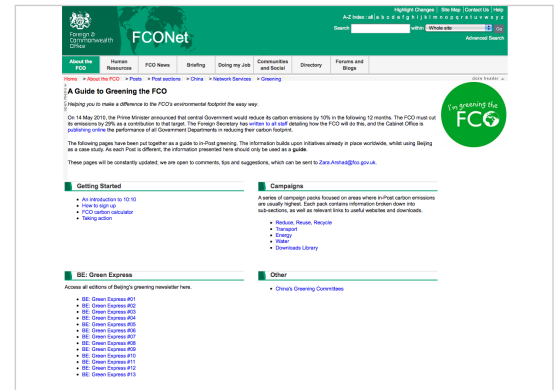
David Cameron's visit in November also saw the launch of the British Council Climate Generation Expo Legacy Programme. The programme aims to distribute 1,000 seed rods from the UK Pavilion, as well as educational materials, to schools across China to act as tools for teachers to develop biodiversity themes in their curriculum.

The Ambassador thanked the students for their contribution towards the visit, and encouraged them to continue their efforts towards low carbon development as part of 10:10/Roots & Shoots China. *Students were also able to engage with Embassy Green Group members to discuss 10:10 and what we are doing to lower our own carbon emissions by 10% in 2010.*



# EXPRESS TIPS

Bamboo produces up to 35% more oxygen than hardwood trees, and absorbs four times as much carbon.



More content has been added to the Beijing Intranet greening guide. Last update of the year soon: <https://www.fconet.fco.gov.uk/About+the+FCO/Posts/Post+sections/China/Network+Services/Greening/default.htm>

The train-booking guide is now complete, and has been e-mailed to all Heads of Section. The booklet will also be made available to download on the new Intranet site, or feel free to e-mail me for a copy for distribution.

# APPLE OFFSET



If you can't afford to give that special someone a new iPad for the holidays, perhaps you can help them make up for the impact of their current one: <http://www.good.is/post/carbon-offsets-for-your-macbook-and-ipad/>



