
The Green Bike Tour

Bringing it Back Home: Renewable Energy in Europe

Global climate change is real. Not everyone here in the United States understands that – and, let's face it, some don't want to look at its implications because they are concerned about what it would mean to their daily lives to deal with it. We can show that not only will it cause Americans no disruption, but it can save them money and offer their children and grandchildren a better, cleaner place to live.

Combating global climate change drives energy policy in Europe. Our idea is to demonstrate that to our neighbors in Iowa, with a four-week educational tour by solar bicycle this summer. Our "Green Bike" team will visit sustainable sites throughout Northern Europe, engaging news media at home in Iowa to spread the word. We will be traveling from mid-June to mid-July. Besides traveling by solar bicycle, we will use the power from our solar cells to charge the computer and digital camera we use to process our articles and photos for the folks at home.

Besides offering information through the Iowa news media, we have other channels available to spread the word. We have a new website, **www.greenbike.org**, which will offer visitors a chance to find us on a map, view pictures and read about the science of global climate change and what we find on our travels. We also have contacts with Iowa school teachers, and are working with them to talk about the tour with students, who will be able to follow the tour on-line during the summer.

Our tour is funded totally by private donations and grants from foundations. Contributions are welcome to assure this project is a success. Checks should be made payable to the Iowa Policy Project, and mailed to 318 2nd Ave. N, Mount Vernon, IA 52314. As the IPP is a 501(c)(3) organization and we do not provide anything of monetary value in exchange for gifts, contributions are tax-deductible. For more information about the project, please visit our website, **www.greenbike.org**, or call David Osterberg at (319) 895-8731, or Mike Owen at (319) 643-3628.
