



## Melting Ice – A Hot Topic

Like every year since 1972, the United Nations World Environment Day will be celebrated on 5 June – this year under the slogan “Melting Ice – A Hot Topic”.

The World Environment Day is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action.

The main international celebration of the day will be held in the Norwegian city of Tromsø – a city with a living polar history and a centre for polar research. The events will include street celebrations, educational activities, publications and a youth film festival.

But the World Environment Day will also be celebrated in more than a hundred other nations worldwide, where national authorities, municipalities, NGOs and schools take the opportunity to organise events aiming at raising public awareness on the environment. These events take numerous forms from awareness campaigns over green concerts to waste collection.

At the UNEP World Environment Day website you can find brief descriptions of all the activities and events in the six official UN languages – including the activities in your neighbourhood. Also, you can find ideas on how the day can be commemorated on the alphabetical list The World Environment 77 ways to celebrate.

Find it all at:

[http://www.unep.org/wed/2007/english/About\\_WED\\_2007/index.asp](http://www.unep.org/wed/2007/english/About_WED_2007/index.asp)

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