



Energy Action **EUROPEAN**
CONFERENCE 2013
Fuel Poverty Ballsbridge Hotel, D.4
March 11th and 12th
REFRAMING FUEL POVERTY IN EUROPE



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Reframing Fuel

DAY 1: Ballsbridge Hotel, Dublin 4. Monday 11th March 2013

9.00 am

Conference Registration

9.30 am

OPENING & WELCOME

- Welcome:** David McCarthy, Chairman, Energy Action Ltd.
Chairperson: Frank McDonald, Environment Editor, Irish Times and Director of Energy Action Ltd.
Speakers: Pat Rabbitte TD, Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources
Nelson McCausland, MLA, Minister for Social Development, Northern Ireland Assembly

9.50 am

KEYNOTE ADDRESS – THE STATE OF THE PROBLEM

- Chairperson:** Charles Roarty, General Manager, Energy Action Ltd.
Speakers: Professor Brenda Boardman, Emeritus Fellow at Environmental Change Institute, Oxford University – *Energy Efficiency*.
Professor Christine Liddell, Professor of Psychology & Distinguished Community Fellow, University of Ulster – *Health*
Professor Sharon Turner, School of Law, Queen's University – *Legal*

10.45 am

Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing

11.15 am

WORKSHOPS

- 1 A EUROPEAN COMMUNITY BASED MODEL FOR ADDRESSING FUEL POVERTY**
Speaker: Gerry McGough, Energy Action Ltd.
- 2 NEW SOLUTIONS FOR FINDING AREAS OF FUEL POVERTY**
Facilitator: Norman Kerr, Director, Energy Action Scotland
Speakers: Feargal O'Neill, MD Gamma – *"GIS Mapping - "Fuel Poverty in Ireland"*
Ryan Walker, University of Ulster, Northern Ireland – *"GIS Mapping - How well does it work?"*
- 3 OIL 'PAY AS YOU GO' SCHEMES; ELECTRONIC FORMATS**
Speaker: Jillian Ferris, Client & Stakeholder Director, Carillion Energy Services, Belfast
- 4 UNLOCKING THE ADDICTION TO OIL; REAL ALTERNATIVES FOR HEATING OUR BUILDINGS**
Speaker: Jonathan Jennings, Commercial Manager, Dimplex Renewables
- 5 ENTITLEMENTS TO 'PAY AS YOU GO' METERS AND ENERGY SPENDS**
Speaker: John-Mark McCafferty, Head of Social Justice, SVP

12.30 pm

Lunch & Exhibition Viewing

1.30 pm

DIFFERENT COUNTRIES DIFFERENT SOLUTIONS

- Chairperson:** Siobhan Collins, Director, Energy Action Ltd.
Speakers: Ute Dubois, Professor of Economics, ISG Business School, Paris – *"The New Fuel Poverty Scheme in France"*
Professor Stefan Bouzarovski, Birmingham University – *"Fuel Poverty in Eastern and Central Europe"*
Dr. Sergio Tirado, Spain – *"Hungarian Deep Retrofits"*
Ryan Coleman, CEO, Ecolighten Energy Solutions – *"Canadian Weatherisation Programmes run by Utilities"*
Pedro Guertler, Head of Research Association for the Conservation of Energy – *"Green Deal in England"*

3.00 pm

Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing

3.30 pm

NEW EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES ON POLICY

- Chairperson:** Niall Ó Donnchú, Director, Energy Action Ltd.
Speakers: Dr. St John O Connor, Principal Officer, Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources – *"Delivery Models for Mitigating Energy Poverty in Ireland"*
Sorcha Edwards, Deputy Secretary General, CECODHAS Housing Europe (The European Association of Housing) – *"Impact of Fuel Poverty on Social Housing"*
Dave Timms, Friends of the Earth, UK – *"Synergies between Fuel Poverty and Climate Change Mitigation"*
Ed Mathews, Director, Transform UK – *"Energy Bill Revolution"*

5.00 pm

DAY 1 SUMMARY

Conference Summary Day 1: Professor Brendan Halligan, Chairman, Institute of International & European Affairs

5.15 pm

DAY 1 CLOSE

8.00 pm

Conference Banquet Dinner sponsored by



Poverty in Europe

DAY 2: Ballsbridge Hotel, Dublin 4. Tuesday 12th March 2013

9.00 am

Conference Registration for New Arrivals

9.15 am

REGULATION RELATED TO FUEL POVERTY AND THE ROLE OF UTILITIES

Chairperson: Cathy Mannion, Director, Energy Networks & Retail, Commission for Energy Regulation
Speakers: Richard Cowart, Principal & European Programmes Director, The Regulatory Assistance Programme – *“Role of Energy Efficiency to reduce costs for energy users with particular focus on Emissions Trading System and Carbon Price”*
Lara Blake, DG Energy, European Commission – *“Definition of Vulnerable for the Electricity and Gas Directive”*
Jonathan Stearn, Director Sustainability and Disadvantage, Consumer Focus – *“UK Electricity and Gas Directives; the Obligations on Utilities”*
David Manning, Director of Corporate Affairs, Airtricity
Mark Prentice, Head of Retail, Bord Gáis Energy
Déaglán O’Dónaill, National Retrofit Manager, Electric Ireland

10.30 am

Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing

11.00 am

AREA-BASED SOLUTIONS TO FUEL POVERTY

Chairperson: David Crothers, Chair, Bryson Energy, Northern Ireland
Speakers: Paula Butler, Head of Delivery, SEAI Better Energy Domestic Homes – *“SEAI Area Based Pilot Learnings”*
Donnie Mackay, Lochalsh & Skye Housing Association, Scotland – *“Behavioural Change Programme; Community Based Approaches for Scottish Isles”*
Dr. Bill Sheldrick, CEO, Alembic Research, UK – *“Dismantling Fuel Poverty Initiative; how to get it all wrong”*
Kay Beagley, Programme Manager, Environment Unit, Kirklees Council, Huddersfield – *“Area Based Approach, Kirklees, Huddersfield”*

11.45 am

HEALTH-BASED SOLUTIONS TO FUEL POVERTY

Chairperson: Dr. Helen McEvoy, Director, Institute of Public Health
Speakers: Dr. Miriam Owens, Preventive Care, Dept. of Health – *“Ireland’s Approach on Preventative Health Actions”*
Christine Patterson, Senior Advisor, Evaluation, EECA, New Zealand – *“Prescriptions for Insulation”*
Ian Watson, Business Manager, (Healthy Homes), Liverpool City Council; and Joan Brookman, Head of Sustainability, Liverpool Carbon Trust, NHS, UK – *“Warmer Healthier Homes; Liverpool’s Inclusive Approach to Addressing Fuel Poverty”*

12.45 pm

WORKSHOPS

① ENERGY BROKERING

Speaker: Lawrence Arbuckle, Senior Manager, Bryson Energy, Northern Ireland

② SOLUTIONS MATTER; COSTS AND BENEFITS OF TACKLING FUEL POVERTY IN IRELAND

Speaker: Jim Scheer, Programme Manager, SEAI

③ EUROPEAN FUEL POVERTY FORECASTING

Speaker: Marie-Helene Laurent, EDF France

④ PARTNERSHIP APPROACH TO AREA BASED PILOTS

Facilitator: Eoin Ó’Broin, Dept. of Energy and Environment, Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden
Speakers: Paddy Sweeney, Managing Director, Enprova; Anne Golden, Senior Architect, South Dublin County Council; Mary Taylor, Assistant Area Manager, Dublin City Council

⑤ A QUALITATIVE EVALUATION OF THE EXPERIENCE OF SOLID WALL INSULATION

“I thought it might be a little bit warmer but it’s completely different”

Speaker: Dr Nick Banks, Centre for Sustainable Energy, UK

1.45 pm

Lunch & Exhibition Viewing

2.30 pm

TECHNOLOGIES

Chairperson: Duncan Stewart, Award Winning Architect and TV Personality
Speakers: Dr. Sarah Darby, Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford – *“Smart Meters”*
Antonello Buondonno, International Business Development, ENEL – *“Italian Smart Meters”*
Simon Jones, Country Manager, Aereco Ltd. – *“Demand Controlled Ventilation”*
Joseph Little, Joseph Little Architects – *“Innovative Integrated Solution to Providing External Insulation and Ventilation in Social Housing”*

3.30 pm

Tea, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing

4.00 pm

PLENARY SESSION BY ALL EUROPEAN & FOREIGN CONTRIBUTORS

Commenting on the Irish Context – Strengths, Weaknesses and other Insights

4.45 pm

DAY 2 SUMMARY

Conference Summary: Professor Frank Convery, Director Earth Sciences, UCD, Ireland
Closing Remarks: Charles Roarty, General Manager, Energy Action Ltd.

5.00 pm

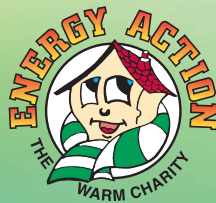
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✘ It is estimated that 65M Europeans live in fuel poverty, which is associated with more than 30,000 excess winter deaths in Europe per year. Despite energy poverty being an enduring concept with widespread impact, there is no European consensus as to how it should be defined, nor how to measure or monitor it. Consequently, there is no common European strategy for tackling it, and Europe-wide perspectives remain immature and disjointed. In the current context of economic crisis, the number of households in fuel poverty is set to continue increasing at a rapid rate. A change of scale is needed in terms of Europe's investment in tackling and preventing it. It is widely agreed that this would be facilitated by enhanced communication between existing stakeholder groups.

✘ This conference is the first of its kind. In keeping with Ireland's Presidency of the EU, the conference brings together fuel poverty researchers, policymakers, and practitioners from all over Europe, in order to seek areas of common ground and shared understanding. The event will build areas of consensus, raise the profile of fuel poverty, and seek ways of embedding energy poverty within the broader rubric of EU legislation and remedial action.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

✘ The Conference will facilitate dialogue between policy makers, regulators, local authorities, island communities, politicians, health experts, researchers, private contractors, energy companies and the various agencies supporting vulnerable people in Ireland and Europe.



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