

**Putting Energy Poverty Research into Practice**  
**Fuel Poverty Research Network and University of Salford**



Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024: Council Chamber – The Old Fire Station

10:00	Arrival and registration
10:30	<b>Welcome to Fuel Poverty Research Network and Greater Manchester</b> Graeme Sherriff – Chair of FPRN, Reader at University of Salford
10:45	<b>Panel: Housing and Poverty in Greater Manchester</b> (Chair: Graeme Sherriff) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hannah Berry and Graeme Langton: Fuel Poverty Action</li> <li>• Pete Abel: Manchester Friends of the Earth</li> <li>• Tina Gandhi and Molly Keane: Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)</li> <li>• Aneaka Kellay: Carbon Coop</li> </ul>
12:00	<b>Workshops</b> <p>A) Tour of Energy House 2.0</p> <p>B) Workshop: Working Together to Fix Fuel Poverty (Council Chamber)</p> <p>C) Workshop: Community Energy for Energy Solidarity (Room G04)</p>
13:00	Lunch
13:45	<b>Talks from around the network – Lightning Talks</b> (Chair: Danielle Butler) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lin Zhang: University of Bristol <i>Are energy-poor households in England also vulnerable to summer overheating?</i></li> <li>• Kate Simpson: Nottingham Trent University <i>Digital storage heaters: User training does not negate poor design of controls, systems and tariffs.</i></li> <li>• Sarah Forsey: Citizens UK <i>Everyday people taking leadership in tackling fuel poverty</i></li> <li>• Martin Lewis <i>Solution to Loss of Winter Fuel Allowance (online)</i></li> <li>• Hayley Dallman: National Energy Action <i>Telling stories of impact at NEA. (online)</i></li> <li>• Jaber Mohammad Mustafa Mohammad: University of Miskolc <i>Energy Poverty in Jordan (online)</i></li> </ul>
14:30	<b>Panel: Rising to the Retrofit Challenge</b> (Chair: Jenny Brierley) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graeme Sherriff – University of Salford – Retrofit in Greater Manchester</li> <li>• Kate de Selincourt – Technology and building fabric</li> <li>• Colin Timmins – National Energy Action – Community Retrofit Hubs</li> </ul>
15:30	Break
15:45	<b>Panel: Fuel Poverty Policy in the UK</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brenda Boardman – University of Oxford</li> <li>• William Baker – FPRN Trustee and Associate at Sustainability First</li> </ul>
16:45	Aimee Ambrose: Sheffield Hallam University (online) <i>A social cultural history of home heating (JustHeat)</i>
17:15	Day 1 Close
18:30	Evening Social

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024: Room L415 – Allerton Building

09:00	Arrival and registration
09:30	<p><b>Panel: Brand new research from FPRN – our EPEC programme</b> (Chair: Graeme Sherriff)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trivess Moore: RMIT <i>Introduction to Energy Poverty in Early Career</i> (online)</li> <li>• Irene Gonzalez Pijuan: Sheffield Hallam University (online)</li> <li>• Umberto Cao: Aix-Marseille Université</li> <li>• Bhavna Middha: Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (online)</li> <li>• Leigh Harrington: University of Manchester (online)</li> </ul>
10:25	<p><b>Talks from around the network – Lightning Talks</b> (Chair: Danielle Butler)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorothy Tang: WWF <i>Health and financial benefits of home decarbonisation</i> (online)</li> <li>• Vicki Ponce Hardy: University of Glasgow <i>Pathways between home energy decarbonisation and health inequalities in high-income countries: a scoping review</i></li> <li>• Nina Campbell: Consumers International <i>Innovations in Tracking Energy Wellbeing in New Zealand</i> (online)</li> <li>• Abigail Yeates: Wirral Council <i>Using ethnographic research and partnership working to tackle fuel poverty</i> (online)</li> <li>• Ketki Metha: Salford University <i>Retrofit in Greater Manchester</i></li> <li>• Roberto Barrella: Universidad Pontificia Comillas <i>Energy for all. A Service-Learning project</i> (online)</li> </ul>
11:20	Break
11:35	<b>Workshops</b> (options as Monday)
12:30	Lunch (Provided)
13:15	Dr David Farmer University of Salford <i>Research at the University of Salford's Energy House</i>
13:45	<p><b>Understanding fuel poverty in North West England</b> (Chair: Marilyn Smith)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katherine Sugar: University of Manchester – <i>The Energy Demand Research Centre</i></li> <li>• Neil Simcock: Liverpool John Moores University – <i>Living labs to study energy advice provision</i></li> <li>• Hannah Charles: University of Mcr – <i>Retrofit delivery in social housing</i></li> <li>• Manon Burbidge: University of Mcr – <i>Energy justice issues faced by refugees in the UK</i></li> <li>• Aisling O'Rourke: University of Mcr – <i>Energy poverty and domestic fire safety</i></li> </ul>
14:45	Break
15:00	<p>Panel: International Perspectives (Chair: Jenny Brierley)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marilyn Smith, EnACT</li> <li>• Melissa Garcia, Lund University, Sweden (online)</li> <li>• Andreeanne Doyon, Simon Fraser University, Canada (online)</li> </ul>
15:50	Lucie Middlemiss: University of Leeds <i>International perspectives on energy and health: The WELLBASED project</i>
16:20	Closing Remarks
16:30	Day 2 Close

## Workshops

The workshops are not available to online delegates.

### **A. A tour of the University of Salford's Energy House 2.0?**

Energy House 2.0 was completed in February 2022 and is the largest research facility of its type. Inside, there are two environmental chambers each able to accommodate two detached houses and under controlled conditions, recreate a wide variety of weather conditions with temperatures ranging between -20°C to +40°C and simulated wind, rain, snow and solar radiation. This unique facility will play a key role in accelerating the progress towards low carbon and net zero housing design and builds upon the success of the original Energy House 1, which was opened in 2012.

More information: <https://energyhouselabs.salford.ac.uk/>

### **B. Working Together to Fix Fuel Poverty – A workshop discussion on cross-sectoral experiences and approaches**

Tackling Fuel Poverty requires the efforts and expertise of those working across diverse and wide-ranging sectors. From energy, housing, health, environment, welfare, and myriad others, there is no one-size-fits-all solution to the complex problem that demands solutions that work not just for the bricks and mortar that make our homes, but that also fit with the lives of the people inhabiting them. This workshop will provide the opportunity to shine a light on successes and barriers in effective cross-sectoral working in tackling fuel poverty, considering what direction should be taken in short, medium and longer-term planning, and how this can be communicated as well as delivered across sectors.

### **C. CEES Energy Solidarity Toolkit / Financing New Actions**

Partners in the Community Energy for Energy Solidarity (CEES) project all faced a substantial challenge: helping people in energy poverty takes a LOT of time. As energy communities aim to deliver low-cost energy, they already have tight margins. This workshop will help participants understand the pros and cons of diverse funding mechanisms -- from micro-donations to big grants -- and how to match funding schemes to specific actions.

More information: <https://www.energysolidarity.eu/>