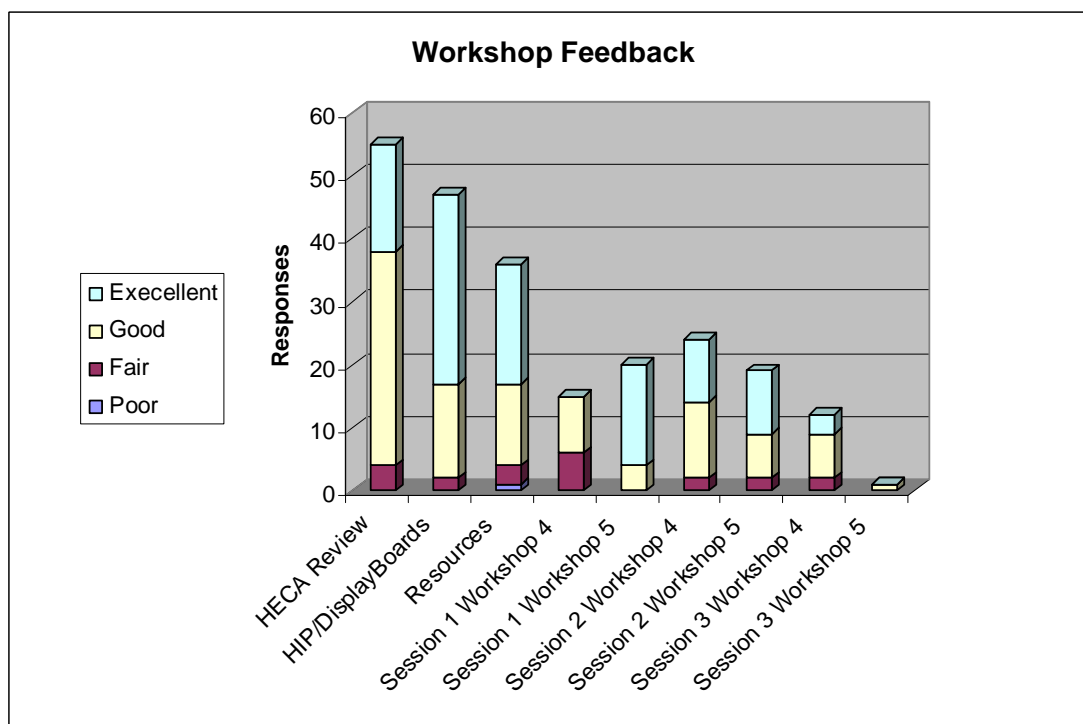


National Home Energy Conference 2006 - Workshop Feedback Report



Number of Responses: Workshops

All the workshops seemed to be appreciated, with particular praise for a number of the best practice workshops.

The HECA review and HIP/Display Boards workshop was run over three sessions, while the resources workshop was held in only two of the three. Therefore the results are an amalgamation of results from the sessions.

There was insignificant feedback from the last workshops held in the last session, the few responses we did have are shown on the chart.

Workshops that received excellent feedback were those that were innovative and hadn't been showcased or reproduced. There was also more appreciation for workshops that included technical information, detailed explanations and costing information.

Workshop 1 sessions 1, 2 & 3 – HECA Review

Defra are undertaking a review of HECA in 2006 and UK HECA will play a key part in the review. Recommendations for previous research carried out by the Association have been submitted to Defra for inclusion. This workshop aimed to provide an update on the review and to gather responses from HECA officers, which will also be prepared and submitted to Defra.

'Disappointed Defra didn't attend' – Defra were asked to co-facilitate the workshop but declined the offer. 'Good forum for discussion'. 'Need to follow up with a response to Defra' – all comments from the flip charts will be submitted to Defra for inclusion in the review. 'Useful discussion'. 'Would be good to have a summary' – A summary of the comments can be found on the presentations page of the conference section, next to the HECA review presentation at:

www.ukheca.org.uk/conference_2006_files/workshop_files/presentations/workshop_1_oliver_myers_feedback.doc

'A lot of 'If's'. 'very informative'.

Workshop 2 sessions 1, 2 & 3 –

Home Improvement Packs/Energi Cities Display Boards

This workshop was a combination of two presentations, the first looked at the background and implementation of the Home Improvement packs that are due to commence in June. The second presentation was an introduction to the Energy Cities Display™ project, a European initiative for municipal buildings where display boards are used to show a building's energy usage.

'Clear, well presented information'. 'Informative, useful and related'. 'Complementary of each other'. 'Both presenters were excellent speakers'. 'More time needed!'

Workshop 3 sessions 1 & 3 –

Resources

This presentation given by Practical help looked at the remaining funding schemes that are still available for energy efficiency and renewable projects. These included funding from: EEC, Government, Green Energy, energy services and the new Low Carbon Buildings Programme.

'Very useful information on Low Carbon Buildings Programme but more specific information needed'. 'No new information'. 'Too short'.

Workshop 4 session 1 –

Fuel Poverty Data Analysis Tool/LB of Greenwich work with PCT's

The HEON, Eastern Fuel Poverty Data Analysis Tool enables HECA officers to identify areas of vulnerable households and able-to-pay households. The tool was originally only produced for the Eastern Region but is now being updated to include data for all regions. The HECA officer from London Borough of Greenwich followed with a presentation about the partnership work with PCT's. They have set up a network referral scheme, secured partnership and funding with Eaga and have carried out a number of successful schemes such as annual flu jab mail out and carried out a thermographic survey to identify areas where action is needed to address fuel poverty.

'PCT's is a big area to tackle, could it be an angle for the whole conference?'
'Didn't really understand what the toolkit was about'.

Workshop 5 session 1 –

Northamptonshire Ena Gee Roadshow/Ashton Haynes Carbon Neutral Village

The Ena Gee Roadshow is a consortium of 7 councils from within Northamptonshire and external funding partners. They have an energy newsletter with an agony aunt section and provide two schemes: Chill Out and Boiler Magic. They also promote and give advice on renewables. Ashton Haynes aims to be the first carbon neutral village, the project in Cheshire involves all of the community, including local children, partners and the university.

‘Both very informative and imaginative’. ‘Carbon Neutral village is fascinating’. ‘Inspirational!’ ‘Too much to take in – needed more time for both, but a good taster for both projects’.

Workshop 4 session 2 -

Making Gwynedd Energy Efficient- A strategic approach to tackling fuel poverty/Development of an Ecohouse and PV scheme

Gwynedd has a high volume of households considered to be fuel poor, but in partnership with Eaga and British Gas the Here to Help scheme was introduced for the public sector. Its success meant a roll out to the private sector. The next stage is the development of an affordable warmth strategy. Manchester’s Ecohouse is an educational resource, which is aimed to motivate and inform the local community and businesses to go ‘green’.

‘Great ideas – would have lots to replicate in north Somerset!’ ‘1st pres: Excellent pres an very well explained. 2nd pres: more visual aids would be helpful’.

Workshop 5 session 2 –

Primrose Hill Solar Village/ Kensington and Chelsea Flagship Home

Primrose Hill an area in Kirklees is recognised for its large PV project that stemmed from the Kirklees renewables policy. The project has seen a substantial percentage of existing and new build roofs being fitted with PV panels. The Kensington and Chelsea Flagship Home is an example of how the private rented sector can be energy efficient and for it to be cost affective.

‘Very Interesting projects’. ‘Both projects reflected commitment and enthusiasm’. ‘Good to have cost related info’.

Workshop 4 session 3 –

Cosy Homes/North East Fuel Poverty Declaration

Cosy Homes is a project specifically designed for hard to treat homes. A number of different types of hard to treat homes were made energy efficient and SAP ratings increased. The North East Fuel Poverty declaration which was launched earlier this year is a partnership between the North East Domestic Energy Forum and the private sector.

‘Could have had more time for discussion’. ‘Very good’.

Workshop 5 session 3 –

Carbon Dioxide Initiative/Tamworth Renewable Energy Grants

With the highest rating of excess winter deaths of Welsh local authorities, Powys County Council set up the CO2i initiative in 2005. The initiative solely for the private sector is an energy efficiency and renewables scheme for the private sector which funds measures via a mixture of streams: EEC, Clear Skies, Local Authority and private investment. Tamworth Renewable Energy Grants is a scheme aimed at fuel rich residents of Tamworth. In partnership with British Gas grants are available for PV and solar water heating panels and is moving towards introducing micro wind turbines to the scheme.