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Norma Nyaulingo – London Borough of Greenwich

London HECA Forum

Since coming to work for Greenwich in 1994, Norma has played a critical roll in raising the profile of affordable warmth and energy efficiency in the borough. Norma has also been and still is a major driver and policy maker behind offering viable, practical ways of tackling poverty producing one of the first affordable warmth strategies in London and she makes a substantial impact at local level through successfully developing a multi-agency partnership in conjunction with the local Primary Care Team and the voluntary sector working together to relieve fuel poverty of the most vulnerable residents in the borough.

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Mandy Findlay & Steve Rowley

- Walsall Council

West Midlands
HECA Forum

Mandy and Steve became Walsall's first dedicated HECA Officer in November 2005 and they have quickly taken the lead in helping the council develop and deliver its HECA objectives. Activities have included establishing a number of successful energy efficiency/ affordable warmth schemes and funding mechanisms/ partnerships to support them, and developing Walsall's first Affordable Warmth Strategy and Action Plan. They are also already planning services and looking forward to another year of initiatives for 2007/08. High on the agenda is delivering multi lingual training for community groups, training events for Walsall Councillors, establishing links with higher education student groups, student landlords and generally raising the profile of Affordable Warmth in Walsall.

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Steve Kent – Gateshead Council

North East Domestic Energy Forum

Steve has been Chair of the regional HECA forum since 2002. Originally the North East HECA forum, the group was restructured, under Steve's guidance, into the North East Domestic Energy Forum (NEDEF) to widen the group's scope to encompass issues such as Fuel Poverty and Renewable Energy. Throughout his Chairmanship, Steve has continued to be a strong driving force in taking these issues forward. The launch of the North East Fuel Poverty Declaration in November 2005 is testament to Steve's vision to 'make a difference'. Steve will be stepping down as Chair of NEDEF this year, and it is fitting that the group nominate Steve for the award of HECA Officer of the Year as a means of recognition of the hard work that he has done for the region.

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Kay Beagley on behalf of
Kirklees Metropolitan Council's Energy Team

East Pennine HECA Forum

Kirklees Council has developed a strong sustainable energy programme over a number of years, achievements include:

- Corporate capital fund for renewable energy schemes.
- Corporate policy to install 30% of embedded renewable generation by 2010/11 on all new buildings and large-scale extensions that the Council procures.
- District-wide renewable energy strategy.
- Renewables demonstration projects
- Ashden Award and Green Apple Award for the European project SunCities.
- Development of an Affordable Warmth Strategy (2006-2007)
- Development and start-up of a Kirklees Warm Zone. £5.67 million funds are committed to the Warm Zone from the council, utility partner and other funds which have been secured externally.

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Jake Roos - Uttlesford District Council

North East Domestic Energy Forum

Jakes enthusiasm for carbon reduction activities is boundless and he sets a fine example of how Local Authority Officers should work in a sustainable way.

He has championed several initiatives that have been replicated by others and encouraged consortia to join together. We list examples below of his work:-

- Essex wide Sempatap wall insulation scheme
- Signing of Nottingham Declaration on climate change.
- Joint working: Protocol with Braintree District Council resulting in renewable energy study of both districts.
- Formation of carbon management programme partnership with Colchester BC linking into the Carbon trust.
- Supplementary Planning Guidance adopted by Uttlesford DC for energy conservation in existing dwellings undergoing improvements.

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Darren Adams – (Previously) East Lindsey District Council

East Midlands
HECA Forum

Darren has been dedicated to the delivery of HECA within the last eight years, he was instrumental in forming the Lincolnshire EAC in 1999 and during difficult times this year he has acted as manager. The Lincolnshire EEAC has been integral to keeping energy efficiency on Lincolnshire's agenda and Darren has always been at the heart of the EEAC. East Lindsey District Council was the first in Lincolnshire to introduce a fuel poverty strategy and Darren was the lead officer for this, subsequently he has provided significant help and support to other HECA officers in the development of their own strategies (most recently to North Kesteven District Council). Darren is now working for Leeds City Council.

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Will Pierce & Nia Prys-Williams

- Flintshire County Council

Welsh HECA Forum

Flintshire County Council's energy unit of Will Pierce and Nia Prys-Williams are worthy winners of the 2006 / 07 Wales HECA forum award. Their activity within the Home Energy Conservation sphere has been both practical and strategic, with an innovative and measurable approach adopted for delivering carbon savings. Including renewable projects such as installing Ground Source Heat Pumps to 8 semi detached, sheltered accommodation bungalows. Will and Nia's strategic approach of working with several partners in both the public and private sectors is laying firm foundations for continued progress and sustainable commitment to delivering affordable warmth and carbon saving projects.

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Kim Herivel – North Somerset Council

South West HECA Forum

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Les Laws – Salford City Council

HEON – North West

Les has been the lead officer in developing Salford's successful Affordable Warmth Referral Network in 2006, involving several City Council departments and 7 partner organisations. The network provides:

- a one stop shop for referrals
- a network of 32 trained frontline outreach workers
- guidance and training for referrers
- a mechanism to ensure feedback to and from the referral agencies

So far, over 200 referrals have been made for affordable warmth and income maximisation assistance. To help the referral process to deliver affordable warmth, Les has secured council funding for 2 new grant schemes for emergency heating and for Warm Front top up grants. In partnership with EAGA, a targeted mail out helped to achieve a record number of successful Warm Front grants for the city resulting in over £1.8million worth of investment.

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Jimmy McClean – NIHE

Northern Ireland
HECA Advisory Panel

Jimmy McClean is a mechanical engineer and Project Manager in the Housing Executive's North East Area Office. Over the past four years Jimmy has gone far beyond what would be expected in providing assistance in setting up and monitoring pilot projects such as the installation of micro chp units, oil fired condensing boilers and more recently air source heat pumps and solar panels.

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Shaun Cline – Dover Council

South East HECA Forum

Shaun has made an important contribution to sustainable energy in Dover over the past year including assisting 195 households in Dover through the coldbusters scheme and development of 'Energy House Points' – a marketing programme to work with landlords via tenants and local letting agents. Shaun has also provided fuel poverty advice through DELTA (the Dover Enabling Living Thinking and Achieving project). Shaun worked to promote renewable energy in the district through a number of schemes such as the Sunrise Solar Scheme.

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