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National Energy Action

Fuel Poverty:

New approaches, same problem

**CAN Training-Day Conferences
2013**

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Latest DECC fuel poverty figures



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Official Government figures estimate that:

- In **2011** the number of households in fuel poverty in the **UK** was around **4.5 million**, representing around **17 per cent** of all UK households. This is a fall of around 0.25 million (approximately 8%) since 2010.
- In **England**, **fell** from 3.5m households in 2010 **to 3.2m** in 2011.
- According to the low income high cost measure of fuel poverty, as defined by **Professor Hills**, **2.6 million** households were fuel poor in England in 2011

'Annual Report on Fuel Poverty Statistics, 2013 and 'Fuel Poverty Statistics Methodology and User Manual, 2013'

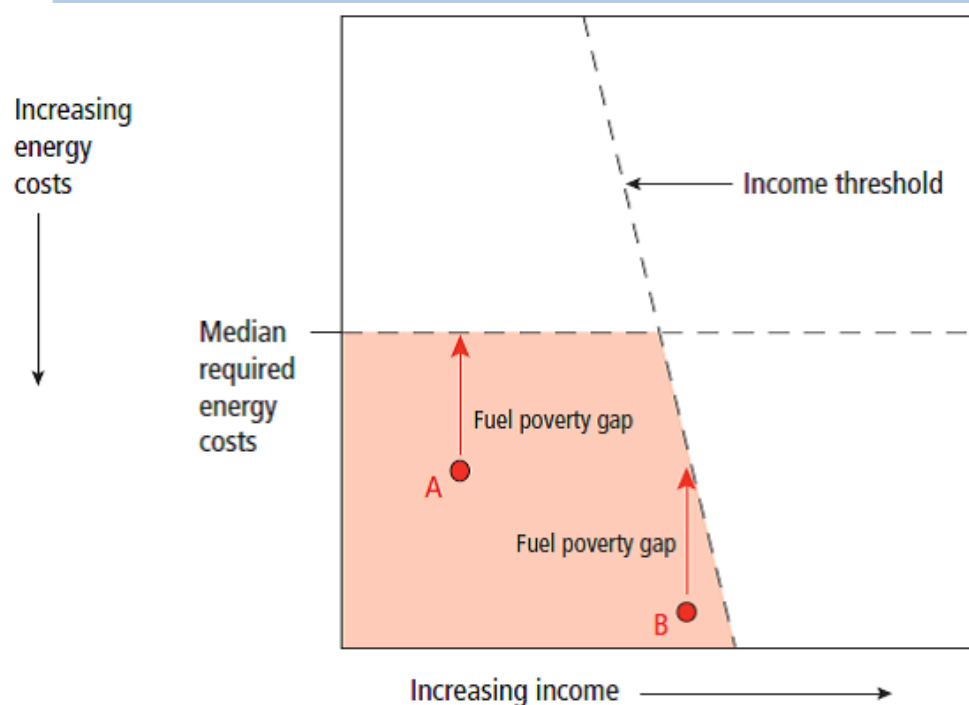
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The Fuel Poverty Gap



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- The depth of fuel-poverty, the ‘**fuel poverty gap**’ increased over the same period. The aggregate gap increased by £22 million to £1.15 billion in 2011. The average increased by £26 to **£448**.



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Families in Fuel Poverty



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Number in fuel poverty	2010	2013	Increase 2010-2013
Families in the UK	840,000	930,000	90,000
Children in the UK	1,470,000	1,600,000	130,000
Families in England	636,000	696,000	60,000
Children in England	1,100,000	1,200,000	100,000

ACE, Families in Fuel Poverty

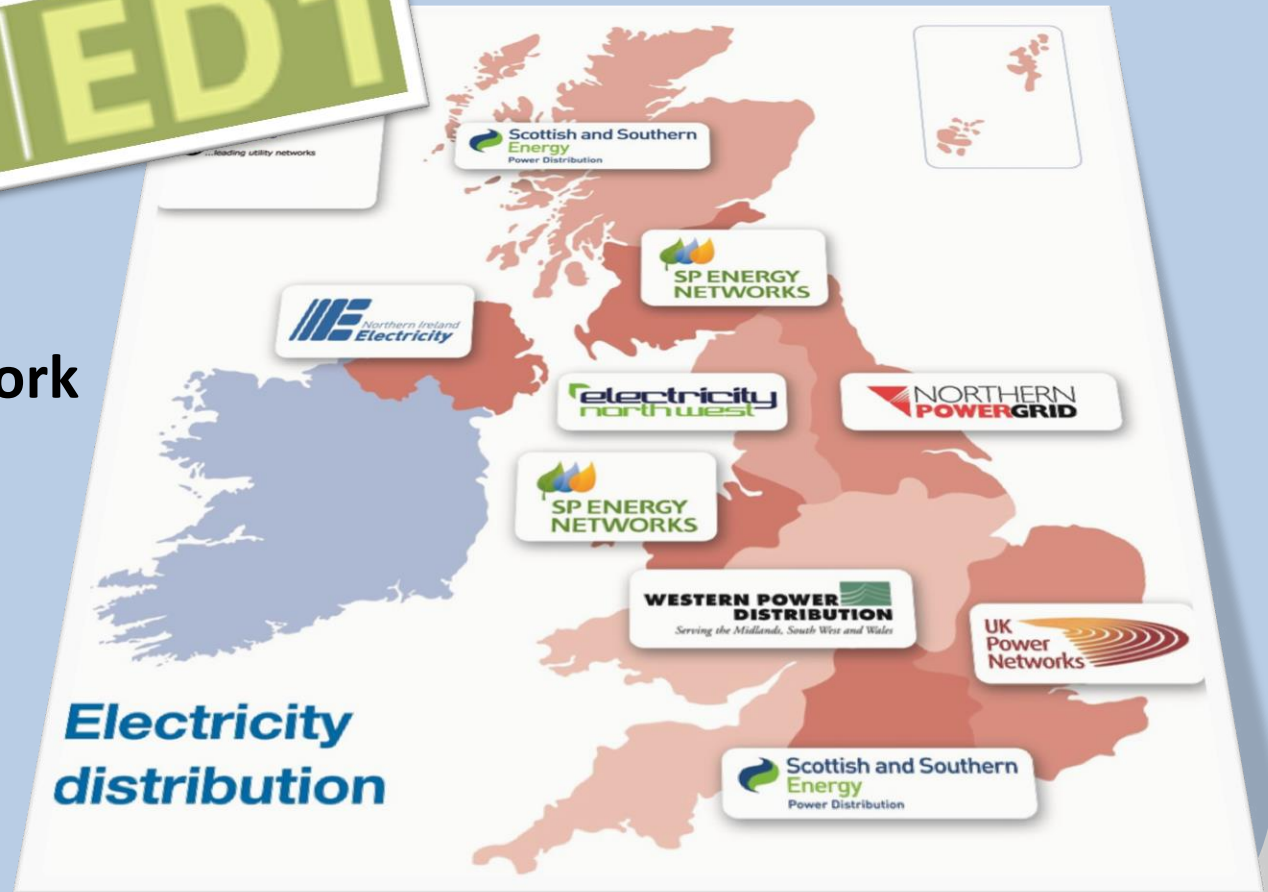
Reducing electricity demand



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Distribution Network Operators = DNO



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The Poor Pay More



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Research supports the frequently noted assertion that low-income households are effectively 'greener' than other households

- Through deprivation rather than choice
- The lowest income decile contributes 7% of total domestic national emissions
- The most affluent income decile is responsible for 14% of domestic emissions



Big Energy Saving Network



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The Network will build on the work of existing support networks, and will seek to provide a clearer focus on encouraging vulnerable consumers to take action, by:

- developing and agreeing key messages;
- developing the capability of advisors through training on tariffs, switching and how to access energy efficiency programmes;
- identifying best practice in targeting and delivering outreach events to vulnerable consumers;
- working to identify other national and local organisations to extend the reach of advice provision;
- deliver switching, tariff and energy efficiency advice directly to consumers through suitably trained trusted intermediaries.



NEA's Campaign successes and future priorities



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- Ambitious policies to mitigate short term costs of environmental programmes
- Ensure that the Government commit, draft and pass a subsequent statutory commitment to eradicate fuel poverty
- Retain Cold Weather Payments (CWP) and Winter Fuel Payments (WFP)
- More consistent funding to mutually support public health, affordable warmth and low carbon
- Ensure low income households can maximise benefit of smart meter roll-out.

NEA Annual Conference 2013



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‘A must-attend event for anyone concerned with fuel poverty reduction or improving the energy efficiency of low-income households.’



**16th – 18th September,
Majestic Hotel
Harrogate**

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Training the foot soldiers of the green energy revolution

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