

ALEO Awards 2018

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North West

Winner: Christine Smith and Maggie Hayes, Blackpool Council

Christine and Maggie have worked tirelessly on energy efficiency and fuel poverty projects for a number of years and are a driving force behind the Cosy Home in Lancashire (CHiL) scheme which supports residents across Lancashire not just in their council area of Blackpool. During 2018 they have secured significant funding for CHiL including over £2m from the Warm Homes Fund for first time central heating and for home energy audits, advice and support for vulnerable residents, this is in addition to funding secured from NEA to deliver 'Heat and Eat' educational events across Lancashire.

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Winner: Katherine Shadwell, Energy Services Team, Portsmouth City Council

Katherine works tirelessly and conscientiously to promote fuel poverty schemes in Portsmouth and the surrounding areas. As Portsmouth's Fuel Poverty Coordinator she has been key in attracting funding into the city to be spent on the poorest homes; projects which now reach over 600 vulnerable households each year. The schemes which Katherine manages offer energy advice, emergency boiler and full free central heating. As well as these projects, Katherine also provides an advice service for energy efficiency and fuel poverty training sessions for frontline staff. Her devotion to fuel poverty mitigation and her depth of knowledge on the subject; makes her the key person in Portsmouth for providing support and advice to vulnerable households.

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Winner: Bath and North East Somerset Council Energy at Home Team

Accepted by: Tom Jenkins from B&NES Housing Services

The team has worked tirelessly and with great enthusiasm to deliver insulation and heating to residents over the last 3 years. They have procured and managed an advice service contract and delivery provider contract, seen a provider go into administration and brought a replacement online, and bid for and delivered 2 major grant programmes. During this time the Local Authority and scheme partners have:

- given advice to 2,667 households
- converted 68% of callers into referrals for installation
- assessed 1,141 homes
- installed 358 measures in 324 homes
- saved at least 3,808 tonnes of carbon
- created 4 jobs (during 15-16)

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London

Winner: Shadia Snelling, Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames

Shadia, has worked hard establishing and leading a fuel poverty network across 5 South West London boroughs (Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth), achieving funding for 400 Home Visits this winter, including in two of the boroughs where there would otherwise be no local fuel poverty support this winter. I have known Shadia since joining the Energy Sector in 2014 and have always appreciated her willingness to spend time advising and supporting colleagues in other boroughs. She is a real asset to Kingston, and to all of us working to alleviate fuel poverty in London.

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East

Winner: Sharon Malia, Peterborough City Council's Local

Peterborough City Council piloted the Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP) working in partnership with AgilityEco. This fuel poverty outreach service, funded through the Warm Homes Discount Industry Initiative, is completely FREE to the council and its residents. Referral routes have now been embedded within the Council's frontline services and it is offered to the most vulnerable residents accessing services across housing, social care and health. The Council's Home Service Delivery Team coordinate the 1,400 referrals a year. LEAP is an integral part of the ECO Flexible Eligibility offer and a route into national and local funding routes and support.

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Midlands

Winner: Kath Manning

Redditch and Bromsgrove Councils

Kath has worked tirelessly to support vulnerable householders across Redditch and Bromsgrove establishing referral routes, information sessions and capital schemes such as the Redditch Energy Efficiency Fund. As a key member of the Warmer Worcestershire Network, Kath supports the delivery of wider projects, policy and consultation responses to the benefit of our residents and draws on her NHS background to promote the keeping warm and well messages. Taking her energy work further, Kath is now investigating options for heat networks in Bromsgrove District and the provision of electric vehicle charging points to support local taxi firms make the switch from diesel cars. This will support efforts to improve air quality in the local area.

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Winner: Warm and Healthy Homes Project

Collected by Cliff Duff, Durham County Council

Durham County Council's Warm and Healthy Homes (WHH) project works in partnership with GP surgeries and Clinical Commissioning Groups targeting patients with cold related ill health and fuel poverty. It provides help and advice on accessing the cheapest energy tariff, fuel debt write off, energy saving advice and eligibility for the Energy Company Obligation Flexible Eligibility Health Criteria. Targeted mail outs take place from the GP Surgery to promote WHH assistance directly to patients in partnership with 0800 Repair Ltd resulting in over 350 patients being assisted.

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Lifetime Achievement Award

Winner: Rob Leeson

Rob has provided over 16 years of support to the ALEO network and his dedication to ALEO has been invaluable to the continuation and success of ALEO.

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