

**Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar:  
Next steps for heat and heat networks in Wales**

*Timing: Morning, Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 9.05 **Wales' plan for decarbonising heat - outlining the Heat Strategy for Wales, the path to net zero heat and emission reduction**  
**Ed Sheriff**, Deputy Director for Energy, Welsh Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Making the transition to a low carbon future**  
*Key challenges and opportunities of decarbonising heat | Establishing supply chains | Meeting skills needs | Preparing the energy network and infrastructure*  
**Becky Pask**, Green Skills Research Officer, Coleg Sir Gar and Coleg Ceredigion  
**Matt Hindle**, Head of Net Zero and Sustainability, Wales & West Utilities  
**Matthew Hodges**, Associate Director, Net Zero and Sustainability, AtkinsRéalis  
Senior representative, industry  
Senior representative, grid  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Innovation in renewable heat technology**  
**Mike Pitts**, Deputy Challenge Director, Net Zero Heat, Innovate UK  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 11.00 **Policies for tackling fuel poverty and providing clean, secure and affordable heat for all**  
**Rhiannon Phillips**, Head of Domestic Energy Efficiency and Fuel Poverty, Welsh Government
- 11.10 **Securing a just transition for communities across Wales**  
*Options for phasing out fossil fuels | Guaranteeing a fair price for customers*  
**Maya Fitchett**, Policy Analyst, National Energy Action  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, advocacy  
Senior representative, energy company
- 11.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Developing local area energy plans - implementing a place-based and locally-led approach to heat decarbonisation**  
Senior representative, local authority
- 12.00 **Improving the energy performance of Welsh homes**  
*Supporting the decarbonisation of heat across private, rented and social housing sectors*  
**Christopher Jofeh**, Chair, Implementation Group on the Decarbonisation of Existing Housing; and Board Member, Tai Calon Community Housing  
Senior representative, social housing  
Senior representative, local authority
- 12.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **Accelerating the delivery of net zero - options for adapting the built environment in Wales**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**  
Senior Member of the Senedd  
**Sean Cudmore**, Policy Forum for Wales