

Community action for **energy**

Switching on your community

CAfE network conference 2006

Wednesday 1 March 2006

Thinktank, Millennium Point,
Curzon Street, Birmingham

The CAfE conference is a great opportunity to meet other members of the network, exchange ideas and experiences and find out about inspiring projects that motivate and 'switch on' the community.

Information 'bazaar' • large exhibition space
• electronic voting • themed lunch tables •

The conference is free to members of the CAfE network, and travel bursaries are available.



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About Community Action for Energy

Community Action for Energy (CAfE) is an Energy Saving Trust programme, designed to promote and facilitate local community based energy projects. CAfE offers membership of a national network and access to support, training, resources and information sharing opportunities.

Aims of the conference

The fourth national CAfE conference will bring together some of the country's most innovative community based energy projects to motivate and inspire you. The day will provide opportunities to share experiences and ideas and develop contacts across the network.

The venue

Thinktank (right) is Birmingham's bold and exciting new science museum - one of the chief attractions of the West Midlands. It is also an excellent conference venue and within easy reach of New Street, Snow Hill and Moor Street stations. For more information see www.thinktank.ac.



Who should attend

This conference will be of interest and value to a wide range of people including: community workers and representatives • co-ordinators of community, volunteer and tenant groups • local environmental activists • community energy advisers • health sector workers • local authority officers with responsibility for energy, community, housing and regeneration • energy suppliers designing local energy efficiency schemes and more...

Whether you are already working in the energy field delivering local projects or simply interested in energy and representing your community, this conference has something to offer you.

**“Shout
about your
project”**

Don't miss the chance to publicise your own project at the lunchtime information bazaar. All delegates will get the chance to have their own display. Please complete the enclosed flyer or call **08701 261 444**



Programme

- 09.30 Registration and tea/coffee.
- 10.00 Welcome and introduction to the conference.
Chair: Tim Curtis, Director of Operations, Energy Saving Trust.
- 10.15 Key note presentation:
Dr Brenda Boardman, Head of Lower Carbon Futures,
Environmental Change Institute, Oxford University.
- 10.35 Inspirational community based energy projects in action:
i) From Hertfordshire to Birmingham: replicating good practice;
ii) Ashton Hayes: going carbon neutral;
iii) Energy efficiency advice centre: action on the ground.
- 11.30 Tea/coffee.
- 11.55 Workshop sessions: choose from the selection offered in the box below.
- 13.10 Lunch:
Join an expert for lunch; pose your question to an expert on one of the themed lunch tables. Browse the exhibition area and the information bazaar, submit your questions for question time.
- 14.30 Workshop sessions: choose from the selection offered in the box below.
- 15.45 Question time and electronic voting:
Be part of the interactive final session where a panel of experts will be waiting to answer your questions.
- 16.30 Close.



Workshop options

Delegates will be able to attend two of the following workshops. Workshops will be mixed in style: some will be participatory with delegates working together to share information and skills; others will include presentations and discussion.

Workshop A

Ask the doctor: funding advice surgery

This workshop will provide delegates with a chance to pose their questions to a panel of experts with funding expertise. Information will be available on the wide range of funding opportunities to support community based approaches with specific emphasis on charitable trusts and lottery funding.

Workshop B

Living on one world: measuring your impact on the environment.

This workshop will cover concepts of sustainability and ecological footprinting, and explore the areas where people can make a difference in their own lives. Craig Simmons, Co-Founder and Director, Best Foot Forward Ltd.

Workshop C

A new wind farm: what's in it for the community?

Ensuring that local communities benefit from renewable energy projects requires effective engagement with developers. This workshop will explore the issues associated with securing community benefits and look at new resources being developed to assist the process. Simon Roberts, Chief Executive, Centre For Sustainable Energy.

Workshop D

Building your network: the efficient and effective way

In this workshop you will look into the benefits of powerful networking, explore your own networking style, and develop methods for being a more effective networker. Delegates will come away feeling more confident and organised about networking. Nick Bird, TPAS Associate.

Workshop E

Supplying more than energy: taking an energy services approach

This interactive workshop will inform delegates how to get their Energy Services project off the ground. With simple steps and time lines, delegates will learn the importance of getting these steps in the right order to ensure a smooth take off. Sue Spilsbury, Energy Services, Energy Saving Trust.

Workshop F

Towards zero or low carbon: the options available for your buildings

With the task of reducing carbon emissions high on the agenda, this workshop looks into options for reaching these targets with examples of new build and refurbishment projects aiming to achieve zero or low carbon emissions.

Booking form

To book your place at the conference please complete this booking form and return it by fax or post to the address below. You can also email the details to cafe@est.org.uk. On receipt of your booking form you will receive written confirmation of your place.

1) Contact details

Title	Name
Organisation	
Address	
	Postcode
E-mail	Tel

2) Workshop choice

Workshop spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. We will endeavour to offer you your first and second choice workshop options, but please indicate up to four possible choices from workshops A to F.

My first choice is	My second choice is
My third choice is	My fourth choice is

3) Special requirements (We will endeavour to meet these if at all possible.)

Please give details of any special requirements

Please give details of any special dietary requirements

4) Signature

I confirm that I am a member of the CAfE network

Signed	Date
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The conference is free of charge to all those registered as members of the CAfE network. If you are not a member and would like to join (it's free), simply contact us at cafe@est.org.uk, or on 08701 261 444 or register through the website at www.est.org.uk/cafe. A limited number of travel bursaries are available for participants from groups with no funding or limited funds. Please contact the CAfE team on 08701 261 444 for more information.

5) Please return to

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