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Hello and welcome to a special edition of the CLASP Updates, focusing on free events taking place over the next few months, hosted by a range of organisations.

Further focused bulletins are being issued this month on funding and awards, and general policy, resources and news.

If you have only been passed this update then you can download the other parts from our website at: <http://claspinfo.org/news/events-funding-and-resource-update>

Flooding And Climate Change, Building Resilience Against Extreme Events

Tuesday 3rd March, 5pm-6.45pm, Liverpool

A guest lecture by George Heritage and Kevin Keating from AECOM. George will focus on general climate change science and then on catchment responses to climate change (flooding and using “natural” approaches to manage flood risk). Kevin will focus on aspects of coastal flood risk (development and coastal defence resilience), drawing on local case studies. More information and booking for free tickets can be found at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/flooding-and-climate-change-tickets-15494553627>

Oldham: a householder's introduction to renewables,

Feed in Tariffs and the Renewable Heat Incentive

Saturday 7th March, Oldham

In partnership with Oldham council the CarbonCo-op are running an introductory session to renewable technologies, the Feed in Tariff and the Renewable Heat Incentive. The session aims to help householders:

- Understand their own priorities and which systems might best meet their needs.
- Navigate the requirements of the Feed in Tariff and Renewable Heat Incentive.
- Confidently engage with installers and ask the right questions.

Book here: <http://s.coop/1v7ty>

Urban Community Energy Fund Update

Saturday 7th March, Manchester

** At the time of going to press we understand that this event may not be going ahead, but if you would be interested in attending such an event in future it would be worth contacting the fund administrator (below) to register interest.**

Following on from the first Urban Community Energy Fund briefing event in London in mid-December plans have been made for a second briefing event to be held in Manchester on Saturday 7th March including round-robin sessions that give applicants one-to-one expert advice relevant to their group's needs. To find out more about attending the community briefing, or to discuss your project, email info@ucef.org.uk or call 0800 038 6345.

Click on the following links for more information about the Urban Community Energy Fund:

<https://www.gov.uk/urban-community-energy-fund>

<http://www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1249>

Reducing Energy Costs With Combined Heat & Power

Tuesday 10th March, London

Thursday 12th March, Manchester

DECC and Ricardo-AEA are holding a series of events with the aim of raising awareness and knowledge about the benefits of Combined Heat and Power (CHP) and District Heating and Cooling (DHC) Networks. The workshops are specifically designed for **Local Authority planning officers, environment, energy and sustainability managers from County, District, Borough and City Councils, Directors of Environment, Housing and Planning (for public buildings)**.

They are also offering evening events at the same dates and locations targeted at **Local Authority elected members**. They may also be willing to offer presentations on CHP to elected members at existing Council meetings, subject to interest and availability.

Find out more and book places at: <http://www.ricardo-aea.com/cms/chp-outreach-workshop>

DECC Community Heat Conference

Tuesday 10th March, Birmingham

A free event for the public sector and community groups in England and Wales on developing small scale local community heat projects using heat pumps, biomass and community heat networks. The conference will report on progress on the heat actions in the UK's first Community Energy Strategy including: The Forestry Commission's new Community Biomass Guidance – which includes, wood as a fuel, woodfuel supply chains and funding opportunities. There will be an update on next steps on the development of the community heat toolkit and presentations on case studies and raising finance.

Presentations by: DECC minister Amber Rudd MP (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, DECC); Ian Manders (Danish Trade Council) on Danish community heat networks; Simon Woodward, the Chair of UKDEA on the structure and components of heat projects; Matthew Woodcock from The Forestry Commission on community biomass and community heat case studies from England and Wales.

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-heat-conference-tickets-15664037558>

North West Fuel Debt Advice Network Meeting

Friday 20 March, Manchester

The meetings are free to attend and enable practitioners and advisers from the advice sector, energy agencies and voluntary groups to consider issues that affect the provision of fuel debt advice and seek to progress initiatives that can support this work through sharing of good practice and valuable networking with other organisations working in the field of fuel debt advice.

Speakers confirmed - British Gas, Scottish Power and United Utilities. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

More info: <http://www.nea.org.uk/campaigns-events/calendar/fuel-debt-advice-nw> or email Tracy Norris at tracy.norris@nea.org.uk.

PAS Viability Two-day Events

24th to 25th March, Manchester

Viability has become increasingly important in planning and over 2013 to 2014 the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) have held ten viability courses and are now holding more in 2015. These sessions will seek to:

- Increase delegates' knowledge of viability and its relevance in planning, and what viability evidence is required to fulfil their planning role.
- Improve the procurement outcome for Local Authorities.
- Make those attending more confident discussing, and negotiating upon, viability related to development and planning.

Click on the following link to book a place:

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/viability-two-day-event-manchester-residential-if-required-registration-15422964502>

(Currently full, but a waiting list is running.)

Delivering Community Renewable Energy Projects through the Planning System

Thursday 26 March, 12:30 to 16:00, Manchester

The TCPA with support from the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) will be delivering this CPD workshop for elected members and local authority officers on planning for community-scale renewable energy projects. To help fulfil the Government's ambitions in the Community Energy Strategy, the workshop aims to provide training to support the delivery of community renewable energy projects through planning, and to showcase innovative approaches and projects across the UK and Europe. Take this opportunity to brush up on your knowledge and skills in this area as part of your CPD. Topics to include:

- The national policy context for community energy and findings from a recent policy research.
- Local leadership for community energy and how this can be reflected in local policy and guidance.
- The benefits and opportunities of renewable energy projects.
- Taking a positive approach to community renewable energy applications.

For registrations to the workshop please go to: <http://www.tcpa.org.uk/events.php?action=event&id=124>

For details or questions please contact Michael.Chang@tcpa.org.uk

Planning for District Heating: Masterplanning, Technical Feasibility and Economic Viability

Friday 27th March, Manchester

This event is being held in partnership with the Department of Energy and Climate Change's Heat Networks Delivery Unit (DECC HNDU) as part of the TCPA-led SPECIAL project (Spatial Planning and Energy for Communities In All Landscapes) funded by Intelligent Energy Europe. The SPECIAL project has enabled the TCPA to work with the DECC HNDU to build expertise and competencies on strengthening the links between spatial planning and energy to deliver district heating across local authorities in England. This event will provide the opportunity to learn from the existing successes and experiences of local authorities receiving HNDU funding as well as good practice from Europe.

Click on the following link to book a place: <http://www.tcpa.org.uk/events.php?action=event&id=127>

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