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The weekly newsletter from the *associate*  
Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Group



This newsletter is produced by PRASEG for distribution to members once a week. PRASEG seeks to provide readers with news and parliamentary information related to renewable and sustainable energy issues.

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## 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011: This Week's Headlines...

### **The Retail Market Review - Findings and initial proposals**

[Ofgem report](#) - [BBC](#) - [DECC](#) - [Telegraph](#) - [Guardian](#)

### **2011 Budget**

[Treasury](#) - [Telegraph](#) - [UK GBC](#) - [Guardian](#)(GIB) - [BBC](#) - [Independent](#) - [Telegraph](#) (Carbon Tax) - [Guardian](#) (Zero Carbon Homes) - [Telegraph](#) (North Sea Oil tax) - [Guardian](#) (Carbon Tax) - [BusinessGreen](#) (Planning)

### **CCC advises that Government meets carbon budgets through domestic action alone, and not through use of offset credits**

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# Upcoming PRASEG Events

## **PRASEG and FPEEG Seminar**

### **Tackling fuel poverty: the role of the new Energy Company Obligation**

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011

**Time:** 09.00 - 11.00

**Location:** Committee Room 11

**Speakers:** **Tracy Vegro**, Director, Energy Efficiency and Consumers, Department of Energy and Climate Change; **David Purdy**, Head of Insulation and Delivery, Department of Energy and Climate Change; **Peter Smith**, External Affairs Manager, NEA; **David Green**, Chief Executive, UK BCSE;

**Abigail Burrige**, Senior Policy Officer, LGA

**Chair:** Alan Whitehead MP



## **PRASEG and CCC Seminar**

### **The CCC's Renewable Energy Review**



**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011

**Time:** 09.00 - 11.00

**Location:** Atlee Suite, Portcullis House

**Speakers:** TBC

**Chair:** Alan Whitehead MP

## **PRASEG, The Royal Academy of Engineering, and the All Party Parliamentary Maritime and Ports Group Reception**

### **The Offshore Wind Supply Chain**

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011

**Time:** 16.00 - 18.00

**Location:** Dining Room A, House of Commons

**Speakers:** Charles Hendry MP, Minister of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change

## **Save the Date!**

### **PRASEG Solar PV Forum Reception**

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011

**Time:** 16:00 - 18:00

**Location:** Members Dining Room, House of Commons

**Speakers:** TBC



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## PRASEG Annual Conference 2011 Delivering Low Carbon Energy – Electricity Market Reform and Beyond



**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011

**Time:** 9:00 - 17:00

**Location:** One Great George Street

**Confirmed Speakers:** Chris Huhne MP, Secretary of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change; Tim Yeo MP, Chair, Energy and Climate Change Select Committee; Meg Hillier MP, Shadow Secretary of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change; Caroline Lucas MP, Leader, Green Party. *Other speakers TBC.*

## 2. RECENT NEWS ARTICLES AND PRESS RELEASES

### *Headline news*

**The Retail Market Review - Findings and initial proposals - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**  
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**2011 Budget - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

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**CCC advises that Government meets carbon budgets through domestic action alone, and not through use of offset credits - Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

In a letter to Chris Huhne, the Committee on Climate Change (CCC) today advised Government to aim to meet the second carbon budget (2013-2017) through domestic action alone, and not through the use of offset credits, [CCC](#)

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### *Other news*

**When profit is too much of a good thing - Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

How much money do the big six energy companies make supplying households? [Telegraph](#)

**Chris Huhne faces legal challenge over nuclear link to cancer in children - Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

Community worker who lives near proposed nuclear power stations in Lancashire launches unprecedented case, [Guardian](#)

**Exxon's algae biofuel ad banned over 'misleading' claims - Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

The UK Advertising Standards Authority has banned an algae biofuel TV advert by oil giant ExxonMobil because it overstated the technology's climate change mitigation potential, [EurActiv](#)



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## **Drax Extends Losses in London on U.K. Carbon Price Floor - Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

Drax Group Plc (DRX), owner of the U.K.'s largest power station, dropped for a third day in London trading on concern the government's floor price for carbon emission permits will erode earnings, [Bloomberg](#)

## **Vestas Sees Asia Adding Wind Farms After Japan Nuclear Crisis - Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

Vestas Wind Systems A/S, the world's largest maker of wind turbines, said demand for wind projects may increase after Japan's worst earthquake triggered a nuclear crisis, [Bloomberg](#)

## **George Osborne's budget is a betrayal of our environment - Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

The chancellor has missed a huge opportunity to turn environmental necessity to our economic and social advantage and end our dependency on fossil fuels, [Guardian](#)

## **Poland considers nuclear poll - Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

Poland may hold a national referendum on the centre-right government's plans to build a nuclear power plant in the heavily coal-dependent country, Prime Minister Donald Tusk said on 23 March, [EurActiv](#)

## **Italy Approves Nuclear Pause - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

The Italian cabinet Wednesday approved, as expected, a one-year moratorium for the country's nuclear comeback, and the government may decide to end the atomic program if it isn't satisfied with the European Union's stress tests on safety, ministers said, [WallStreetJournal](#)

## **Hydrogen in Pellet Form for Military Fuel Cell - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

Researchers at Purdue University and US Government contractor General Atomics have together developed an innovative material for portable storage of hydrogen, [FuelCellToday](#)

## **Wind, Solar May Be Competitive With Coal Without Aid in Decade, Chu Says - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

Wind and solar power may compete with fossil fuels, without aid from government subsidies, within the next decade, U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu said, [Bloomberg](#)

## **Fossil fuels are far deadlier than nuclear power - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

IN THE wake of the nuclear crisis in Japan, Germany has temporarily shut down seven of its reactors and China, which is building more nuclear power plants than the rest of the world combined, has suspended approval for all new facilities, [NewScientist](#)

## **Doosan reveals plan for £170m Scottish renewables HQ - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

Research and development base may be followed by wind turbine manufacturing facility, says South Korean engineering giant, [BusinessGreen](#)

## **Australia carbon tax plans spark protests - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

Rallies have taken place in Australia in protest at plans by the Labor government to bring in a carbon tax, [BBC](#)

## **Poor get deeper into energy debt - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

Rising gas prices are pushing poor households deeper into debt, according to the latest Ofgem figures, [UtilityWeek](#)

## **China to Build Nuclear Plant Using Fourth-Generation Technology in April - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

China will start building a nuclear power plant next month using fourth-generation technology that may be less susceptible to meltdown than Japan's damaged Fukushima Dai-Ichi plant, [Bloomberg](#)



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## **Atomic Accident Cleanup Goes to Japan Taxpayer, May Haunt Global Expansion - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

Japan's taxpayer, not the nuclear industry, will cover most of the cleanup cost from the worst accident since Chernobyl, a financial rescue that may spur moves by other nations to make companies assume more liability, [Bloomberg](#)

## **Japan earthquake: Crisis may force up cost of UK nuclear - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

The chief executive of RWE Npower has warned that it could be forced to delay plans to build UK plants, especially if any major safety changes prompted by Japan's atomic disaster push up the cost of reactors, [Telegraph](#)

## **Let people invest budget summary - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

[Iwork](#)

## **Energy firms 'not playing fair' - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

The UK's gas and electricity suppliers have been accused of failing "to play it straight" with consumers as the energy watchdog unveiled a proposed shake-up of the industry, [H&Vnews](#)

## **Hedegaard backs nuclear to meet EU climate targets - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

Climate commissioner says technology is needed to cut emissions, as fallout from the Fukushima crisis continues, [BusinessGreen](#)

## **U.K.'s Osborne Triples Green Investment Bank's Funding, Sets Carbon Price - Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne tripled funding for the U.K.'s Green Investment Bank and allowed it to raise money, a key demand made by lawmakers who said the measure was needed to spur carbon cuts, [Bloomberg](#)

## **MPs fear Localism Bill will sideline 'sustainable development' - Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**

MPs Committee warns Eric Pickles' flagship bill contains no definition of sustainable development, fuelling fears bill will block renewable development, [BusinessGreen](#)

## **Safety breaches reported at UK nuclear reactors - Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**

Inspectors criticise EDF Energy for electricity failures and 'unplanned shutdowns' at its reactors in East Lothian last year, [Guardian](#)

## **Stressed-out nuclear plants face uncertain fate - Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**

The future of nuclear reactors which fail the European Commission's promised stress tests is up in the air, after EU energy ministers confirmed yesterday (21 March) that participation in the EU-mandated tests would not be binding, and ultimate responsibility for nuclear policy would remain at national level, [EurActiv](#)

## **EU Carbon Price May Rise, Natural Gas May Decline, Deutsche Bank Forecasts - Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**

U.K. natural gas prices may fall or European Union carbon permits may rise, based on the profits available to power utilities later this year, said Deutsche Bank AG, [Bloomberg](#)

## **UK nuclear support partially survives Japan crisis - Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**

More Britons support the building of new nuclear power stations than oppose it, despite the crisis at Japan's Fukushima plant, an opinion poll says, [BBC](#)

## **Japan nuclear firm admits missing safety checks at disaster-hit plant - Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**

Documents show operator failed to carry out mandatory checks at Fukushima Daiichi and allowed fuel rods



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to pile up, [Guardian](#)

**Chris Huhne - We will break through barriers facing Scottish renewables - Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**  
Chris Huhne vowed today to leave no stone unturned in support of Scottish renewable energy projects, [DECC](#)

**Foster welcomes new legislation to encourage renewable energy - Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**  
Energy Minister Arlene Foster has welcomed the introduction of new legislation to encourage the use of renewable energy in Northern Ireland, [NIgov](#)

**CRC will “displace not eliminate” emissions - Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**  
Independent advisor Carbon Retirement is urging the Government to change the way the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme (CRC) is applied, [SmartestEnergy](#)

**Japan nuclear crisis puts UK public off new power stations - Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**  
Support for new nuclear in UK falls by 12% following near-meltdown at Fukushima in Japan, Friends of the Earth finds, [Guardian](#)

**An open letter to Greg Barker, butcher of the feed-in tariff - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**  
Greg - it is not too late to spare your blushes. Work with us and let's fix this case study in how not to amend policy, [Guardian](#)

**The sleepy Irish village that challenged Shell over controversial pipeline - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**  
A ten-year campaign opposing a Shell gas pipeline in a remote corner of Ireland is documented in a major new film - The Pipe - and has become a focal point for a community's right to oppose corporations and central government, [Ecologist](#)

**Energy executives hit back at Ofgem action - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**  
Two energy chief executives have hit out at energy regulator Ofgem's plans to curb industry profits, [UtilityWeek](#)

**CIC in Talks With U.K. Government on Infrastructure Investment, News Says - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**  
China Investment Corp. is in talks with the U.K. on possible infrastructure investments in the European country, including transportation projects, offshore wind power and the 2012 London Olympic Games, the China Business News reported, citing U.K. Trade Minister Stephen Green, [Bloomberg](#)

**GE defends nuclear plant design - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**  
General Electric defended its 40 year old Mark 1 reactors at the center of Japan's nuclear crisis Friday, saying that early questions about reactor's safety had long been addressed, [AP](#)

**Germany Plans Reunification-Style Speed to Build Grids for Cleaner Energy - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**  
Germany may accelerate power-line projects to transmit more renewable energy to consumers after Japan's nuclear disaster rattled voters in Europe's biggest electricity market, [Bloomberg](#)

**Utilities escape competition inquiry but face shake-up - Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**  
Britain's utilities breathed a sigh of relief on Monday after the regulator allowed them to escape a competition inquiry - despite clear evidence that the companies are profiteering, [Telegraph](#)

**UK can learn from Germany's feed-in tariff lessons - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**  
German experience can help reverse the UK's poor record on renewables and underpin our green energy policies, [Guardian](#)



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## **Do energy bills respond faster to rising costs than falling costs? - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

We have found some evidence that customer energy bills respond more rapidly to rising supplier costs compared with falling costs. Whilst this finding depends on both the technique used as well as how we assume suppliers purchase their energy in advance, we do not believe there is any systematic bias in our assumptions that would cause this asymmetry, [Ofgem](#)

## **France rebukes EU energy chief over nuclear remarks - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

Several European governments have openly rebuked EU energy chief Guenther Oettinger, after the commissioner's reference to a Japanese "apocalypse" last week sent financial markets into a spin, [EUObserver](#)

## **Most French want to keep nuclear power: poll - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

Most French people want to keep nuclear energy, which meets three quarters of their electricity needs, a TNS Sofres poll in daily Les Echos said on Monday, [Reuters](#)

## **German nuclear firms may stop green payments: report - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

Germany's nuclear operators may scrap payments of 300 million euros (\$425.3 million) this year into a fund subsidizing green energy after they had to close plants for safety checks, a newspaper reported on Monday, [Reuters](#)

## **EDF chief says no delay to UK nuclear plans - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

EDF's chief executive insisted yesterday that the firm's plans for nuclear power in the UK would not be delayed after the crisis at the earthquake-hit Fukushima plant in Japan, [City AM](#)

## **Germany's Wintershall to join South Stream - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

Germany's Wintershall, a unit of the world's largest chemical company BASF, is set to join Russia's South Stream pipeline that will carry gas under the Black Sea to Europe, a source close to energy giant Gazprom announced on Friday (18 March), [EurActiv](#)

## **Calls to shut down 'Europe's Fukushima' - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

A 40-year old Spanish nuclear power plant built to the same design model as Fukushima's disaster-struck reactor number one has become engulfed by calls for it to be shut down, while Brussels is questioning the safety of EU installations and has pushed for stress tests of nuclear power plants, [EurActiv](#)

## **Could anaerobic digestion by-products replace manufactured fertilisers? - Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

Study aims to improve understanding of how digestates could be used by the agricultural sector to cut costs and boost yields, [BusinessGreen](#)

## **Householders face higher winter gas bills after surge in wholesale prices - Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

Price of wholesale gas for December delivery has risen from 60p a therm to 72p amid Japan's nuclear power blackouts, [Guardian](#)

## **Safe nuclear does exist, and China is leading the way with thorium - Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

A few weeks before the tsunami struck Fukushima's uranium reactors and shattered public faith in nuclear power, China revealed that it was launching a rival technology to build a safer, cleaner, and ultimately cheaper network of reactors based on thorium, [Telegraph](#)

## **Renewables body demands more clarity over electricity reforms - Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

Westminster must provide more clarity over electricity market reforms to help alternative energy firms trying to negotiate funding with banks, trade body Scottish Renewables has warned, [Scotsman](#)



## Anaerobic Digestion sector slams feed-in tariff review - Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Businesses warn "meagre" increase in incentives for AD plants will fail to increase on-farm energy generation, [BusinessGreen](#)

## U.K. Appetite for New Nuclear Remains 'Strong,' Hendry Says - Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011

There is still a "strong appetite" for building nuclear reactors in the U.K., even as Japan struggles to bring the damaged Fukushima Dai-ichi atomic plant under control, [Bloomberg](#)

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## 3. RECENT REPORTS AND PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITY

### *Parliamentary Report - Commons*

#### Select Committees

The **Energy and Climate Change Committee** will hold an evidence session on its inquiry into Shale Gas on the 29 March 2011 and will hear from the Environment Agency; Charles Hendry MP, Minister of State, Department of Energy and Climate Change and officials. This will be in the Grimond Room, Portcullis House. Click [here](#) for further information.

#### Parliamentary Questions

The **written answers** to MPs' questions published this week by DECC are summarised below.

**Monday:** (Browse the day's printed answer [here](#))

Topics included: the forth carbon budget ([here](#)); cold weather payments ([here](#)); smart meters ([here](#)); Feed-in Tariffs ([here](#)); fuel oil prices ([here](#));

Work and Pensions answered a question on the Winter Fuel Allowance ([here](#));

**Tuesday:** (Browse the day's printed answers [here](#))

Topics included: nuclear power ([here](#)); nuclear safety ([here](#)); oil industry ([here](#)); renewable energy 2020 ([here](#)); feed in tariffs - solar ([here](#)); offshore wind and renewable energy targets ([here](#));

DfT answered a question on RED and biofuels ([here](#));

**Wednesday:** (Browse the day's printed answers [here](#))

Topics included: Smart meters ([here](#)); British Overseas Territories and renewable energy ([here](#)); RHI ([here](#)); tidal power - south west ([here](#));

Work and Pensions answered a question on Winter Fuel Payments ([here](#));

**Thursday:** (Browse the day's printed answers [here](#))

Topics included: marine renewable technologies ([here](#)); energy efficiency in the workplace ([here](#)); informed choices - energy use ([here](#)); RHI and carbon emissions ([here](#)); security of energy supplies ([here](#)); CCS ([here](#)); generation capacity sale ([here](#)); energy efficiency - housing ([here](#)); energy prices ([here](#)); energy sales ([here](#)); National Grid ([here](#)); wind power ([here](#));

**DECC oral questions:**



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## **Thursday:**

Topics included: domestic take-up solar power ([here](#)); CCS demonstration projects ([here](#)); security of energy supplies ([here](#)); high oil prices and consumers ([here](#)); nuclear safety ([here](#)); emissions reduction ([here](#)); take-up - Green Deal ([here](#)); ministerial discussions - nuclear power ([here](#)); energy efficiency ([here](#)); the Budget and low carbon technologies ([here](#)); CCC carbon budget report ([here](#)); private sector investment, low carbon technologies ([here](#)); energy intensive industries and EMR ([here](#));

## **Ministerial Statements:**

The Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change made a statement on the Energy Council ([here](#));

## **Parliamentary Report - Lords**

The House of Lords' contributions to renewable and sustainable energy debates this week include:

- Lord Bradshaw asked a question on carbon emissions and the DfT ([here](#));
- Lord Laird asked a question on fuel poverty ([here](#));
- Lord Hunt of Kings Heath asked a question on gas safety ([here](#));
- Lord Pendry asked a question on the Localism Bill ([here](#));
- Baroness Kramer asked a question on the four year innovation delivery plan ([here](#));
- Lord Kennedy of Southwark asked a question on overhead electricity lines ([here](#));
- Lord Bradshaw asked a question on traded carbon ([here](#));

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## **4. EXTERNAL EVENTS OF INTEREST**

### **Association of Electricity Producers event**

**Event:** Britain's 3 pin energy policy: Does the Electricity Market Reform plug fit?

**Date:** Tuesday 5 April 2011

**Time:** 09.30 -17.00, followed by a drinks reception hosted by SJ Berwin

**Location:** SJ Berwin, 10 Queen Street Place, London

**Further details:** The UK government has proposed the most significant changes to the electricity market since privatisation -changes which will worry some and provide new opportunities for others.

Are the Electricity Market Reform proposals the right package to switch on the £200 billion of investment needed in the energy sector and combine all of our energy policy objectives?

The Association of Electricity Producers presents a seminar, kindly hosted by SJ Berwin, to assess the proposed reforms and consider the key issues that the government and industry must now address.

Insightful industry players will speak candidly about

- whether companies have the confidence to invest
- the correct mix of incentives to deliver low carbon energy and security of supply
- how the changes will fit with European markets

To register, visit [www.aepuk.com](http://www.aepuk.com) or email [conference@aepuk.com](mailto:conference@aepuk.com).

### **Heat pump seminar**

**Event:** Take advantage of the heat pump market

**Date:** 28th April 2011: Basingstoke

**Further details:** [click here](#)



## Micropower Council Conference - Save the date!

**Event:** Microgeneration UK 2011

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> June

**Location:** Church House, Westminster

**Further details:** [rachael.mills@se-2.co.uk](mailto:rachael.mills@se-2.co.uk)

## Cornwall Energy Event

**Event:** The Evolving Electric Industry—Where have we come from? Where are we? Where may we be going?

**Date:** Wednesday 30 March

**Time:** 09.00 -16.00

**Location:** National Liberal Club, 1 Whitehall Place, Westminster, London, SW1A 2HE (Click [here](#) for a map)

**Confirmed speakers:** Jonathan Brearley, DECC director of energy strategy and futures; Professor David Newbery, University of Cambridge; Nigel Cornwall, Cornwall Energy;

Alex Henney, EEE Limited; Professor Goran Strbac, Imperial College; Willy Rickett, former DECC director general for energy

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**Further details:** Please contact Alison Porter on 01692 407865 or [alison@cornwallenergy.com](mailto:alison@cornwallenergy.com) to book your place or ask for further information

## NEF Courses

**Event:** Introduction to Renewable Energy

**Date:** 4th May 2011 and 6th July 2011

**Location:** National Energy Centre, Milton Keynes, 1000 - 1630

**Further details:** This one day non-technical training course provides an introduction to a building's integrated renewable energy technologies and includes examples of how the FIT and RHI will affect payback. Topics covered will include:-

- Solar Water Heating
- Wood Fuel Heating
- Ground and Air Source Heat Pumps
- Solar Photovoltaics
- Small to Medium Scale Wind
- Energy Policy and Planning
- Economics

The course includes an interactive session in which delegates will discuss the most appropriate renewable energy technology for a number of different scenarios.

Click [here](#) to book this course.

**Event:** One Stop MCS

**Date:** 5th May 2011 and 13th July 2011

**Location:** National Energy Centre, Milton Keynes, 1000 - 1630

**Further details:** This one day course will assist installers with the MCS Certification process and is delivered by trainers who have experience in being assessed, getting accredited, or assessing those that have applied for MCS accreditation.

The day will cover the 19 steps required within MCS001 and delegates will be supplied with an MCS Manual in Microsoft Word, which can then be tailored to your own Company's individual requirements as much as is needed.

Although One Stop MCS does not guarantee passing the MCS accreditation process, it should very significantly reduce the time required to obtain MCS accreditation and also minimise the number of non-conformances your Company receives from the certification body of your choice. In this way, the course offers very significant value for money.



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**Event:** Solar Photovoltaic

**Date:** 17th May 2011

**Location:** National Energy Centre, Milton Keynes, 0930 - 1600

**Further details:** This one day course will give you a background on Solar Photovoltaic; from the types of systems, installation and running issues, to capabilities and limitations.

Topics covered on the day will include:

- The benefits of having PV installed
- Types of PV panels
- UK market for PV
- Feed-in Tariff
- Sizing and costing
- Safety aspects in case of: a power cut, panels getting damaged, inverter breaking down
- Selling surplus electricity
- Where to go for installations
- Service and maintenance

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