



Smart Energy GB in Communities latest news!

This newsletter is part of Smart Energy GB's partnerships programme and an integral to the consumer engagement campaign.

We are delighted to announce the 18 winners of the Smart Energy GB in Communities fund (large grants):

- Action in Caerau and Ely
- Act on Energy
- Carers Scotland
- Centre for Sustainable Energy
- Community Action Northumberland
- Devon Communities Together
- Future Climate
- Groundwork Leeds
- Groundwork North Wales
- Groundwork Wales
- Lewisham Council
- London Sustainability Exchange Melin Homes
- Melin Homes
- NUS
- Severn Wye Energy Agency
- South East Wales Energy Agency
- TAPE Community Action and Film
- Wealden Council

Smart Energy GB in Communities has also been awarding a rolling programme of small grants up to £10,000 – applications are still being assessed but winners to date can be found following the link below along with more details about the large grantees. The small grants programme is now closed for new applications and will re-open in 2017.

[Click for further details on the fund](#)

Free Marketing and Campaigns training with Media Trust

As part of Smart Energy GB in Communities our consortium partner Media Trust, the UK's leading communications charity, is offering a free one-day Marketing and Campaign training course. This one-day training course, tailored for those supporting the smart meter rollout and campaign, will equip trainees with the skills and confidence to communicate about smart meters effectively and plan a successful awareness campaign.

The training will provide delegates with a foundation in marketing skills including:

- How to set communications aims and objectives for your smart meter project/work
- Identifying and targeting audiences with smart meter messaging that engages them
- Writing a press release and pitching it to journalists
- How to use social media to reach your audience

- Building a marketing and communications plan for your smart meter activity

There will be eight regional training sessions with only a limited number of spaces.

Please register your interest below to avoid missing out.

Date	Region
17 October 2016	London
19 October 2016	Birmingham
25 October 2016	Bristol
31 October 2016	Cardiff
9 November 2016	Glasgow
10 November 2016	Manchester
16 November 2016	Cambridge
23 November 2016	Newcastle

Book now!

If you already have some basic marketing and communications experience, or only have limited time available to participate, we also have online training which can serve as a refresher course or provide a more bite size overview.

The online training sessions consist of two 1 hr live webinar tutorials with an expert trainer using the web platform WebEx.

The first module takes place on the 6th October with the follow up module on the 13th – further sessions are available up until mid-November. Sessions are really easy and accessible to join – all you need is a computer, the internet and two hours of quiet time over two weeks so get in touch at communities@nea.org.uk to find out more.

Community briefings and training sessions

The NEA project coordinators have hit the road delivering community briefings and free training sessions across England, Wales and Scotland. The training sessions are aimed at organisations engaging or planning to engage with specific **priority groups** across Britain.

The sessions include information about smart meters, the smart meter rollout and other valuable information that will enable organisations to engage their communities. Shorter briefing sessions are also being held across the country. If you would like more information on these opportunities [contact us](#).

Our full day accredited training sessions are being delivered across Great Britain throughout October and November but we only have limited spaces in each region so please do get in touch if you would like to benefit from this opportunity, and let us know how you would like to use the training to support our 2016 **priority groups** with the smart meter rollout.

Book on now



Report measures public opinion on energy and smart meters

Smart Energy GB has published its fourth smart energy outlook last month. The Smart Energy outlook is the largest independent barometer of national public opinion on energy and smart meters.

This research is conducted bi-annually, and surveys over 10,000 respondents on their attitudes towards smart meters.

[For the main findings click here](#)

FAQs ???

What should I expect during my smart meter installation?

The installation is free and the householder should always be told in advance of an appointment. It is important to know that a householder will never be cold-called to have a smart meter installed and an installer should always present a valid identity card including company name, phone number, their name and photograph.

The installation is very similar to a standard meter installation and is carried out by a fully trained installer. However, there are additional steps required to install the in-home display and connect the meter to the network, which makes the overall installation slightly longer.



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Will in-home displays work for people who have disabilities or impairments?

In-home displays are being designed for people who have disabilities or impairments, including sight, dexterity, perception and memory. Following extensive consultation with the RNIB, an audio enabled in-home display will be available by early 2017.

[More FAQ's](#)

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