



Budget 2012

Chancellor can re-boot UK economy by using carbon tax to make homes super energy-efficient

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The Energy Bill Revolution, a national campaign supported by over 60 major charities, companies and unions is calling on the Chancellor to use the Budget to recycle carbon tax to make UK homes super energy efficient to create jobs, drive down energy bills, cut carbon and end fuel poverty.

Over the next 15 years the UK will raise on average £4 billion every year in carbon tax from the European Emissions Trading Scheme and the Carbon Floor Price. Recent research for the Energy Bill Revolution has found that if this was re-cycled to make homes super energy-efficient it could create up to 200,000 jobs, four times more than will be created under the Government's new energy efficiency schemes. It could also be used to bring 9 out of 10 homes out of fuel poverty

Ed Matthew, Director of Transform UK, the group co-ordinating the Energy Bill Revolution, said: *"If the Chancellor is serious about using infrastructure investment to re-boot the UK economy, he must use carbon tax to make our homes super energy efficient. It can create more jobs than any other infrastructure programme and is by far the most effective way to help households bring down their energy bills."*

For more information about the Energy Bill Revolution and a copy of the 2012 Budget Briefing go to: www.energybillrevolution.org

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Notes to Editors:

1. Transform UK is an alliance campaign programme hosted by E3G, the sustainable development organisation. Transform UK is coordinating the campaign on behalf of the Energy Bill Revolution alliance.
2. The charities, consumer groups, unions and businesses already signed up to the Energy Bill Revolution petition include:

Asda, IKEA, Kingfisher, Kingspan, Nationwide Energy Services, Environmental Industries Commission, National Childbirth Trust, Save the Children, National Children's Bureau, Barnardo's, Children England, The Children's Society, British Youth Council, Child Poverty Action Group, Association for the Conservation of Energy, End Fuel Poverty Coalition, National Energy Action, Energy Action Scotland, Existing Homes Alliance, Save Britain Money, Federation of Private Residents Associations, Islington Council, National Private Tenants Organisation, Consumer Focus, The UK Green Building Council, The Co-operative Group, USwitch, The Climate Bonds Initiative, Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth EWNl, Friends of the Earth Scotland, Green Alliance, WWF, Macmillan Cancer Support, Transform UK, Stop Climate Chaos, Forum for the Future, Client Earth, Sandbag, E3G, 10:10, New Economics Foundation, National Pensioners' Convention, TUC, GMB, Unite, NUS, Fire Brigades Union, BACM TEAM, Centre for Sustainable Healthcare, Depaul UK, The Centre for Sustainable Energy, Gentoo Group, Mark Group, Knauf Insulation, Worcester Bosch, WSP Group.