



Largest Fuel Poverty Alliance Ever Assembled Calls for Energy Bill Revolution

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The biggest fuel poverty alliance ever assembled is calling for carbon tax to be recycled back to households to make their homes super-energy efficient.

The Energy Bill Revolution campaign has just recruited its 100th member. There are now 100 national organisations and businesses supporting the campaign, including major children's charities, environment groups, health and disability groups, unions, consumer groups and leading businesses.

Alliance members backing the campaign include: *National Children's Bureau, Save the Children, Barnardo's, The Children's Society, Netmums, National Pensioners' Convention, Consumer Focus, The Co-operative Group, Kingfisher, IKEA, Asda, Kingspan, Carillion, USwitch, Confused.com, Energylinx, National Energy Action, Macmillan Cancer Support, British Heart Foundation, Mencap, MS Society, Shaw Trust, Carers UK, Shelter, Depaul UK, TUC, GMB, NUS, Unite, UNISON, the Association for the Conservation of Energy, Friends of the Earth, WWF, RIBA and the Federation of Master Builders.* See below for full list.

Over the next 15 years, the Government will raise an average of £4 billion in carbon tax every year from the European Emissions Trading Scheme and the Carbon Floor Price. It is enough, for example, to provide £6,500 to 600,000 fuel poor homes every year to make their homes highly energy efficient. **This is the only permanent way to drive down household energy bills and end fuel poverty. It could also quadruple carbon emission savings from households compared to the government's new energy efficiency policies and create up to 200,000 more jobs.**

Research for the Energy Bill Revolution has revealed that fuel poverty could affect 9.1 million households by 2016, the year in which the Government has a target to eliminate fuel poverty. This is a potential rise of 40% which would increase the number of UK households in fuel poverty from one in four to one in three.

Members of the public are being encouraged to sign up to the public petition and join the campaign at www.energybillrevolution.org

Ed Matthew, Director of Transform UK, the organisation which is coordinating the alliance campaign said:

“This is the biggest fuel poverty alliance that has ever been assembled. We are united by our conviction that the scourge of fuel poverty can be eradicated once and for all by recycling carbon tax to make homes super-energy efficient. If the Chancellor is even slightly serious about wanting to help households bring down their energy bills, then he should be jumping at this solution. It is time for an Energy Bill Revolution.”

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Notes to Editors

1. For more information about the Energy Bill Revolution go to:
www.energybillrevolution.org
2. See full list of alliance members organisations below, or visit:
www.energybillrevolution.org/whos-behind-it/

CHILDRENS GROUPS & ALLIANCES:

Barnardo's

Netmums

Save the Children

National Childbirth Trust

National Children's Bureau

The Children's Society

British Youth Council

Child Poverty Action Group

Children England

UNIONS:

TUC

UNISON

Unite

NUS

GMB

Fire Brigades Union

University and College Union

BACM TEAM

TRADE ASSOCIATIONS & PROFESSIONAL BODIES:

Association for the Conservation of Energy

Federation of Master Builders

RIBA

Mineral Wool Insulation Manufacturers Association

National Insulation Association

Federation of Private Residents Associations

CONSUMER GROUPS & PRICE COMPARISON COMPANIES:

Consumer Focus

Uswitch

Confused.com

Energylinx

HEALTH & DISABILITY GROUPS:

Chartered Institute of Environmental Health

Macmillan Cancer Support

British Heart Foundation

Mencap

MS Society

Carers UK

Disability Rights UK

Shaw Trust

Rethink Mental Illness

Centre for Sustainable Healthcare

OLDER PEOPLE'S GROUPS & FUEL POVERTY GROUPS/ALLIANCES:

End Fuel Poverty Coalition

National Pensioners' Convention

Right to Fuel UK

HOMELESS CHARITIES:

Depaul UK

Shelter

GREEN GROUPS/ALLIANCES/CONSULTANCIES:

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Carbon Action Network

Centre for Sustainable Energy

Client Earth

Climate Bonds Initiative

Climate Change Matters

E3G

Energy Action Scotland

Green Alliance

Greenpeace

Stop Climate Chaos

Forum for the Future

Friends of the Earth EWN

Friends of the Earth Scotland

The UK Green Building Council

Transform UK

Transition Network

WWF
Yougen
WasteWatch
Women's Environmental Network
Sandbag
National Energy Action
Low Carbon Communities Network
The People's Power
Sustainable Energy Partnership

REGIONAL / LOCAL GROUPS

East Durham Homes
North West Tenants & Residents Assembly
Islington Council

BUSINESS

Anglian
Asda
Carillion
Worcester Bosch
WSP Group
Willmott Dixon
The Co-operative Group
SIG Energy Management
Sto Ltd
Rockwool
Isothane
Kingfisher
Kingspan
Knauf Insulation
Gentoo
Good Energy
IKEA
Instagroup
Mark Group
Mears Energy
Parity Projects
PassivSystems

Solas Scotland
Save Britain Money
Nationwide Energy Services

Environmental Industries Commission
Existing Homes Alliance
London Rebuilding Society
National Private Tenants Organisation
New Economics Foundation
Places for People
Pro-Housing Alliance