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Northern Ireland

FREE

for APSE Northern
Ireland members

Net Zero NI

Includes APSE Northern Ireland's Annual
General Meeting



Tuesday 6 June

Galgorm Hotel, Ballymena, BT42 1EA

Programme

9:45 Registration and refreshments

10:00 Session One

Welcome: Phil Brennan, Head of APSE Energy

The policy context for energy and climate change in NI

- Drivers for NI policies
- Funding the changes
- What the public estate might look like in 5 years' time

Ryan White, Director Heat, Buildings and Climate Change, Department for the Economy representative

Following a Net Zero roadmap

- Keeping the issue at the top of the agenda
- Engaging the punters – officers, councillors, partners and the public
- Barriers and solutions – lessons we've learnt

Debbie Caldwell, Climate Commissioner, Belfast City Council

Audience question and answer session

11:15 Comfort Break

11:30 Session Two

Tackling a biodiversity emergency MEA style

- How biodiversity fits within the Council's plans and the importance of data
- Peatland and tree initiatives
- A local authority carbon offsetting scheme

Elaine Smith, Climate and Sustainability Manager and Vanessa Postle, Sustainable Development Officer, Mid and East Antrim Council

Reaching Net Zero - Dumfries and Galloway Council

- Ambitious plans for net zero
- Plans and practicalities
- Spreading the message

Sarah Farrell, Climate Emergency Project Officer, Dumfries and Galloway Council

Audience question and answer session

12:40 APSE Northern Ireland AGM

This short session provides an invaluable opportunity for APSE Northern Ireland to review its activities over the last year. This meeting will also provide a critical role in ensuring that any identified future goals and objectives of the Association continue to be directly linked to the views of the membership moving forward.

13:00 Lunch

13:45 Session Three

Decarbonising assets - a case study of Acorn Farm, St Columb's Park

- Whole life carbon assessment
- Using Passivhaus and BREEAM
- A community asset

Cathy Burns, Climate Programme Manager at Derry City and Strabane District Council

Decarbonising assets – a logical approach

- 'Energy data, fabric, equipment and options
- Asset management data
- The practicalities of and outputs from an energy audit

Ciaran McGrath, APSE Energy Associate

Audience question and answer session

15:00 Closing coments

15.15 Seminar close



About / Venue

About Net Zero NI

A **FREE** event for APSE member councils in Northern Ireland on Tuesday 6 June 2023.

Delivered in conjunction with APSE Energy, Net Zero NI will explore a number of themes relating to climate action including decarbonising council assets, biodiversity initiatives and designing sustainability roadmaps. This event will also incorporate the APSE Northern Ireland Annual General Meeting.

Your free booking includes lunch and refreshments but does not include accommodation. For nearby hotels [click here](#).

Venue information - Galgorm Hotel

Located in Ballymena, Galgorm Resort is easily accessible by road, train or bus.

[Get directions with Google Maps](#) 

By Bus / Train

The nearest bus station is in Ballymena. There are two train stations nearby: Ballymena/Cullybackey

- Cullybackey station is 3-minute car journey away.
- Ballymena station is an 11-minute car journey.

By Car

From Belfast (30-40 Minutes) Take M2. Take the turnoff for A26 to Ballymena. Travel along the A26 for approximately 5 miles. Take turnoff on the left signposted for County Hall. Continue straight ahead at the 3 mini-roundabouts. At the end of the road, just past the County Hall keep left at the 2 mini-roundabouts. At the next roundabout take the third off (Fenaghy Road) Galgorm Spa & Golf Resort is approximately 2 miles along the left



Booking

Packages Exclusive of VAT

APSE member delegate fee: **FREE**

Non member delegates fee: **£175+VAT**



About your APSE Energy colleagues



Phil Brennan **Head of APSE Energy**

Phil Brennan is the Head of APSE Energy and is responsible for the Association's local authority energy collaboration and all the consultancy work undertaken. He has significant experience of the climate change, energy and sustainability agenda and its relevance in the local government sector.

Prior to taking up his current post in March 2016 he was an APSE Principal Advisor (since February 2006) and was responsible for the APSE's work on building maintenance, housing, highways, street lighting and winter maintenance and managed the renewables and climate change advisory group as well as being responsible for APSE members and work in Northern Ireland. Prior to joining APSE he was with Preston City Council where he worked in Policy/Performance Unit on the implementation of Best Value, performance management and corporate policy development.



Charlotte Banks **APSE Energy Principal Advisor**

Charlotte Banks is the Principal Advisor for APSE Energy. Charlotte is part of the APSE Energy team, which is the Association's local authority energy collaboration that promotes the vision of the municipalisation of energy.

A major part of her role is to keep APSE Energy members up to date with new developments across the wide range of topics in the energy, climate change and sustainability agenda. She joined APSE in September 2018 as the Energy Research and Project officer for APSE Energy after working at the University of Manchester and before that studying a master's degree in Environmental Governance there.

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