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APSE Central Region Event and AGM

What next for Net Zero?

The latest in environment, sustainability and climate change in our region, and a look forward.

Wednesday 04 June 2025

St Mary's Guildhall, Coventry

FREE event
for Central
region
members



Programme

9.30am Registration and refreshments

10.00am **Session One:**

Welcome from the Chair:

Cllr Mark Pengelly

Opening Address

Margot James and Cllr Jim O'Boyle

Chair and Vice-Chair of Coventry Independent Climate Change Board

The Case for a Regional Net Zero Neighbourhoods Programme

- Small areas as 'units of change'
- The seven West Midlands Net Zero Neighbourhoods
- Links to local area energy planning for private sector investment

Alex Gordon

Energy Projects Officer

West Midlands Combined Authority

Warwick's way forward

- A Carbon Neutral district by 2025
- Decarbonisation of public buildings
- Planning and the implementation of the Net Zero Carbon Development Plan

Tim Hornsby

Building Climate & Energy Manager

Kaiyi Gu

Senior Energy & Carbon Advisor

Warwick District Council

Audience question and answer session

11.15am **Coffee and networking**

11.35am **Session Two**

Zero carbon innovation driving real-world solutions

- Challenges and opportunities for the Midlands in the net zero economy
- How research and technology innovation are key to decarbonising heavy industries
- Universities, industry and government together are driving innovation-led growth

Samir Mamun

Senior Manager – Engagement & Knowledge Exchange

**Zero Carbon Innovation Centre
University of Nottingham**

Destination Decarbonisation: Derby

- Derby's latest Climate Change Action Plan
- High profile projects
- Key challenges ahead

Andy Hills

Climate Change Group Manager

Derby City Council

Audience question and answer session

Moving forward together in the current climate

- A short presentation followed by an interactive session on how we can stay on track on the journey to net zero.

Bonni Jee

Principal Advisor

APSE

12.30pm **APSE Central Region AGM**

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13.00 **Networking Lunch**

About

Over six years since the amended Climate Change Act and when local authorities first declared climate emergencies and announced their Net Zero targets in 2019, we assess progress and share best practice on an issue that is fundamentally more important and has got more people talking than ever.

While there have been budgetary pressures and political changes, we will explore the highlights in our region, and an opportunity to discuss the challenges facing local authorities as they strive to meet their decarbonisation targets while taking their colleagues and residents with them on this journey.

As well as net zero, we will explore how other fundamental frontline services, from transport to waste and recycling will all play a key part in the net zero and climate change agenda and how to avoid 'carbon tunnel vision'.

The event will aim to show how local authorities in APSE's Central Region and organisations are meeting these challenges by changing service delivery in innovative ways and using partner and community support thus allowing more sustainable services to be delivered.

The seminar is FREE to attend for Central Region Member Authorities and will also incorporate the APSE Central Region Annual General Meeting. This short session provides an invaluable opportunity for APSE Central Region to review its activities over the last year.

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We encourage all APSE Central Region members to join us in one of Coventry's most historic buildings for this half-day event including lunch.

Location

St Mary's Guildhall

Bayley Ln, Coventry

CV1 5RN

Directions: please see Google Maps, or the venue's website: [Visit Coventry's finest attraction at St Mary's Guild Hall](#)

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