

“Preparing for Winter”

Helping Wirral residents seeking affordable warmth
during a cost of living crisis

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Cool Places of Worship Event

Agenda

- Who is Energy Projects Plus?
- Support available to Wirral residents
- How to refer to EPPlus
- Q&A

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We're a Wirral-based, award-winning charity. We've been providing free advice and support to the residents of Merseyside & Cheshire since 1996.

Our dual charitable aims are:

- a) Reduce fuel poverty**
- b) Mitigate the impact of climate change**

Both of these aims reduce energy bills.

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Fuel poverty exists wherever:

A. The property is inefficient (i.e. EPC rating D or worse)

And:

B. The household would be pushed below the official UK poverty line if they heated the property to adequate levels.

WHAT IS FUEL POVERTY?

Pre-COVID, cold homes were reported to kill approximately 10,000 people in England and Wales each winter.

This is greater than the combination of:

- **All annual road traffic deaths**
- **All annual alcohol-related deaths**
- **All annual drug-related deaths**

Most of the deaths occur in the elderly population, and take the form of cardiovascular/respiratory deaths, which can be made worse by being cold.

WHAT IS FUEL POVERTY?

Thankfully there are known solutions to this problem:

- 1) Avoiding the most expensive tariffs**
- 2) Adopting more energy-efficient behaviour**
- 3) Installing energy-efficient products and appliances**
- 4) Maximising household income**

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Our Save Energy Advice Line is available to provide residents with advice and support.

0800 043 0151

advice@epplus.org

www.epplus.org.uk/contact-us

Energy Projects Plus Website Resources

www.epplus.org.uk/advice

- Gas crisis FAQ's
- Lighting
- Insulation
- Smart meters
- Damp & Condensation
- Heating controls
- Smarter driving
- And more...

How can Energy Projects Plus help?

Our friendly, expert energy advisors can answer questions over the phone about all aspects of energy efficiency. Where a vulnerable resident requires more in-depth support, we may be able to offer a home visit.

- Community events
- Training for frontline workers
- Digital inclusion
- Workshops (Wirral Lifelong Learning)

How can Energy Projects Plus help?

Refer your clients to us here

www.epplus.org.uk/referrals

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The current advice topics you can refer clients for are:

Energy/heating advice	First Time Central Heating	Cavity Wall Insulation	Loft Insulation
LED Light Bulbs	Radiator Reflector Panels	Draught Proofing	Tariff Check
White Goods	Electricity Debt	Gas Debt	Water Debt
Affordability	Broken/faulty heating	Heating Upgrade	Fuel Voucher