

## **Speaker Biographies Fuel Poverty Workshop 4 June 2008**

### **GILL OWEN**

Dr Gill Owen is an expert in sustainable energy policy and utility regulation, particularly in fuel poverty and energy efficiency and has extensive senior level experience through working as a consultant and membership of public bodies. She has a PhD in public policy from the University of London.

Gill Owen holds a number of positions including:

- a Non Executive Director of Ofwat (the economic regulator for the water and sewerage industry in England and Wales)
- Policy and Regulation Adviser to the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership.
- Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Management under Regulation (CMUR) at Warwick University Business School in the UK.
- Chair of the Public Utilities Access Forum.
- Member of the UK Government's Fuel Poverty Advisory Group (FPAG)
- Member of Ofgem's Social Action Strategy Review Group.

She was a Commissioner of the UK Competition Commission from 1992-2002 and is also a former non-executive member of Ofgem's Board

She was one of the founders and for several years the Chief Executive of the UK fuel poverty charity, National Energy Action (NEA). She has been a Specialist Adviser to the UK's House of Commons Environment Committee and an Expert Adviser to the Economic and Social Committee of the European Communities on sustainable energy policy issues.

Gill Owen has written extensively on energy, regulation and social issues including climate change economic instruments, fuel poverty and energy sustainability.

### **DAVID GREEN OBE, FRSA FIE**

David Green is Chief Executive of the UK Business Council for Sustainable Energy<sup>1</sup> that he created in 2002, building on his past work as the Director of the Combined Heat and Power Association.

He initiated the country's first local home insulation project for lower income households in Durham in 1975, whilst completing his degree at the University of Durham. In 1979 he became Energy Advisor to the Leader of Newcastle upon Tyne City Council. Co-founded and launched the national charity Neighbourhood (now National) Energy Action that has worked with its local partners to secure warmer homes for over 4 million lower income households.

David Green has worked as advisor on energy conservation programmes for low-income households to the Governments in Victoria, New South Wales, and New Zealand, as well as various institutions of the European Union.

Member of the UK Government delegations to the World Summit on Sustainable Development and the 2004 International Conference on Renewable Energy. Appointed by the Mayor of London to Chair the London Energy Partnership.

David Green has recently been appointed to be a member of the Local Government Associations Climate Change Commission. He is also a member of the High Level Advisory Group to the Minister for Housing and Planning that is focussing on the Governments target for the delivery of all new homes being zero carbon by 2016.

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. Fellow of the Energy Institute. Hon Treasurer of the Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Group. Member of the Council of the Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies. Vice President National Energy Action. Member of the UK Governments' Business Climate Change and Energy Group. Member of the UK Governments Energy Advisory Panel for the ten years of its existence.

David Green was awarded the 2007 Award for Outstanding Contribution to Sustainable Energy by the Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Group.

David Green was awarded the MBE in 1986, and the OBE in 2003.

<sup>1</sup> The UKBCSE brings together the Chief Executives of all of the UK's major energy companies and provides a direct interface with the UK Government at senior official, Ministerial and political levels.

## **BOB LLOYD - DIRECTOR, ENERGY STUDIES PROGRAMME. UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO**

Dr Bob Lloyd is from Australia, he came to New Zealand in 2002 after having worked for the Australian Co-operative Research Centre for Renewable Energy (ACRE), based at Murdoch University in Perth. There he worked on renewable energy systems for remote areas and managed various research projects including wind power, fuel cells, advanced battery systems and PV diesel hybrid systems. He has also worked on renewable energy systems in China and the Pacific Islands and taught at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji. His current research interests at Otago University, where he is the Director of Energy Studies, lie in energy conservation in residential housing and energy management including world energy resources. His PhD from Flinders University in South Australia was completed in the field of experimental atomic physics.

## **KAY SAVILLE-SMITH – CENTRE FOR RESEARCH EVALUATION AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT**

Kay Saville-Smith is a sociologist and director of the Centre for Research, Evaluation and Social Assessment – CRESA – which specialises in applied social research, evaluation of public policy, community development and the built environment. She is involved in a wide range of research and advice work in a wide range of areas related to neighbourhoods, settlements, local and regional infrastructure and housing including: development planning for the greenfields development at Flatbush, Manukau City; neighbourhood sustainability research with the Beacon consortium funded by the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology; the HEEP study; the Healthy Housing Study led by Wellington School of Medicine; a CHRANZ funded study into labour and housing market adjustment in the Nelson, Marlborough and Tasman areas to resolve constraints on economic production and growth; the evaluation of the Rural Housing Programme; and research into disability and housing futures.

Kay has extensive experience in the social impacts of resource use and access in rural and urban settings. She has strong local government and local community links including involvement in establishing a monitoring framework for the Eastern Bay Energy Trust's Retrofit and Insulation Programme; advising the Greater Wellington on future scenarios for strategic planning purposes and reviewing local government responses to treaty obligations for Local Government NZ. She was one of the independent commissioners appointed by WRC and TRANSIT to hear the western corridor hearings. She also leads: a six-year study on residential movement and community attachment and a five-year programme on older people's house repairs and maintenance needs in the context of ageing in place. Both programmes are funded through public good science funding.