



Programme Outline
Fuel Poverty Workshop
Christchurch Netball Centre
455 Hagley Avenue, Christchurch 4 June 2008

Outcomes:

1. To raise awareness about Fuel Poverty (FP) and its impact on people's lives
2. Explore the meaning and relevance of FP to New Zealand and to commence defining FP for New Zealand.
3. Identify what is needed to eliminate Fuel Poverty

9:00-9:15	<i>Welcome and introduction from Bede Martin, Chief Executive for CEA</i>
9:15-10:15	<p>Key Note Speakers Gill Owen and David Green (United Kingdom).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Defining fuel poverty in the UK 2. How Fuel Poverty (FP) became officially recognised in the UK and what it has achieved. 3. Some of the problems with the definition. 4. How FP policy impacts on peoples lives (e.g. health issues) 5. The Fuel Poverty Advisory Group 6. Winter fuel payments and benefit entitlement 7. Addressing the twin problems of 1) increasing energy costs and 2) confronting the 'hard to heat' houses 8. The role of supplier obligations 9. Questions of clarification
10:15-10:40	Morning tea
10:40-11:30	<p><i>Research on Fuel Poverty in New Zealand</i></p> <p>Kay Saville-Smith (Centre for Research Evaluation and Social Assessment) Bob Lloyd (Director, Energy Studies Programme, University of Otago)</p>
11:30-11:50	<p><i>Fuel Poverty - Cross Government responses.</i> (Claire Brown, Team Manager, Regional Social Policy Group, Ministry of Social Development.)</p> <p>Canterbury examples of cross agency collaboration on fuel poverty, how this work has generated research proposals and a multiagency Housing Sustainability project.</p>
11:50-12:20	Panel discussion/Questions of clarification
12:20-12:30	Preparation for break-out discussion groups
12:30-1:15	Lunch
1:15-2:30	<p>Facilitated small group discussions will debate a range of questions e.g.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What would a NZ definition of fuel poverty look like? 2. What needs to be done (at all levels and sectors – community, central/ local government, retailers, research etc)? to eliminate fuel poverty?
2:30-2:40	Reconvene
2:40-3:15	Breakout groups report back key messages
3:15-3:30	Afternoon tea
3:30- 4:15/4:30	<p>Gill Owen and David Green comment on feedback from groups</p> <p>Response/comments from the floor.</p> <p>Reflections on the day – Ian McChesney, Chair, Community Energy Action</p> <p>Farewell.</p>