

SOUTH WEST NET ZERO HUB ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Agenda

Somerset County Cricket Ground, Taunton

Weds 24 Sep 2025

09:30 - 16:00

09:30 - 10.00	Arrivals Networking and refreshments	
10:00 - 10.30	Welcome from the South West Net Zero Hub Introduction to the day and an overview of the direction of travel for the South West Net Zero Hub.	David Lewis, Programme Manager, SWNZH
10:30 - 10.50	Keynote presentation	Patrick Allcorn, Head of Local Net Zero Demonstration and Delivery, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
10:50 - 11.00	Introduction to Open Space	Hayley Ash, Senior Programme Manager, SWNZH
11:00 - 11.15		Break
11:15 - 12.15	How Local Authorities and Community Energy Groups can work effectively together Practical examples of how Local Authorities can work together with Community Energy groups to develop energy projects.	Nicola Brain, Energy Transformation Manager, Bath and North East Somerset Council; Paul Elliott, Renewables Lead, Plymouth Energy Cooperative, Pete Capener, CEO, Bath and West Community Energy; Helen Martin, CEO Bristol Energy
12:15 - 13.15		Lunch



13.15 - 14.15 Break out sessions

Each session will include a presentation and discussion time. Each session is repeated.

	County Room Front	County Room Back	Long Room Front	Long Room Back
13:15 - 13.45	Introduction to Complex Sites Mark Burton, Project Manager, SWNZH; John Lancaster, Project Manager SWNZH	To LAEP or not to LAEP Linda Irwin, Project Manager, SWNZH; Chloe Brazier-Sant, Project Manager, SWNZH	Delivering Place Based Retrofit Joanne Wright, Housing Retrofit Project Manager, SWNZH; Andrew Randall, Retrofit Project Manager, Somerset Council; Pete McNeil, Retrofit Development Manager, Centre for Sustainable Energy	Financing Energy Projects Stuart Pearson, Funding and Investment Manager, SWNZH; Karl Harder, Abundance; Stephen Le Fanu, Investment Analyst, BBRC
13.45 - 14.15	Introduction to Complex Sites Repeat of above	To LAEP or not to LAEP Repeat of above	Delivering Successful Retrofit Programmes Repeat of above	Financing Energy Projects Repeat of above
14.15 - 14.30	Break			
14.30 - 15.45	Open Space Open Space is participant led, small group discussions. You set the agenda and are free to find the group that interests you most.			
15.45 - 16.00	Final remarks		David Lewis, Programme Manager, SWNZH	
16.00	Close			

