



Annual Review

for a future without fuel poverty

2018-2019



Sponsor's Foreword

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identifying effective solutions which can transform cold, damp houses into warm, dry homes;
researching fuel poverty and related issues in order to provide in-depth understanding of the causes and effects and to promote best practice;
securing public and private investment for domestic energy efficiency initiatives;
ensuring that the organisation is financially stable and has security of finance that allows the organisation to function effectively.

The energy landscape is significantly changing for customers. In 2019, the UK made a legally binding commitment to a zero-carbon future, legislating a deadline for its contribution to global warming by 2050. In Scotland the net-zero target is even more ambitious with an aim to reach net zero by 2045.

Exactly how to achieve these targets, and the roadmap to get there, is not yet clear. As energy devolution becomes more and more common, the risk to communities is they are left behind in transition and we need to ensure that communities and individual customers are supported through this transition and gain the maximum benefit from this new energy landscape. As customers become more and more dependent on electricity for everyday life including heating their homes and transport it is vital we understand this whole financial picture in the context of fuel poverty to make sure customers can access the benefits that may come with this transition.

The scale of this change is huge and to tackle this climate emergency local communities need a strong voice and we all need to understand the obstacles that may stand in the way of customers accessing this new technology and new markets at a local level.

SP Energy Networks are proud to support this transition and have made a commitment to work with local communities through our Zero Carbon Communities initiative to understand what steps need to be taken locally to achieve net zero. We are also delighted to continue to work with Energy Action Scotland, their members and supporters to raise awareness of and tackle fuel poverty in Scotland.

Kendal Morris
General Manager Customer & Social Delivery
SP Energy Networks



Energy Action Scotland (EAS) is the only charity whose sole aim is to eliminate fuel poverty in Scotland.

For over 35 years EAS has worked with politicians, experts, policy makers, local authorities, NHS, communities and industry across the length and breadth of Scotland with the aim of achieving warm, dry homes for all.

Our aims:

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As the national expert organisation on fuel poverty, we are delighted to be able to demonstrate the range and scope of our work.

EAS is proud to work in collaboration with our powerful and diverse membership and our colleague organisations as partners in change.



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This is my first opportunity to issue a Presidential note and I am very proud to follow in the footsteps of my friend and colleague, Martin O'Neill, Lord O'Neill of Clackmannan.

Over the past year, Energy Action Scotland has remained focussed and determined in leading the campaign to eliminate fuel poverty, sooner rather than later.

It is ironic that cities across the world have been brought to a standstill as campaigners highlight the dangers of global warming when we still have people in Scotland living, and dying, in cold damp homes, unable to afford the energy that makes life tolerable for the rest of us.

As we strive to get to zero carbon emissions, policy makers have to realise that we cannot achieve that without urgent and focussed action to deal with fuel poverty.

Much has been achieved, but Scotland needs to do more, too many past targets have been missed The voice of EAS has never been more important, the fuel poor have in the team strong ,focussed advocates building and sharing their skills. Their victory will come when they are no longer needed.

CONVENER - STEWART WILSON

On behalf of the EAS Board, I am pleased to report that 2018-19 has been a good year for the organisation. The work to raise awareness of fuel poverty and its impact on people in Scotland has never been more vital with the pressures and uncertainty felt by households on an ever changing landscape.

We continue working in partnership with policy makers and elected members across our Parliaments and public sector and EAS continues to be recognised as the foremost experts in supporting change using information services, research and consultancy, seminars and conferences, projects, training and development.

We are as always grateful to our partners and members for their continued financial support. EAS continues to meet the strategic targets set by the Board giving us ongoing confidence that EAS is working well to meet our common aims.

**DIRECTOR
- NORMAN KERR OBE**

As we stand at the finish of the year we so eagerly anticipated at the end of last, we can be justifiably proud of the progress we have made working with our partners across Government, industry and beyond.

Contemplating Government ambitions as well as our own programme of work, it would appear that we are in for a year of much activity, with the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) Bill now an Act and the new Fuel Poverty Strategy for Scotland eagerly awaited.

It has been a worrying year in UK politics and our troubles are far from over. We stand on the brink of 2020, now only 20 years from the Scottish Government's target date of 2040 to see fuel poverty at 5% making the scale of the task a daunting prospect, especially amidst the uncertainty and the hiatus of planning that Brexit has caused us all.

It is perhaps a sign of our challenging times that we approach a new decade without thought or anecdote about what we shall call it. The Noughties brought us the austerity that continues to punish so many households in Scotland and elsewhere. Shall we choose to enter these twenties roaring or cowering?

Let us link arms and approach them with determination and focus. Every year we fail to make headway lives are lost to fuel poverty, let us decide this is not good enough and press for faster, better, more sustainable change to homes and lives in Scotland.

As always, my thanks go to the Board, to our new President The Rt Hon Baroness Liddell of Coatdyke and to our Vice Presidents for their time, expertise and for their invaluable support to me and my staff team. We look forward to working with all of you going forward.

To paraphrase the traditional Celtic blessing, may the road rise up to meet us!



"The UN Global Goals offer a vision of the world that I believe people in Scotland share.

The national and international dimensions to poverty and inequality are interlinked. Scotland cannot act with credibility overseas, if we are blind to inequality here at home.



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



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And our ambitions for a fairer Scotland are undermined, without global action to tackle poverty, promote prosperity and to tackle climate change."

**First Minister,
Nicola Sturgeon**

The First Minister committed Scotland to the UN Global Goals in July 2015.



Honorary Positions

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Members and Supporters

Energy Action Scotland (EAS) is a membership organisation and relies on members for support both in terms of fees and also in engaging with staff and others in the network to inform and underpin reactions to fuel poverty.

In addition, EAS gratefully acknowledges the support of all its funders, sponsors, donors and Business Supporters Group members including:

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Financial Focus: April 2018 - March 2019

Energy Action Scotland (EAS) received a grant award from the Scottish Government of **£145,000** for 2018 - 2019 which represents **12.2%** of funding for the year.

Approximately **76%** of EAS funding came from corporate sponsorship and donations.

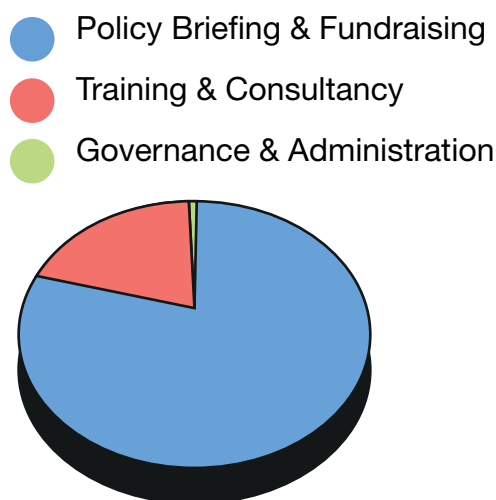
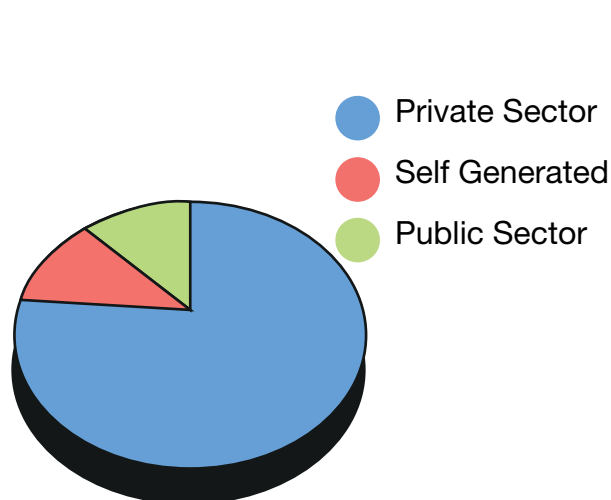
Earned income is generated from training and consultancy services, conferences and forums and from membership.

Sources of Income

	£	%
Private Sector	900,998	76.0
Self Generated	139,405	11.8
Public Sector	145,000	12.2
Total	1,185,403	100.00

Resources Expended

	£	%
Policy Briefing & Fundraising	942,393	79.1
Training & Consultancy	240,183	20.2
Governance & Administration	8602	0.7
Total	1,191,178	100.00



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