ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday 19 and Friday 20 November 2026
Golden Jubilee Conference Hotel
Clydebank, Glasgow

System Overload: From Energy Debt Crisis to Fairer Futures

Day 1	Thursday 19 November 2026
09:30 - 09:45	**Welcome -** in the Auditorium **Frazer Scott**, Chief Executive Officer, Energy Action Scotland
09:45 – 11:15	**A Fairer Future for Households with Essential Medical Needs and Disability** - in the Auditorium Chair: **Frazer Scott**, CEO, Energy Action Scotland Speakers: Carolynne Hunter, expert by experience Lucy Mulvagh, Chief Executive Officer, Disability Equality Scotland David Goldthorp, Parkinson UK (Scotland) Kerry Potter, SGN
11:15 – 11:45	**Tea/coffee** – in the Exhibitors Area
11:45 – 13:00	**Workshops – Morning session** **Workshop 1: The social return of investment in tackling fuel poverty** This workshop will bring together experts in social research, retrofit and public policy to discuss how recent research has highlighted the broad range of benefits that come from investing in fuel poverty programmes for local communities across the country **Workshop 2: Working with new and emerging minority ethnic communities** Join colleagues from across Scotland to hear more about the innovation taking place in collaborative partnerships working with minority ethnic groups for better outcomes in Scotland's communities. Hosted by SGN and Molly Chambers, Project Development Manager, National Energy Action **Workshop 3:** Andrew Ward, CEO of Scottish Power, will join Lewis Shand Smith, Chair of the Energy Consumers Committee, for a conversation exploring the energy industry's perspective. They will discuss the challenges suppliers such as Scottish Power face as they seek to support customers, make a positive difference in communities and operate a complex, financially sustainable business.
13:00 – 14:00	**Lunch** – in the Beardmore Restaurant

14:00 – 15:30	**Workshops – Afternoon session** **Workshop 1: The social return of investment in tackling fuel poverty** This workshop will bring together experts in social research, retrofit and public policy to discuss how recent research has highlighted the broad range of benefits that come from investing in fuel poverty programmes for local communities across the country **Workshop 2: Working with new and emerging minority ethnic communities** Join colleagues from across Scotland to hear more about the innovation taking place in collaborative partnerships working with minority ethnic groups for better outcomes in Scotland's communities. Hosted by SGN and Molly Chambers, Project Development Manager, National Energy Action
15:30 – 16:00	**Tea/coffee** – in the Exhibitors Area
16:00 – 17:15	**Energy Debt: Consumers in Crisis** - in the Auditorium Chair: Speakers: Simon Francis, Coordinator, End Fuel Poverty Coalition Emma Congreve, SHERU – Invited **Janine Rennie**, Chief Executive, Money Advice Scotland Mike Dailly, Govan Law Centre - Invited
19:00	**Drinks Reception** - sponsored by Golden Jubilee - in the Exhibitors Area
19:30	**Conference Dinner and Awards –** in the Arcoona Awards presented by Stephen Gethins MSP, Minister for Europe, External Affairs & Energy
Day 2	**Friday 20 November 2026**
9:30 – 11:00	**Ministerial Session 'from crisis to prevention' (Heat in Buildings focus)** - in the Auditorium Chair: Frazer Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Energy Action Scotland Speakers: Stephen Gethins MSP, Minister for Europe, External Affairs & Energy Ross Armstrong, Chief Executive, Warmworks Sean Murray, Head of Affordability and Vulnerability, E.ON
11:00 – 11:30	**Tea/coffee** – in the Exhibitors Area

11:30 – 13:00	**Not One Scotland – the rural implementation gap** - in the Auditorium Chair: Stewart Wilson Speakers: Rachel McNicol, Chief of Operations Alienergy Ralph Hartley, Poverty Alliance Bryan Leask, Chief Executive, Hjaltland Housing Association Artemis Pana, Scottish Rural Action – Invited
13:00 – 14:00	**Lunch** - in the Beardmore Restaurant