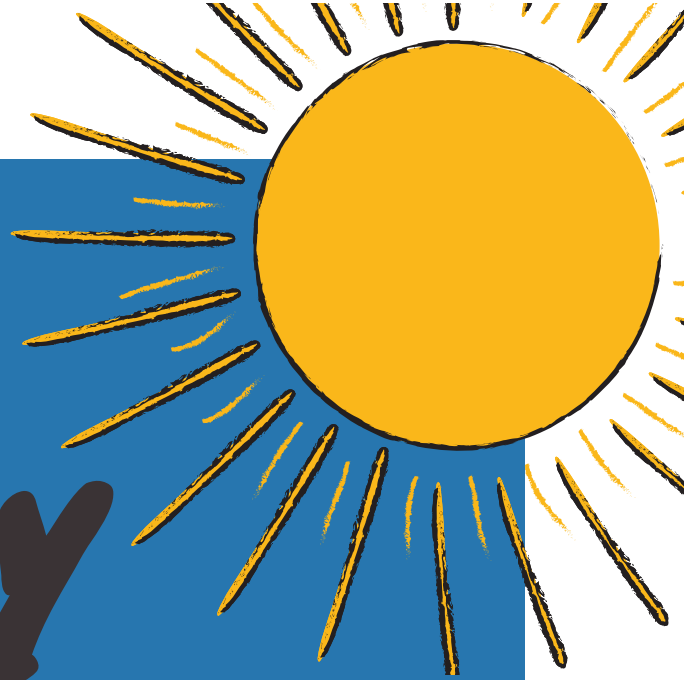


OUR ENERGY FUTURE



How Ireland can deliver a pro-active and inclusive response to the energy price crisis while supporting communities in the energy transition.

16TH JUNE 2022

12:00-5:00PM

**RICHMOND EDUCATION &
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**Friends of
the Earth**



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Friends of the Earth is delighted to facilitate this in-person participatory workshop on Thursday 16 June in Dublin where groups will have the chance to meet with groups across Ireland and **share your insights** on the impacts of increasing energy prices, as well as on barriers and opportunities for households and communities to engage in the **energy transition**.

This in-person workshop will include facilitated discussions supported by expert inputs designed to reflect on how the state can better protect vulnerable households in response to the escalating **energy price crisis** and ensure communities are put at the **heart** of the energy transition. It will not be necessary to have extensive knowledge of energy policy.



WORKSHOP AGENDA

- 12.00PM** Registration, buffet-style lunch and short activity
- 12.35PM** Welcome from convening organisation, Friends of the Earth. Overview of the day from facilitator, Meaghan Carmody, Coordinator of Coalition 2030

PART 1: IMPACTS OF THE ENERGY PRICE CRISIS

- 12.45PM** The impacts of the energy price crisis on the ground: Ann-Marie O'Reilly, Policy Officer at Threshold, the National Housing Charity.
- 12.55PM** **Discussion in groups 1/4**

Discussion Questions:

- Is the energy price crisis featuring in your work or impacting your stakeholders/communities at the moment? If so, how? If not, who do you think the energy price crisis might be impacting most negatively?
- What are the dangers associated with an ongoing reliance on fossil fuels (coal, oil, gas, turf) in your community/communities?



- 1.35PM** Notetaker feedback in plenary

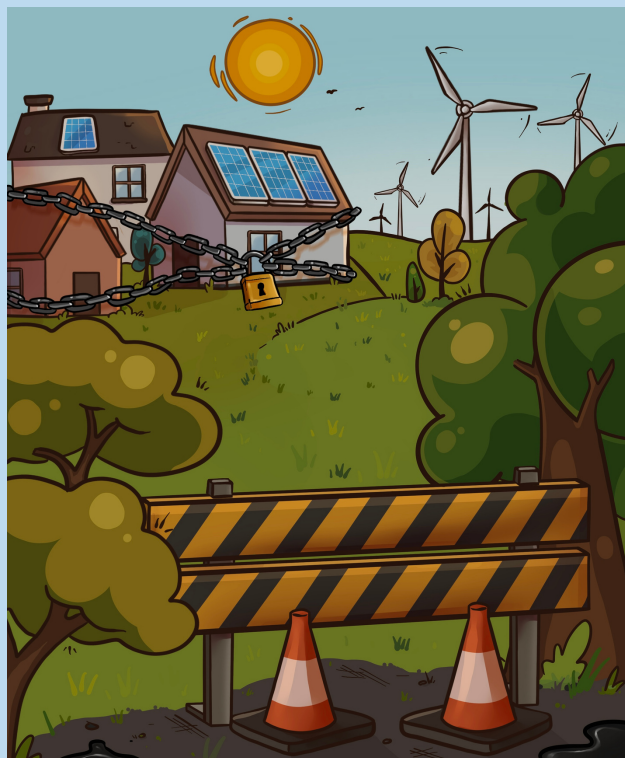
PART 2: BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS TO THE ENERGY TRANSITION

1.50PM Analysis of barriers and solutions to the energy transition in Dublin: Rebecca Cachia, Energy Engineer, Codema, Dublin's Energy Agency

2.00PM Discussion in groups 2/4

Discussion Questions:

- What do you see as the barriers preventing your stakeholders/community from addressing energy poverty and transitioning away from fossil fuel use? *(for example, economic, social, political, emotional and at national or local level).*



- What might a fair solution to energy poverty that also addresses the need to get to zero pollution energy look like? What responses are necessary? *(for example accommodation, energy, and how communities that have been systemically marginalised may be best protected).*

2.40PM Notetaker feedback in plenary

2.55PM Coffee Break

PART 3: PARTICIPATION IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION

3.10PM How can public participation in decision-making on the energy transition be improved?

Sadhbh O'Neill, Assistant Professor at DCU School of Law and Government, lead author of CLM report '*Environmental Justice in Ireland: Key dimensions of environmental and climate injustice experienced by vulnerable and marginalised communities*'

3.20PM **Discussion in groups 3/4**

Discussion Questions:

- How might your stakeholders/communities be more included in decision-making on the energy transition?
- What opportunities could the transition to zero pollution energy offer your stakeholders /communities, if done right?



4.00PM Notetaker feedback in plenary

PART 4: LOOKING AHEAD: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

4.15PM Discussion in groups 4/4

Discussion Questions:

- What do we think external actors (e.g. Government Departments, state bodies, local authorities) should be doing to protect our communities from the energy price crisis while transitioning to clean energy?



- What could our organisations be doing, together or individually, to make these demands a reality? On which aspects should we work collaboratively/collectively and how can we help each other? What specifically and practically should happen next to help this group of people here today to work together? (*for example you might like to consider information exchange, coordination, collaboration and collective action*).

4.40PM Notetaker feedback in plenary

4.50PM Closing reflection

4.55PM Closing comments

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART!

We'll be inviting participants to help us evaluate how this event went via a follow up email. So please look out for an email in your inbox in the coming days.



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ARTWORK CREDITS

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