



Community Energy Plus is a registered charity and profit-recycling company which hosts the Cornwall Energy Advice Centre and the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership.

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Bringing energy into medical practice

With excess winter deaths claiming over 3,000 lives across the region each year and an inadequately funded national health care system, a Cornish energy charity in partnership with South West health organisations are hosting an event to help those most at risk in the community.

Cold, damp and thermally inefficient homes contribute to respiratory and circulatory diseases which are responsible for most of the increase in deaths seen during the winter months from December to March.

Community Energy Plus (CEP) have teamed up with the South West Peninsula Strategic Health Authority, the Peninsular Medical School and the EAGA Partnership, to deliver an interactive information and networking day for medical professionals and anyone who wants to make a difference to the health of their community and residents.

Julia Tibbett, Advice Team Manager of the Cornwall Energy Efficiency Advice Centre which is managed by CEP said, ***“Throughout the South West there are a range of examples of good practice where agencies are working together to identify vulnerable households and co-ordinate the help and financial assistance available. The health sector has through this event, the opportunity to engage in such partnerships locally to address the adverse health impacts of living in a cold and damp home.”***

The event will explain ways to tackle health inequalities as well as anti-social behaviour and also provide a forum to get involved in new public health initiatives.

The free event, **‘Bring energy into practice’**, will be held in **The Core at The Eden Project**, on **Tuesday 24th October 2006** from **9:30am to 4:30pm** with free admission into Eden after the session with lunch provided. To book a place please call Julia Tibbett on 01209 614975 or email julia@cep.org.uk.

For more information about the event or if you would like advice on grants and ways to make your home warmer and cheaper to heat, call the Cornwall Energy Efficiency Advice Centre free on **0800 512012**.

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Notes to editors

- **Community Energy Plus (CEP)** is a registered charity (Number 1068990) and profit-recycling company. Established in 1998 with financial support from Carrick District Council, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Health Authority and the Energy Saving Trust. CEP manages the international award-winning* Home Health project which was developed by the 72 members of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership.
- CEP, the lead partner of the **Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership** (founded in 2001), is a consortium of 72 organisations from the public, private and health sectors that are committed to a multi sector approach to a sustainable energy future for Cornwall. It is the first partnership of its kind in the UK and is providing a model for other parts of the UK. www.csep.co.uk
- CEP manages the **Cornwall Energy Efficiency Advice Centre** supported by the Energy Saving Trust (EST) and the County and District Authorities of Cornwall. It is one of 52 independent centres across the UK, providing free, impartial and locally relevant advice to households. Please call free on **0800 512012**.
- * On the 30th June 2005, Community Energy Plus was recognised by the prestigious international **Ashden Awards** in the UK Energy Efficiency category for its Home Health project, which has installed nearly three and a half thousand energy efficient measures into Cornish homes.

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