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Agenda

Time	Sessions	
10:00–10:30	Registration and coffee	
10:30–11:00	Introduction to the day and overview of WCPP projects Chair: Steve Martin Panel: Jack Price, Helen Tilley, Rhiannon Hardiman	
11:00–12:00	Parallel session 1: Energy networks Chair: Auriol Miller Panel: Andy Regan, Jen Baxter	Parallel session 2: Net zero skills Chair: Dan Bristow Panel: Shavanah Taj, Llyr ap Gareth, Emma Edworthy
12:00–13:00	Lunch	
13:00–14:30	Growth, degrowth and a circular economy Chair: Jane Davidson Panel: Lukas Bunse, Kersty Hobson	
14:30–15:00	Coffee break	
15:00–16:00	Parallel session 1: Land use Chair: James Downe Panel: Sophie Wynne-Jones, Janet Dwyer, Abi Reader	Parallel session 2: Carbon modelling in housing Chair: Helen Tilley Panel: Darren Robinson, Jeroen van der Heijden
16:15–17:00	Keynote address by Dr Rowan Williams Chair: Rachel Ashworth	
17:00	Drinks reception	

Session outlines

Energy networks

This session will convene contributing authors of the think-piece and outline scenarios to discuss options for Wales' energy future in a decarbonising economy, particularly post the war in Ukraine.

Net zero skills

This session will explore how the skills system can be used to promote and ensure decarbonisation, what skills needs have been identified, how they can be addressed, and how skills policy can promote a just transition to net zero.

Growth, degrowth and a circular economy

In this session we'll explore differing positions on whether growth can or should be prioritised during the transition to net zero, and where the circular economy fits into this where perhaps there's a 'middle ground' to be sought.

Land use

In this session we'll discuss the ways in which Wales' land use could change in the future, and the extent to which this will involve full or partial ecosystem restoration (rewilding); afforestation and conservation; and traditional or agroecological forms of agriculture. The importance of rural communities, cultures and the Welsh language will be highlighted.

Carbon modelling in housing

This session will outline the key findings of WCPP's evidence review on the state-of-the-art energy models available in the housing sector, and how policymakers could use and apply models to help plan for net zero.

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decarbonising the Welsh
economy can be found
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