Fuel Poverty Action presents:



with TUC London East and Southeast Pensioners Network



Join tenants, residents, organisers and researchers who are fighting for energy efficient retrofits that work for people and the planet.

It isn't GREEN if it doesn't work! It isn't TRUE if it isn't affordable!





See who you'll meet...



Ruth London

Ruth London was a founding member of Fuel Poverty Action in 2011. She now co-ordinates FPA's work, on areas from district heating issues to energy pricing. A grandmother, she has been active for five decades organising against poverty, war, discrimination and climate change, for example in Women Against Rape, the Global Women's Strike, Climate Camp, Reclaim the Power, and Occupy London.



Dr. Stuart Hodkinson

Dr. Stuart Hodkinson is a campaigning academic based at the University of Leeds whose research focuses on the devastating human costs from the privatisation and financialisation of housing. His most recent book is called Safe as Houses: Private Greed, Political Negligence, and Housing Policy After Grenfell. He is currently working with residents groups to hold the UK government to account for its post-Grenfell regulatory response.



Pauline Saunders

Pauline Saunders is a founding member of CIVALLI, the organisation for victims of failed cavity wall insulation. In 2019, Pauline was shortlisted for Inside Housing's Women in Housing Awards for Woman of the Year. She works to staff a helpline which helped +1500 people struggling to gain redress following failed or inappropriately installed cavity wall insulation. This is something she has personal experience of, in her own home in Wales.



Tracey Rogers

Tracey Rogers is a social housing tenant living on the Pembroke Park development in Ruislip. Tracey and her family, like many residents at Pembroke Park, have suffered from very poor insulation in their properties and incorrectly installed piping for the sub standard DH System which has regular outages during the winter.



Tony O'Brien

Tony O'Brien is a retired carpenter-joiner, and long-time union organiser who has been active in the TUC since 1963. Tony helped spearhead the great national building workers' strike in Mile End in 1972, he was founding secretary of the Construction Safety Campaign in 1988, and he recently published a book on housing and building direct labour organisations.



Ellen Lebethe

Ellen Lebethe started working with FPA around 2014 on actions exposing the scandal of "excess winter deaths". With a long history of struggles in the UK and in South Africa, she is chair of Lambeth Pensioners Action Group and Vice-chair of the National Pensioners Convention (NPC). She is also a member of the NPC London Region and the NPC Women's Working group and chairs the NPC Minority Elders group.



Asad Rehman

Asad Rehman is the Executive Director of War on Want. A lifelong campaigner against racial injustice and economic justice, he has been at the forefront of the climate justice movement both in the UK and globally. Asad is coconvenor of the Global Green New Deal Project to connect the climate crisis, neoliberal inequality, Covid and historical exploitation of the global South.



Emma Dent Coad

Emma Dent Coad has been a long-term political activist, socialist, campaigner on inequalities, local Councillor since 2006 and was MP for Kensington June 2017 to December 2019. She says, 'People still shout in the street - Emma, our MP! - which is lovely. I'm in it for the long haul. I'm not going anywhere'.



Dr. Tom Woolley

Dr. Tom Woolley is an architect, consultant and environmental researcher working for Rachel Bevan Architects. He is internationally known for his work on sustainability, construction and energy policy and has been chair of the Northern Ireland Building Regulations Advisory Committee. He has worked with a wide range of co-operative housing groups and is a member of the Irish Hemp Co-operative. Tom's publications include the Green Building Handbook, Natural Building, and Low Impact Building.



Alexa Waud

Alexa Waud is an organiser and researcher based in Edinburgh. She is a co-director of Fuel Poverty Action, having joined in 2018 to campaign for safe cladding in the wake of the Grenfell fire. By day, she works for Democratic Society on urban climate action projects with a focus on housing and democracy across Europe.



Graeme

Graeme, a tenant of Pendleton Together in Salford is chair of Malus Court Tenants and Residents Association (TARA). In 2018, both he and the 25-year old TARA itself were suspended by the social landlord for being too combative against outrageous living conditions. The 9 tower blocks, nearly identical to Grenfell, have only just had their cladding removed, and are now told replacement work will last till 2022.



Bridgit Sam-Bailey

Bridgit Sam-Bailey, chair of Lewisham
Pensioners Forum, was born in Guyana and
arrived in the UK in 1965. She is a retired trade
unionist and academic, proactive in the
pensioners' movement, trying to get pensioners
noticed and services provided. Striving to reach
people without digital access, and sign-post
needed services, the Forum hand-deliver and
mail out their increasingly popular newsletter.



Phil Murphy

Phil Murphy is an ex-fire fighter, tower block resident and housing campaigner from Manchester. He fought for lower prices on a district heating system and won! Phil is an HRRB Fire Safety Management Consultant and his Manchester Sustainable Communities enterprise offers advice on fire safety management. He was the principal author & fire safety adviser for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's Housing Health & Safety Rating System.



Claire Glasman

Claire Clasman is a founding member of WinVisible a grassroots multi-racial organisation of women with disabilities. They provide self-help information, peer support and help women secure benefits and services and campaign together against the hated disability benefit tests and care charges. COVID has seen a cull of older and disabled people, mainly women/people of colour. They campaign against "COVID emergency" policies which threaten their lives by taking away their basic rights.



Mark Elton

Mark Elton of Cowan Architects is a Passivhaus designer and architect with many years' experience in the deep retrofit of high rise residential buildings. He is currently involved in a number of projects rectifying combustible cladding issues in social housing blocks.



Syed Ahmed

Syed is the chair of Repowering, an organisation who supports communities to develop, fundraise and install community-owned energy. He has almost 20 years experience in sustainable energy and has occupied senior roles in public, private and third sector organisations. Syed is currently a director of the Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Croup, a trustee for national fuel poverty organization National Energy Action and a policy advisor to the Green Cas Certification Scheme.



Rhiannon Hughes

Rhiannon is a campaigner and researcher for Southwark Group of Tenant Organisations (SGTO) a surviving tenant led housing federation. The body led by tenants has existed in various forms since the 1950s. It has fought racism, sexism, classism and campaigned for housing rights & council homes. We have hit winter and people are struggling with fuel costs and district heating outages. Libraries, community spaces, faith centres and tenant halls where people would normally warm up are closed. Organising on the ground has never been more important.



Donal Brown

Donal Brown has worked in construction for 15 years as a carpenters' labourer and in architecture. He is now a Research Fellow at the University of Leeds, the Non-Executive Director at RetrofitWorks Ltd, and has co-authored a green recovery package proposal for housing with the New Economics Foundation. Donal would like to focus on how to create eco housing at scale and how to avoid the problems created by short termism and competitive cost cutting.

...and people from other places like...

- All African Women's Group
- Barnet Trades Council
- Dark Matter Labs
- Defend Council Housing
- Global Women's Strike
- Green Left
- Green Party Trade Union Group
- Homes For All
- National Pensioners Convention
- Peabody (tenants)

Pembroke Park Residents Association

South East London Community Energy

- Platform
- Possible
- Repowering London
- Salford Star
- Sustainable Hackney
- Tower Blocks UK

Women's Strike

Women of Colour in the Global