



A grassroots campaign taking action against mammoth fuel bills and working towards an affordable, sustainable and democratic energy system

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Fuel Poverty Action: Energy For All Brief Briefing

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Energy For All is a sustainable plan for:

- energy security,
- an end to fuel poverty and fuel crisis,
- and large-scale investment in clean low-cost energy and warm, decarbonising homes.

Do we still need this?

YES – more than ever! The Chancellor's badly targeted handouts take the edge off the energy-cost crisis but do nothing to address its causes or prevent future price shocks. Millions of people will still be struggling to pay their bills or top up their meters.

In a Nutshell:

Energy For All means everyone receiving a **free amount of energy – that is enough energy, free, to cover the basics like heating, cooking, and lighting** – to give us all the security we need, taking account of people's actual needs.

Nuts & Bolts:

- Funded by Windfall Tax, ending fossil fuel subsidies, and higher prices for people who use a lot of energy and don't need it.
- The state should invest in finding out **actual needs** in each household. Some people need much more than others because of age, health and disabilities, housing conditions.
- Much of this information is already available and is being called on to allocate the Warm Home Discount Core Group 2 this year.

Core Goals:

- **Energy security** – as vital as food security
- **Pricing Justice** – the present pricing system is entirely unjust. The standing charge element of bills means that people who cut down their energy use pay far more per kWh than people who use a lot. That cannot be right. Energy For All would reverse this.

EnergyForAll: Decarbonisation and Fighting Climate Change

- Funded partly by windfall tax on fossil fuel corporations, and by ending the massive fossil fuel subsidies from the taxpayer to profitable corporations.
- High energy users – consuming beyond needs – would pay more per unit: an incentive to reduce energy usage.
- If it has to meet needs, the government will be incentivised to insulate homes and will turn to clean, low-cost energy.

Interim Measures to Protect Energy Consumers in Energy & Cost-of-Living Crisis:

- **An end to the forced installation of prepayment meters**, an end to so-called “**self-disconnection**” and **parity of rights for domestic energy consumers with domestic water-utilities consumers** (water prepayment meters were banned in 1998, disconnection of domestic water customers for debt prohibited from 1999). Nor should prepayment customers pay higher prices than direct debit customers. · **FPA protests Ofgem’s decision** to load the cost of failed retail energy suppliers onto standing charges. This has a disproportionately harmful effect on low-income, low energy users and prepayment customers.
- **Energy prices are artificially inflated** by setting the price of electricity according to the price of gas, by the multiple private corporations handling every unit of gas and electricity before their end destination – and profiting from it along the way, and by other perversities of the market.
- **Heating costs - and carbon emissions - are inflated** by homes being poorly insulated and in poor repair. A massive, street by street insulation programme undertaken by well trained retrofitters is urgent and could be done quickly if the will were there. In the interim, inefficient gas boilers and lack of basics like draught excluders and radiator foil leave millions cold and could be quickly remedied.

EnergyForAll is a Wholesale Transformation.

- Ofgem sets prices starting from what the **market** demands.
- EnergyForAll begins with **human need**
- **400,000 signatures** on petition – huge popular support
- When something actually quite **revolutionary is seen as common sense**, you’re onto something big, worth putting effort in to **really push for it**.

How you can your organisation help?

- **Endorse:** <https://www.fuelpovertyaction.org.uk/appeals/show-your-organisations-support-for-energy4all/>
- **Brainstorm!** Contact us – fuelpovertyaction@gmail.com