



Nomination Form REA Wood Heat Forum Steering Group

Open Positions:

- **Wood Heat Forum Steering Group Members**

Closing date: 1pm Monday 18th October

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Personal Statement – 200 words

How you would propose to contribute to the Wood heat Forum and your visions for the biomass heat industry: (Note: this personal statement will be published to the rest of the membership, either during a contested election or upon appointment to the board)

I have been working with biomass for many years, first as an installer and then as an RHI consultant with NFU Energy, which I have been doing since 2013. Working mostly in the agriculture and horticulture sectors where biomass is very popular, NFU Energy has been involved with over 1500 renewable heat installations with the majority of those being biomass.

As Head of Technical I have a broad remit, from day to day consultancy to inputting into government consultations, contributing to steering groups for the RHI and future incentives and looking after the Sustainable Fuel Register, a joint venture with Crops for Energy.

My RHI experience has highlighted the difficulties that participants have using wood and non-woods as fuels, whether this is when categorising (non)woods, proving contamination levels or understanding their requirements for permits/ exemptions. I have also been involved with providing evidence of sustainability for different categorisations of wood and a wide range of other biomass fuels.

I want to use my knowledge to help push the biomass fuel sector forwards through detailed technical discussions, consultations and relevant standards, to ensure the best consumer outcomes. I believe that continued input to policy measures to encourage the uptake of sustainable biomass heat and power, alongside the UK Government's Net Zero aims, is essential.

Date: 19/10/2021

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