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# WOOD HEAT 2023

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& 25<sup>th</sup> 2023



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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### DAY 1: TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER

**10:00 - 10:30 | Introduction & Keynote Address**  
Terence McCracken, Innasol Ltd & Wood Heat Forum

**10:30 - 11:15 | Session 1: Biomass Heat Sector, State of the Sector in the UK**

Mark Sommerfeld (Chair), REA  
Tunde Ojetola, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero  
Neil Welsh, Ofgem  
Dr Amy O'Mahoney, Ofgem

**11:15 - 12:00 | Session 2: Industry Standards Updates**

Alasdair Peppe (Chair), Dunster Biomass Heating  
Dr Matthew Goodwin, UKPC and European Pellet Council  
Helen Bently-Fox, Woodsure  
Virginia Graham OBE, Renewable Energy Assurance Ltd  
Alan Young, HETAS Ltd

**12:00 - 12:15 - Refreshment Break**

**12:15 - 13:00 | Session 3: Deep Dive into the Commercial Realities of Biomass Heat in a Low Subsidy Market**

Thomas Wilkins (Chair), NFU Energy  
John Nightingale, Firepower

**13:00 - 14:15 - Lunch**

**14:15 - 15:15 | Session 4: Biomass Heat in the Context of Wider Bioenergy Developments**

Julian Morgan Jones (Chair), South East Wood Fuels Ltd.  
Dr Anna Mikis, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero  
Dr Andrew Welfle CEng, University of Manchester  
Samantha Shea, Gemserv

**15:15 - 15:30 - Refreshment Break**

**15:30 - 16:30 | Session 5: Innovations in Domestic Biomass Feedstock Production**

Gillian Alker (Chair), AMP Clean Energy  
Kevin Lindegaard, Envirocrops  
Dr Jeanette Whitaker, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology  
Jamie Rickerby, Willow Energy  
William Cracroft-Eley, Terravesta

**16:30 - 17:20 | European Market Developments**

Mick Johnson (Chair), Talbotts Biomass Energy Systems Ltd  
Fiona Mathews, Hawkins Wright Ltd  
Daniel Reinemann (virtual), Bioenergy Europe  
Silvio Spiess, Innasol

**19:00 - 20:30 - Dinner**

### DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER

**10:00 - 10:10 | Introduction**  
Neil Holland, Y Pellets

**10:10 - 11:00 | Session 1: Innovation in Biomass Installation**

Amy Fielding (Chair), Environmental Compliance Solutions Ltd  
Charlie Lamb, Windhager  
Bruce Allen, HETAS  
Hywel Lloyd

**11:00 - 11:20 - Refreshment Break**

**11:20 - 12:10 | Session 2: Biomass Installation Spotlight - Biomass Heat at its Best**

Terence McCracken (Chair), Innasol Ltd & Wood Heat Forum  
Bruno Berardelli, AMP Clean Energy  
Melissa Rowell, Reheat Ltd  
Amy Fielding, Environmental Compliance Solutions Ltd

**12:10 - 12:55 | Session 3: Addressing Public Perceptions of Biomass**

Mark Sommerfeld (Chair), REA  
Neil Holland, Y Pellets  
Patricia Thornley, EBRI  
Ian Baker, Small Woods

**12:55 - 13:00 | Closing Remarks**

Terence McCracken, Innasol Ltd & Wood Heat Forum

**13:00 - 14:15 - Lunch**



## GUEST SPEAKERS



**Terence McCracken**

Sales Director, UK and Ireland,  
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Head of Power and Flexibility, REA



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