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Consultations
responded to
on your behalf

ALL

Stakeholders
regularly
engaged with

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Events, meetings
and training
run for you

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WOOD HEAT &
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REA WOOD HEAT



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Annual Summary | Sept 2023 - Oct 2024

We exist for the benefit of our members - you.

It has been another busy year for the forum with developments across the RHI, BUS and Scotland's Bioenergy policies. On behalf of our members, we convened with DESNZ, Ofgem, Scottish Civil servants and many other key industry representatives throughout the year. Wider geo-political developments also put unprecedented pressure on the sector which we aimed to support our members through. We would be delighted to hear from you and discuss any issues you may have or provide further details on the work we do.

Consultation Response

CONSULTATIONS

It's been a particularly busy year for consultations. We are very grateful to all members who have been involved in REA consultation responses by sharing your experiences, thoughts and expertise. This has enabled the REA to present a unified and authoritative voice to governments, regulators and others on behalf of our members. Below is a list of all the consultations we've responded to on behalf of our Wood Heat Forum members:

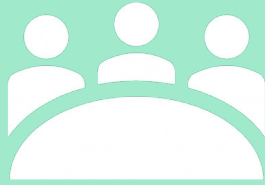
- Boiler Upgrade Scheme Regulations
- Energy Performance Certificate reform consultation (Scottish Government)
- Proposals for a Heat in Buildings Bill Consultation (Scottish Government)
- Proposals for Heat Network Zoning
- Bioenergy Position Statement (Scottish Government)
- Various Permitted Development Rights Consultation
- Future Homes and Building Standards
- UK Emissions Trading Scheme Scope Expansion: Waste



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

We regularly meet with government, regulators and other industry stakeholders such as DESNZ (Clean Heat, Biomass Innovation, Clean Air, Heat in Buildings and Agriculture teams), Scottish Civil Service (Heat in Buildings team), Ofgem, Environment Agency, HETAS, Woodsure, MCS, Bioenergy UK, UK Pellet Council and REAL. We are also involved in other groups tackling industry issues including:

- BSL Advisory Panel
- HABMS Advisory Group
- Supergen Bioenergy Hub



REA WOOD HEAT STEERING GROUP

The Wood Heat Forum Steering Group helps support the development of the REA's policy positions and directs our advocacy activities around wood heat. Members of the Steering group are elected from the membership and meet once a month to discuss activities. We really appreciate their knowledge and support.

The Steering Group consists of:

- **Terence McCracken** - Innasol Ltd (Chair)
- **Alasdair Peppe** - Dunster Biomass Heating (Scotland) Ltd
- **Amy Fielding** - Environmental Compliance Solutions Limited
- **Bruno Berardelli** - AMP Clean Energy
- **Julian Morgan-Jones** - South East Wood Fuels Ltd
- **Mark Lebus** - LC Energy
- **Michael Johnson** - Talbotts Biomass Energy System
- **Michael Ingoldby** - Bowland Bioenergy Ltd
- **Thomas Wilkins** - NFU Energy

“WOOD HEAT” CONFERENCE

EVENTS, MEETINGS & TRAINING

We aim to hold a range of events every year to benefit our members. This year we've held a mixture of online and in-person events including member meetings, steering group meetings, training sessions, webinars - the key ones are listed below. We've enjoyed chatting to our members both at our events and other industry events.

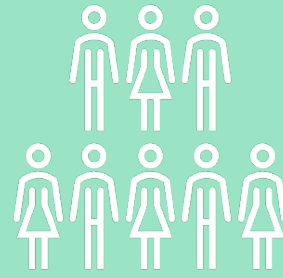
- **REA Wood Heat Conference**, Warwickshire, 24th-25th October 2023
- **Member's Webinar: Scotland Heat in Buildings Consultation**, January 2024
- **Member's Webinar: Heat Network Zoning Consultation**, February 2024
- **Member's Meeting**, March 2024
- **Member's Webinar: Draft Scottish Bioenergy Policy Statement**, May 2024
- **Post-Election REA Member Townhall**, July 2024
- **Member's Meeting**, August 2024
- **REA Wood Heat Conference**, Nottinghamshire, 16th-17th October 2024



REA ACTIVITY

Other key activity for the forum has included ...

- REA Metering Working Group – recommendation paper sent to DESNZ and awaiting consultation
- Air Quality Workstream – publication of air quality leaflet and presentation, sent to stakeholders and available for members to share
- Workshops on Scotland's New Build Heat Standard (NBHS) – continuous engagement with Scottish civil servants on Scotland's bioenergy policy over the past year, including involvement in the NBHS review workshops



TALKING TO YOU

We communicate with members mostly through our website and direct email newsletters. We send regular Wood Heat Forum newsletters and other direct mailings as required. The REA also has a weekly members' newsletter and produces its REView publication annually. If you don't receive our communications and would like to, please let us know and we will sort it out for you. We are always happy to hear from our members, please email pairey@r-e-a.net.

We are always happy to hear from our members, if you have any enquiries please email Poppy at pairey@r-e-a.net.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all members of REA Wood Heat. We are here to support you and without you we wouldn't exist. We are grateful for your support and look forward to hearing from you and hopefully seeing you at some of our upcoming events.

