

20 Bitesize Takeaways from Decarb Week



#DecarbWales

"The whole week has been amazing and educational, it felt real and useful as a tenant because it involved people working on the front lines, being aware of homes, tenants and communities as real, not just statistics"

Day 1: Wales Leading Wales into a Low Carbon World

- Tenants & housing sector need consistency of policy making in Wales with cross party support. Westminster have been unclear on decarb initiatives, which undermined trust, confidence and delays investment decisions in England.
- Wales need to reduce carbon emissions by 95% by 2050, yet we have some of the oldest housing stock in Europe.
- When we talk about removing gas, tenants concerns are around cost of replacing white goods.

Day 2: How we can make a difference in our community

- Communities have begun developing initiatives to reduce climate emissions which are becoming more common in Wales.
- Coastal Housing Group ensure their estate management teams are constantly working with tenants to develop community initiatives.
- Increased community engagement through planting wildflowers, less killing of weeds, pledges to 'reduced mow' due to its positive impact on the environment.
- Compost sharing stations developed rather than increasing carbon emissions through its removal.
- Limited weedkiller to reduce chemical impact.

Day 3: All you need to know about retrofit

- Wales are leading the way with its Optimised Retrofit Programme.
- There are numerous pilots happening across Wales with local members engaged in the process. Sharing learning is a key objective of the pilots so that the whole sector can learn.
- Without tenants, retrofitting won't succeed. We have to make sure its affordable warmth, decarbonisation and value for money.
- New tech in homes is going to need corresponding broadband or mobile phone reception improvements.

"Retrofit isn't about fixing something we haven't done, it's about upgrading your property"

Day 4: Future Homes, Future Communities

- If we are going to make this work, we need high levels of tenant participation.
- We need an equitable balance of benefits to tenants and landlords to fund this work.
- There is a real interest in knowing the provenance of local supplies – for example people wanted to know where the timber came.
- Tenants want there to be opportunities to learn new practical skills relating to decarbonisation.
- There are fantastic support in existence to help you create more sustainable, stronger communities.

Day 5: Library of Things

- When explained what a library of things is – people wanted to get involved immediately.
- Skinner Street could be is an amazing development in Newport that people are looking forward to visiting.
- This is a fantastic initiative that can be implemented anywhere in Wales.

Thank you

