



## **OU Energy – A research community**

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## Background





- For more than 30 years the Open University has had an active presence in energy technology and policy. See for instance the archived work of the Energy and Environment Research Unit (EERU): http://eeru.open.ac.uk/
- In 2012 the Faculty of Mathematics, Computing and Technology made a significant investment in this research area.
- Energy is a multidisciplinary topic well suited to the research structures of the Open University.
- OU activities seek to increase understanding of Energy issues and to promote solutions that help build a secure, affordable and environmentally responsible energy system.

## What is OU Energy?



- Launched in November 2013, OU Energy spans all energy research from any part of the university.
- It is not a research group, but rather a community drawing together existing research groups and facilitating the creation of new groups.
- OU Energy has a thematic structure independent spanning the landscape of current and planned activities.
- For further information see: <a href="http://energy.open.ac.uk/">http://energy.open.ac.uk/</a>

### Themes I

The Open University

industries

Energy Policy



Sustainable Transport



• Smart Grids and Demand Side Management

devices

 Energy and International Development



## Themes II

The Open University

Nuclear Energy



Renewables



Hydrogen



 Energy and the Built Environment





## ... and Themes III

Fossil Fuels



Energy and the Environment



## **OU Energy Led Events**

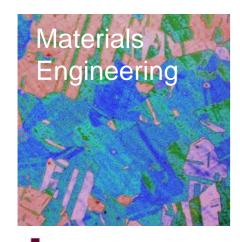


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http://energy.open.ac.uk

## Energy Related Research Groups at Projects at the OU *An incomplete selection:*











**Development Policy** and Practice



IWS
Integrated Waste
Systems







# Why industry and business matter to OU Energy:

- As a source of fresh and relevant research ideas
- As providers of wise advice

# Why OU Energy matters to industry and business:

- Provider of a neutral forum with strong convening power
- A source of independent assessment and insight
- A network provider





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### Thank You

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