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Overview

OU Energy is a newly formed venture bringing together the diverse range of energy-related research performed at The Open University.

OU Energy will provide a forum for local government, NGOs, and businesses in Milton Keynes, and the region, interested in energy issues. The OU Energy Industry Club will provide an opportunity for networking and the exchange of ideas. The OU is open to hearing suggestions regarding next steps activities for local bodies with energy-related interests. The OU Energy Industry Club will also host a number of events that will allow for mutual research interests between academia and industry to be discovered and explored.

You might have a business or public policy challenge ahead that would benefit from OU Energy. OU Energy is not a consultancy it is a vehicle for discussion and collaboration.

It is envisaged that the OU Energy Industry Club will launch in December 2013.

Current Projects

We support work of the Low Carbon Network Fund via the £14M Project FALCON (http://westernpowerinnovation.co.uk/Falcon.aspx). The aim of this project is to trial a series of Smart Grid electricity network interventions in Milton Keynes. The OU is working on project coordination between partners (including Cisco, Alstom, and Western Power Distribution). We also help disseminate results to end users.

We have received a £150,000 package from the £7M MK:SMART project to explore the use of IT systems to support advanced sustainable transport developments (http://cmis.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CmisWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=39746).

We are contributing towards the E.ON’s Thinking Energy smart homes trial in Milton Keynes (http://www.nef.org.uk/thinkingenergy), which includes exploring the use of electric vehicles as part of a package of domestic energy measures.