



## Help shape our environmental plan!

Our grass roots grants scheme is open for applications!

Our award-winning **Community Partnering Fund** in partnership with Northern Powergrid and Leeds Community Foundation is open for entries, with a bigger fund pot available than every before! Local community groups that demonstrate an innovative approach to sustainability are invited to come forward with grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 from a £50,000 fund pot, which will be distributed to grassroots projects and third-sector organisations.

The Community Partnering Fund focuses on supporting innovative approaches to delivering sustainable initiatives that help broaden our reach and educate and support communities and individuals on the following objectives:

- Alleviating hardship associated with fuel poverty and promoting innovative energy-related environmental impact, energy efficiency or carbon reduction
- Educating and informing communities about safety in relation to domestic gas and power including the dangers from Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning and how to protect against it
- Encouraging interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects and related career opportunities
- Promoting use of the Priority Services Register, a free service provided by network operators and suppliers to customers in vulnerable circumstances within communities.

The Community Partnering Fund is open for applications until 12 noon on Tuesday 15

**October 2019. For more information, search for #CommunityPartneringFund on social media or visit [leedscf.org.uk/community-partnering-fund](http://leedscf.org.uk/community-partnering-fund) to apply for a grant.**

### **Attend our workshop and shape our environmental action plan!**

Earlier this year we held workshops to review our Environment Strategy and approach to the future role of gas and ensure our environmental priorities reflect those of our customers and stakeholders. We asked our stakeholders if our targets to reduce our carbon footprint meet your needs and used feedback to help determine an approach for improving air quality in our local communities.

We've listened to your feedback and developed our draft **Environmental Action Plan** which outlines how we will work to reduce our environmental impact, decarbonise the energy network and facilitate the transition to a flexible, low carbon energy system.

Now we want to get your thoughts on our plans. You don't need to have attended the previous workshops to contribute – if you have an interest in the environment, we'd like to hear your views.

### **Getting Winter Ready**

With Winter around the corner and many people switching their heating on for the first time in months, we used Gas Safety Week (14 – 20 September 2019) to share important safety advice with customers.

Make sure you follow these top tips at home to ensure you and your loved ones stay gas safe.

1. Get your gas appliances serviced once a year, including, boilers, gas ovens and gas fires. Use a Gas Safe registered engineer and always ask to see an engineer's Gas Safe Register ID card. Visit [gassaferegister.co.uk](http://gassaferegister.co.uk) or call: 0800 408 5500 to find an engineer near you.

2. Check gas appliances for warning signs of carbon monoxide regularly. Look out for any black marks or



### **Book now and help shape our environment plans!**

We want to hear your views on the following:

Do we have the right focus?

Have we gone far enough?

Have we missed anything?

How can we work together in the future to achieve shared ambitions?

Your feedback will directly inform our Environmental Action Plan and the future services that we deliver from 2021 – 2026. Click below to book a place!

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### **Get winter ready!**

For more information and advice relating to gas safety, including how to get winter ready, simply click below!

stains on or around an appliance, lazy flames (low burning, flickering orange flame) and too much condensation in a room.

[Read more](#)

If you see any of these signs, take action – call the National Gas Emergency Service on 0800 111 999 and get your appliance checked as soon as possible.

3. Ensure that you have an audible carbon monoxide alarm fitted and test it regularly, in addition to a fire alarm. Carbon monoxide cannot be seen, smelt or heard, so it can be very difficult to tell if a gas appliance in your home is putting you at risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. **Make sure you know the signs.**

4. If you suspect a gas leak or smell gas, suspect the presence of carbon monoxide, lose your gas supply or experience low gas pressure, call 0800 111 999 immediately.

5. Join the Priority Services Register

If your gas supply goes off without warning, free help and advice is available through the Priority Services Register. If you, or someone you know is aged over 60 or under 5, or lives with someone who is, is living with a chronic medical condition, is registered disabled or has any other specific needs such as sight or hearing impairments, they could be eligible. Find out more: [northerngasnetworks.co.uk/priority-customers](http://northerngasnetworks.co.uk/priority-customers)

### Get in touch...

If you have any feedback about this e-bulletin or any questions about our work, we'd love to hear from you. Just email [stakeholder@northerngas.co.uk](mailto:stakeholder@northerngas.co.uk)

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