Research Councils UK Energy Strategy Fellowship



Strategy Workshop II: The Role of Environmental Science, Social Science and Economics

Location: Phillips room, Institute of Physics, 76 Portland Place, London W1B 1NT *Date:* 13 November 2012

"How do we design interdisciplinary research initiatives in ways that best utilise the ways in which the environmental sciences, social sciences and economics frame the energy challenge?"

10:00	Coffee and registration	
10:30	Opening Plenary Session	
	Overview of the workshop and the wider process	Jim Skea, Strategy Fellowship
	Messages from Workshop 1: Energy strategies and energy research needs	Matthew Hannon, Strategy Fellowship
11:00	What works and what doesn't work: lessons from the coalface	
	Why we need more than engineers	Duncan McLaren, Independent (tbc)
	Social sciences	Paul Rouse, University of Southampton
	Environmental sciences	Andrew Lovett, UEA
	Economics	Richard Green, Imperial College London
	Discussion	
12:00	First break-out session	
	Break into groups broadly defined by discipline/ research "style"	
	Task: How does your discipline need to interface with others to address energy challenges? What needs to improve?	
13:00	Lunch	
13:45	Report back from Breakout 1	
14:15	Second break-out session	
	Break into cross-disciplinary groups	
	Task: To define a research initiative that addresses a "grand"	
	energy research challenge, integrating the ways that different disciplines would <i>frame</i> the problem	
15:30	Tea	
16:00	Report back from Breakout 2 and Discussion	
16:30	Close	