

WEAP Project Briefing Pack

Project Title: **Walsall Energy Action Project (WEAP)**

Project Overview:

Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council has received over £1.5 million from The National Lottery Community Fund, the largest community funder in the UK, to support the Walsall Energy Action Project, a cross-sector partnership offering residents and communities education and advice on ways to make energy efficiency improvements in their homes and buildings.

This grant comes from the Climate Action Fund, a £100 million commitment over 10 years from The National Lottery Community Fund to support communities across the UK to take action on climate change and involve more people in climate action. This forms part of one of the funder's four key missions in its 2030 strategy, '[it starts with community](#)' - supporting communities to be environmentally sustainable.

The Walsall Energy Action Project is a three year, borough wide initiative, operated in collaboration with Community Hub partners to offer direct support to Walsall residents to not only assess and reduce household energy spending during the cost of living crisis, but also to educate and share knowledge on how we can all play a part in improving our communities and the wider environment through positive climate action.

Project Partners:

The Walsall Energy Action Project will be delivered by a partnership between Community Hubs across the borough and Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council. The community organisations offering support to Walsall residents are:

- Ryecroft Community Hub
- Brownhills Community Association
- Darlaston All Active
- AAINA Community Hub
- Nash Dom Community Hub
- Walsall Working For Change CIC

The upcoming Bloxwich Launchpad will also offer face to face services to residents in the area from its opening date.

Primary Project Objectives:

- To offer 1-2-1 and Group **Energy Advice Sessions** to Walsall Residents within Community Hubs and external locations across the borough.
 - To offer and operate **Home Energy Advice Visits** whereby residents can request a Home Energy Assessment including Air Quality and Thermal Reading tests as well as advice on energy efficiency and reducing household energy consumption. This will involve an initial home visit and recommendations, followed by a second home visit 6 months later to review and determine improvements made.
 - Establish a '**Library of Inspiration**' at every community hub, offering residents the opportunity to read and loan a range of literature on energy usage and climate information for a broad range of ages.
 - Training for volunteer **Community Champions** to support and develop the project, offering opportunities to local residents.
 - To offer a dedicated **Website and Mobile Application** in multiple language formats for residents to access and utilise for every day tips or further resources.
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How Residents Can Access Support:

Residents can contact or approach any of the partner organisations by phone or in person to discuss support through the project. Each community hub has a dedicated Energy and Climate Support Officer that will be able to deliver a range of advice and answer queries relating to energy efficiency, climate concerns or to signpost to additional resources.

Residents will also be able to visit the WEAP Website (expected launch Spring 2025) to request a Home Visit which is currently available to sign up for directly within community hubs and on partner websites and QR codes present on printed flyers and posters within the community.

How Organisations Can Get Involved:

Organisations can contribute to the Walsall Energy Action Project through promotion of services and signposting to the project resources. There will also be events that will take place over the course of the project that will offer local organisations the opportunity to collaborate with project partners, encouraging a joined-up approach through public services to supporting residents.

Timeline:

The Walsall Energy Action Project is a three year project which will run until 31st March 2027

Notes for Editors:

About The National Lottery Community Fund

We are the largest non-statutory community funder in the UK – community is at the heart of our purpose, vision and name.

We support activities that create resilient communities that are more inclusive and environmentally sustainable and that will strengthen society and improve lives across the UK.

We're proud to award money raised by National Lottery players to communities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and to work closely with Government to distribute vital grants and funding from key Government programmes and initiatives.

As well as responding to what communities tell us is important to them, our funding is focused on four key missions, supporting communities to:

1. Come together
2. Be environmentally sustainable
3. Help children and young people thrive
4. Enable people to live healthier lives.

Thanks to the support of National Lottery players, we distribute around £500 million a year through 10,000+ grants and plan to invest over £4bn of funding into communities by 2030. We're privileged to be able to work with the smallest of local groups right up to UK-wide charities, enabling people and communities to bring their ambitions to life.

National Lottery players raise over £30 million each week for good causes throughout the UK. Since The National Lottery began in 1994, £47 billion has been raised and more than 670,000 individual grants have been made across the UK - the equivalent of around 240 National Lottery grants in every UK postcode district.

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