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About us

ACE Research is an internationally respected research unit that has been consistently delivering ground-breaking policy research and evaluation for more than 30 years. Originally part of the Association for the Conservation of Energy (ACE), ACE Research historically focused on energy efficiency. Now part of the Association for Decentralised Energy (ADE), ACE Research is broadening its scope across the decentralised energy field in domestic, industrial, business and public sectors.



Why work with us

ACE Research ensures your policy positions, advocacy and business decisions are always founded on and guided by the best available evidence and insight.



Thirty-year history of delivering first class energy research services



Experts in policy evaluation and primary and secondary data gathering and analysis



Tailored research designed to meet your needs



Well-established and effective relationships with key public and commercial stakeholders



Agile team adept at working collaboratively

Our work



Who we work with

Our clients include:



Meet the team

Kelly Greer *Research Director*

Kelly has been Research Director at ACE Research since January 2017. She is responsible for overall management and direction of the independently-funded four-person research team and has a deep understanding of the role of research in underpinning advocacy work.



Kelly has over 15 years' experience of working in the field of energy policy, with particular passion for improving energy efficiency standards in the private rented sector. Kelly co-authored the 'Warm Arm of the Law' report looking at the extent to which the Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS) and Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) were being proactively implemented and enforced by local authorities across England and Wales.

Previously Kelly worked at British Gas, developing and maintaining relationships with regional and local government and social housing providers, as well as construction, insulation and facilities management companies, to promote and deliver both domestic and non-domestic energy saving schemes. Kelly has also worked for National Energy Action and Impetus Consulting Ltd. Kelly has a BSc in Biology of Plants and Animals and an MSc in Clean Technology from Newcastle upon Tyne University.

Hanaé Chauvaud de Rochefort *Senior Policy Research Manager*

Hanaé is conducting research on smart grids and energy efficiency, engaging with government and the industry to support the deployment of decentralised energy. Hanaé is passionate about advances in energy markets, in particular about the wider role played by new market participants and the transition to smart grids. She co-authored several publications on energy markets, such as the Industrial flexibility and competitiveness in a low-carbon world report with RenewableUK (2018). Her dispatch modelling of the GB electricity system won the Market Development Award at COGEN Europe (2018).



Hanaé has nearly a decade of experience in the energy sector and city governance. Prior to joining ACE, Hanaé worked with the City of Paris on public-private partnerships. She contributed to the agreement between the Mayor of Paris and the large-scale heat network company CPCU which unlocked a 50% low carbon heat mix for over 500,000 domestic and commercial consumers. Hanaé holds a MPA from Sciences-Po Paris (2008) and a MBA from ESSEC Business School (2011).

Antonia Jansz *Senior Researcher*

Antonia joined ACE Research in 2012 and is now a Senior Researcher, with 15 years' experience working in energy efficiency and the environmental performance of buildings. Antonia is the project lead on our energy advice tool service. The service has delivered a range of advice and engagement web tools for government, commercial clients and local authorities working in partnership with the Energy Saving Trust and IT partners Solstice Associates. Antonia also contributes across the range of ACE's policy-related research projects, including undertaking desk based qualitative research and interviews with industry members.



Antonia has a degree in Natural Sciences from Cambridge University, an MSc in Environmental Technology from Imperial College London and an MSc in Environmental Design and Engineering from University College London (UCL). Prior to starting at ACE, she undertook research at UCL, spent time volunteering for the Vietnam Green Building Council and before that worked for the Green Building Council of Australia and the Building Research Establishment.

Bill Wright *Researcher*

Bill joined ACE Research in January 2019, with six years' prior experience as a sustainability researcher and consultant. With an MSc in Renewable Energy in the Built Environment and a BSc (Hons) in Environmental Science, Bill brings a wealth of experience in designing and project managing research projects, use of analytic and data management tools, and report writing skills.



He has specialist knowledge of residential energy behaviour and behaviour change, performance of various housing types, indoor humidity and condensation issues. He previously worked at Sustainable Homes Ltd as a consultant working mainly with social housing landlords. Research has included science of behaviour change, understanding domestic energy performance and in-use factors, as well as a major project looking at causes and solutions for homes suffering from condensation and mould. These studies used direct and remote energy monitoring, data gathered using qualitative and quantitative methods, big data and statistical analysis.

Tim Rotheray *Director*

Tim is the Director at the Association for Decentralised Energy. Tim is responsible for the development and implementation of the Association's vision for the energy system and oversees the Association's strategic relationships with members, government, regulators and wider stakeholders.



Tim joined the ADE as Policy Manager at the beginning of 2010 from the Micropower Council where he also held a policy role. During his time in the sustainable energy sector, Tim has also worked for the National Assembly for Wales where he researched the renewable energy potential and barriers in Wales.

Joanne Wade *Deputy Director*

Joanne has over 30 years' experience in the sustainable energy sector, working previously as a freelance consultant, a Director of Impetus Consulting, Research Director at the Association for the Conservation of Energy and at the Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford.



Joanne sits on a number of industry and academic advisory board including serving as Chair of the Advisory Board for the Centre for Research on Energy Demand Solutions. She is an Energy Institute Council Member and Vice President of the European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy. Joanne was awarded an OBE for services for energy efficiency in the 2018 New Year Honours.

Endorsements

James Heapey MP:

“This report is a very welcome and useful snapshot of the energy efficiency of housing stock in the constituency.”

Sarah Newton MP:

“I know that fuel poverty is a significant issue in Cornwall and that, as we approach winter, many of my constituents will be concerned about the cost of heating their homes. I am delighted to have been able to work with ACE and organisations in Cornwall to discuss what more we can do to combat this problem.”

Ellen Parker, Private Rented Sector Energy Efficiency Policy Advisor from BEIS:

“As someone new to the policy profession in this area, The Warm Arm of the Law was an invaluable tool for understanding the enforcement landscape and marks a significant step in thinking about ways in which MEES can be practically enforced. In particular, the analysis of tribunal cases provides vital context for how enforcement works in practice.”

Paul Blacklock, Head of Strategy and Corporate Affairs from Calor:

“ACE Research’s Local Stories are excellent reports that highlight the huge opportunities of improving the energy efficiency of buildings. These reports demonstrate the need for long term energy efficiency policy.”

Scott Tipple, Assistant Manager Scottish Home Renewables from EST:

“ACE Research have been pivotal in the continued development of our energy modelling, allowing us to deliver a world class service which utilises an assessment tool that is smart, adaptable and at the forefront of the domestic energy sector. The positive working relationship we have with ACE Research has meant that we were able to plan and adapt our service to the ever-changing energy market. The knowledge and expertise of staff have allowed us to make informed, effective decisions with confidence.”

How ACE Research can support you

ACE Research undertakes independently funded research across the decentralised energy sector, in addition to supporting the ADE’s policy work. If you would like to discuss engaging the services of ACE Research, please email Kelly Greer, Research Director at kelly.greer@theade.co.uk



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