

Anaerobic Digestion Workshop

'Evaluating the potential for Anaerobic Digestion to providing energy and soil amendment'

A one-day workshop chaired by Professor Stephen Nortcliff and Dr David Fulford. Organised by the Rural Research and Strategy Partnership and the University of Reading.

Wednesday

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Anaerobic digestion (AD), a biological, multi-purpose process, suitable for the generation of renewable energy and production of bio-fertiliser, offers valuable opportunities for rural businesses for reducing carbon emissions and applying more sustainable farming practices. The recent introduction of DEFRA's new AD Task Group, which will lead the development of new practical measures for Government and stakeholders to achieve collective ambitions for the use of this technology, has once again highlighted AD's significance for the rural sector.

The workshop provides an opportunity to exchange and gain information on all stages of the AD process and will bring to light the potential for the use in rural and other communities; thereby focusing on the benefits of waste management, energy and soil amendment production.

A series of presentations in the morning will be followed by smaller workshop group discussions in the afternoon and the event will facilitate ample opportunities for networking.

Speaker contributions will include:

Professor Stephen Nortcliff, University of Reading - Digestate to land – Quality Standards

Dr David Fulford, Kingdom BioEnergy - Domestic Biogas in the Developing World: A Success

Mr Chris Reynell, Bioplex Technologies Limited - Power to the Parish: A community's strategy for the generation of biogas and bio-fertilisers. A move towards independence from fossil fuels.

Dr Clare Lukehurst, ProBiogas (UK) - Energy from Biogas (International Energy Agency, Bioenergy Task 37)

Dr Nina Sweet, WRAP - AD Promotion, Quality Control and Standards

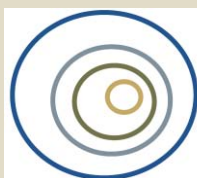
Dr Rebecca Arnold, Biogen Greenfinch - Examples from the 'Ludlow' Experience

Professor Charles Banks, Southampton University - Optimising Anaerobic Digestion

We very much hope that you will be able to attend. The workshop is free of charge, but you do need to register by contacting the RRSP co-ordinator, Anja Ueberjahn-Tritta by **13th March 2009** via email:

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