



Christmas Newsletter

2012

It's been another action-packed year for us here at SE²! We've been all around the country working on roadshows for DECC, and got caught up in the spirit of London 2012 with some great projects in and around the capital. Other highlights included the Heat Conference 2012 and the Combined Heat and Power Association's annual Awards dinner, the inaugural Retro Expo awards and our very first SE² New Year Seminar. Below you'll also find details of some exciting work we've been doing with greenB and our new HECA reporting service, a must for local authorities putting together their statements in time for March 2013.

New to SE²: New Year Seminar, HECA Reporting Service and our greenB Film Portal

At the start of 2012, SE² hosted our first New Year Seminar and, as it was such a great success, we thought we'd follow it up with an equally good one at the start of 2013! Friends from across the industry joined us for a night of reflection, revelry and rumination on "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly": predictions on the key movers, shakers and bad guys in the year ahead. 2013's New Year Seminar will take place in central London on the 30th January: register your interest [here](#) and come along to find out whose predictions for 2012 were right!

SE² were also proud to unveil a new HECA reporting service for local authorities. Working so closely with local government, we have seen how challenging it can be to respond to Green Deal, ECO, local schemes and national reporting requirements with limited staff resource. Our HECA reporting service provides three levels of service, from the provision of tools and templates to fulfil the basic reporting requirements, to a package with additional support to engage local supply chain businesses and attract investment in local energy conservation. For more information please email [Liz](#) or call 020 8469 1333.

In other news, we were also extremely excited to launch our online film portal this year in association with greenB. The place for up-to-date green news and information, the site hosts a range of films designed to help you save money, save energy and save the environment! Why not [take a look?](#)



A winning year for London

What with hosting the Jubilee, the Olympics and the Paralympics, 2012 has been a truly extraordinary year for London. The capital held much of our focus here at SE², as we've spent a large part of the year working on a plethora of exciting London-based projects. We have continued our secretariat work for the London Carbon Action Network, a group of over 90 local authority and associate members working to reduce domestic carbon emissions and tackle fuel poverty. In the New Year, we will also assume a similar role for

the London Boroughs' Energy Group. We provided community engagement support for three of the five London sub-regions working on the second phase of RE:NEW, the Mayor of London's retrofitting scheme aimed at reducing carbon emissions from the residential sector. We're also extremely proud to be working in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea for the fourth year running, helping the NHS, the local authority and the voluntary sector to tackle fuel poverty and ensuring local residents stay warm and well during the winter months. And if that wasn't enough, SE² Director Liz Warren was a volunteer Gamesmaker during the Paralympics!

Future-proofing council services against the impacts of climate change

In 2012, we worked with Hampshire County Council to develop a plan to help future-proof Council services against the impacts of climate change. We developed departmental maps showing the risks to different teams and services, and produced a plan of action that could be implemented using existing staff resources. We also created a readiness tool, to help establish how engaged different groups were with climate change adaptation, and a management tool to help teams understand the issue, plan for change and adapt their business processes and management systems. We're sure that Hampshire's proactive approach to climate change adaptation will make its services more resilient in the face of change.

On the Road...again! The Green Deal, Heat Pumps and ECO

We've also been busy across the country coordinating two roadshows for DECC. First came a set of breakfast briefings aimed at getting members of the supply chain ready for the Green Deal, attended by over 2000 individuals from around the UK. This success was followed swiftly by eight Heat Pump Training workshops, led by an enthusiastic team of industry experts who briefed social housing providers about changes to the MSC guidelines for heat pumps.

Due to enormous demand, we have now added two more Heat Pump Training dates to the calendar in 2013! Workshops will take place on Tuesday 8th January (Southampton) and Thursday 10th January (London); if you'd like to be there, please register online [here](#), or contact [Kathryn](#) for more information. The training course will also be made available online in the New Year for those unable to attend in person - email or call us on the number below for more information!

Early next year we're also facilitating a stakeholder event for DECC and the Energy Efficiency Partnership for Buildings on the Energy Company Obligation - a timely opportunity to look at how the industry is making the transition from CERT and CESP and how delivery of the new obligation is being tackled.



Heat Conference 2012 November 2012 saw the inaugural - and very successful - Heat Conference, hosted at the Royal Society by the Energy Institute and the Combined Heat and Power Association (CHPA). We event managed the conference, building on our long-standing relationship with the CHPA. The conference brought together key players from the worlds of heat and energy. Keynote speakers included Lord Deben, Chairman of the Committee on Climate Change and Ed Davey MP, Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. The day was a resounding success and we've had some fantastic delegate feedback - plans are already taking shape for Heat 2013!

Charity news: Christmas donations, hydrotherapy and turtles

Each Christmas at SE², instead of sending cards, we make a donation to a chosen charity; last year we gave to the [Centrepont Christmas appeal](#), and sponsored a local teenager to travel to Borneo with GirlGuidingUK and work on voluntary projects there. Here is an extract from Chelsea's diary which she wrote for us whilst she was away!

"When we first arrived we stayed in Ipoh, one of Malaysia's main cities. We were working at YSIS (a place where disabled adults and children can go to get therapy), and our job was to build a sensory garden with a bridge and a small pond. In between doing our project the staff let us go into the hydrotherapy pool to help with some of the clients' therapy, which they loved as the water helped them with movement. Once we had completed the project we went to a turtle island where we saw turtles come up onto the beach and lay eggs, this was an amazing sight and the best thing of all was when I got to hold a turtle! The experience is one that I will never forget. Thank you for supporting me with your kind donation towards my trip of a lifetime!"



We are also very much looking forward to volunteering with local charity [AHOY](#) in January- keep an eye on our [blog](#) for an update!

We'd like to wish all our friends and clients a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2013. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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