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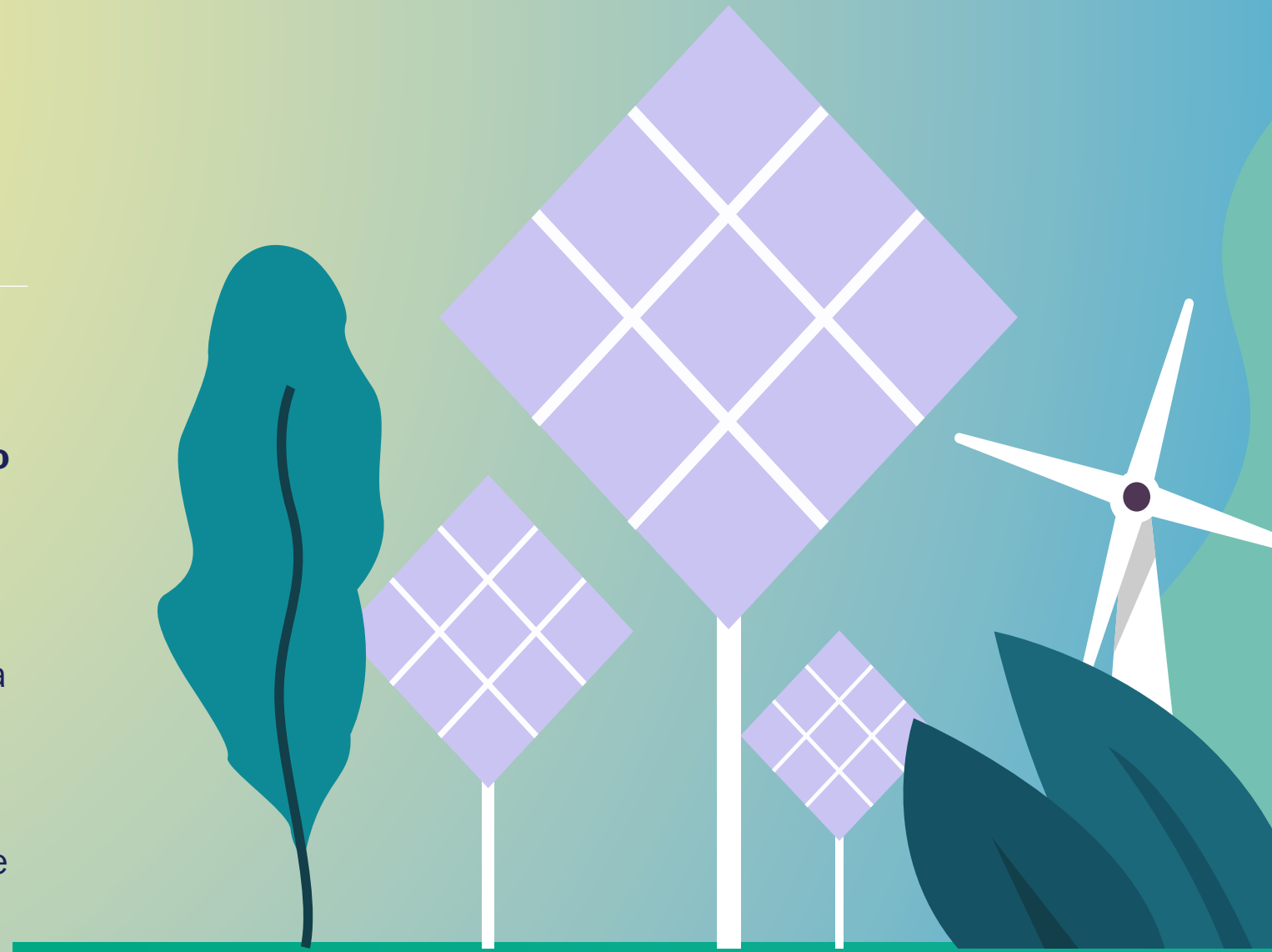


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WELCOME TO THE ENERGY STRATEGY E-BULLETIN

In this edition we outline the report on our 2022 Energy Strategy Action Plan and highlight some of the work to take place this year through the recently published 2023 Action Plan.

We also have information on a post doctoral research opportunity with DAERA, focusing on behaviour change and public attitudes to climate change in Northern Ireland.



REPORT ON ENERGY STRATEGY 2022 ACTION PLAN

The Energy Strategy 2022 Action Plan report was published in February 2023. It outlines the progress made against each of the 22 Energy Strategy actions over the last year by central government and partners.

Energy Context

The report highlights how the energy landscape has changed dramatically over the last 12 months, turning the focus even more towards energy security and affordability. Shifting away from fossil fuels, through the reduction of energy demand and scaling up renewable energy production, are now more than ever crucial solutions to both the energy cost crisis and achieving net zero.

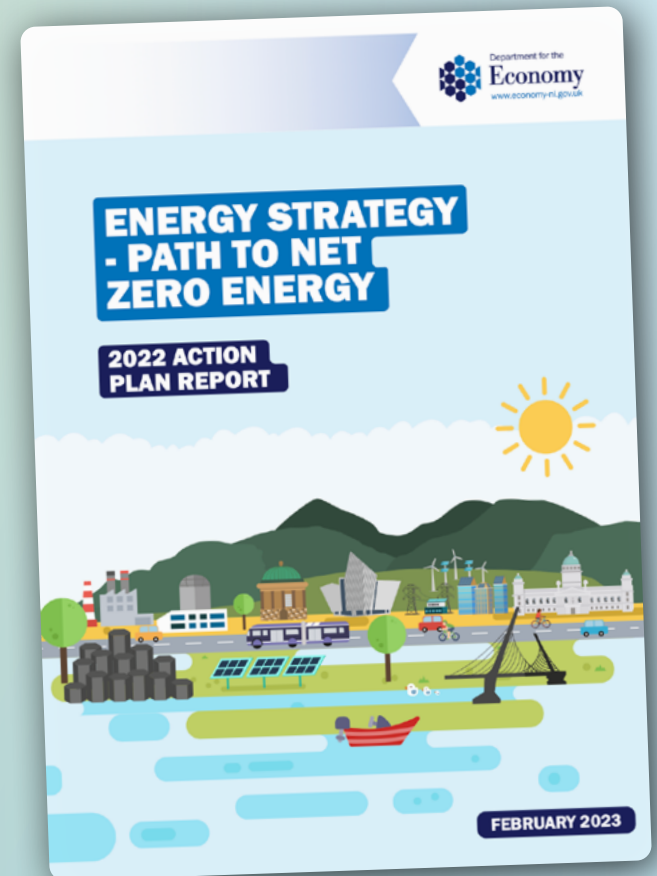
This has reaffirmed that the Energy Strategy goal to deliver self-sufficiency in affordable renewable energy is the right path for the people of Northern Ireland.

5 key principles

The report focuses on the five key principles of the Energy Strategy:

- Placing the consumer at the heart of the energy future;
- Growing the green economy;
- Doing more with less (energy efficiency);
- Replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy (ultimately ending the importing of fossil fuels into Northern Ireland); and
- Creating a flexible, resilient and integrated energy system to deliver our power, heat and transport needs.

Read the report here [Energy Strategy - Path to Net Zero Energy - 2022 Action Plan Report \(economy-ni.gov.uk\)](https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/energy-strategy-path-to-net-zero-energy-2022-action-plan-report)



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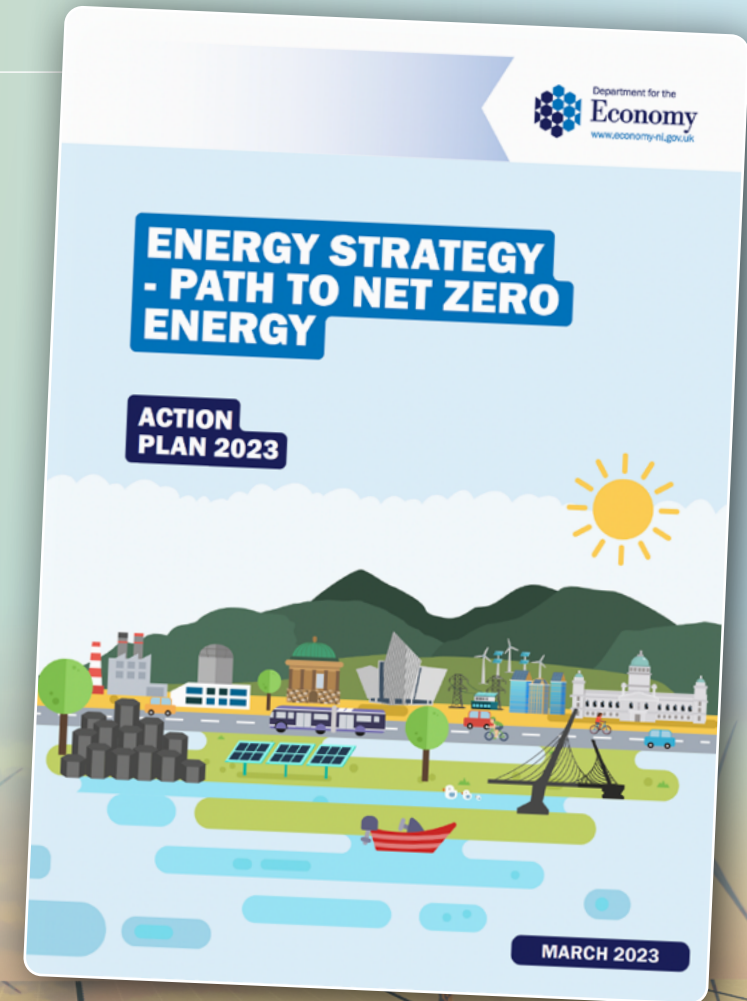
DfE has recently published the Energy Strategy Action Plan for 2023. The plan outlines the priority areas of action and the associated tasks for delivery in 2023, which is year 2 of the delivery of the Energy Strategy Programme.

Twelve actions are identified across the five Energy Strategy principles. This year's Action plan will continue to drive short-term progress towards the ultimate goal of a decarbonised energy system for all our heat, power and transport needs. The overall objective is to become self-sufficient in affordable renewable energy.

Delivery of the actions will be subject to resources being made available despite the very challenging current budgetary pressures.

To read the Energy Strategy Action Plan visit:

[Energy Strategy Action plan 2023](#)



DAERA – BUILDING A GREEN FUTURE

Behaviour Change and Public Attitudes to Climate Change in Northern Ireland Fellowship

The opportunity

DAERA has the opportunity to host a post doctoral research fellow to work on behaviour change and public attitudes to climate change in Northern Ireland. Bids are open for this 18-month opportunity until 20 April 2023, with a view to the work starting in October 2023.

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Policy Fellowships are designed to improve the exchange of specialist knowledge between academic institutions and policy, facilitating deeper, more enduring connections between researchers and policy makers.

The role

The ultimate aim is for Northern Ireland to utilise behavioural science and

behaviour change tools to deliver a just transition from a high carbon to low carbon economy. This role will put the fellow at the heart of shaping that future of behaviour change and delivering net zero in Northern Ireland.

DAERA has a coordinating role in relation to tackling climate change and as such the fellow will have the opportunity to collaborate with a range of Northern Ireland departments, and all departments will benefit. This identification and collaboration work will build understanding within DAERA and beyond to help influence future policy interventions within Northern Ireland.

The fellow will work in DAERA's Communication, Stakeholder Engagement & Behavioural Change (CSEBH) team, which supports the Climate Change and Green Growth Divisions within DAERA.

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This will provide a unique opportunity to gain in-depth understanding around climate change policy making, interact with senior officials, learn how devolved government works and the important role that evidence plays in shaping policy making.

Aim of the work

Through the fellowship we are hoping to gain a deeper understanding of approaches to shift behaviours towards less-carbon intensive consumption and foster support for wider societal and policy action on climate, including understanding synergies, trade-offs and spill-overs from actions, and how to bring climate front of mind within wider society. The fellowships aim to support career development and enhance the fellows' understanding of applying research in government contexts.

The fellow will become part of a cohort of academic researchers and receive training, mentoring and networking opportunities with likeminded individuals.

Please share information about this opportunity with your networks.

Further information

The full description of this opportunity can be found at [DAERA – Building a Green Future – Behaviour Change and Public Attitudes to Climate](#). Information on what UKRI provides and how to apply can be found at [UKRI policy fellowships 2023 – UKRI](#)

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