



National Rural Conference 2022

Reducing Rural Inequalities and Improving Opportunities

Rural Net Zero

10:00-12:00, Friday 23rd September 2022

- 09:55 Event Opens to Delegates
- 10:00 **Welcome to the RSN National Rural Conference**
Councillor Cecilia Motley, Chair of the **Rural Services Network**
- 10:10 **Rural Net Zero**
Graham Biggs MBE, Chief Executive, **Rural Services Network**
- 10:15 **Simon Green**, Founder and CE, **Rural Design Centre** (also speaking on behalf of **Community Action Northumberland** and **NICRE**)
Decarbonising rural energy – a collaborative approach in Northumberland communities
Followed by Q&A
- 10:35 **Emma Osmundsen**, Managing Director, **Exeter City Living**
Delivering future ready homes
Followed by Q&A
- 10:55 Comfort Break
- 11:00 **Samantha Shea**, Head of Policy Insight and Engagement & **Rory Matthews**, Senior Economic Analyst, **Gemserv**
Rural Retrofit – Challenges and Opportunities
Followed by Q&A
- 11:20 **Malcolm Farrow**, Head of Public Affairs & **Paul Rose**, Chief Executive, **OFTEC**
"Decarbonising rural heating – achieving a fair and affordable transition"
Followed by Q&A
- 11:40 Wider delegate discussion on the issues raised and opportunity to pose questions to presenters
- 12:00 Close of Event

Providing a voice for rural communities and service providers

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