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Conference Aims to Keep Focus on Fuel Poverty

The Northern Ireland Fuel Poverty Coalition today launched its ‘Manifesto for Warmth’ conference to reflect on the progress of current fuel poverty initiatives and look at next steps prior to next year’s Assembly elections.

The conference, which will take place on Tuesday 1 December at the Dunadry Hotel, will examine the impact of energy prices, increased supply market competition in NI, and new research on the consequences of living in a cold, damp home.

Pat Austin, Director of National Energy Action and Chair of the Fuel Poverty Coalition said: “Our Manifesto for Warmth conference will provide an important opportunity to assess progress so far in tackling fuel poverty in Northern Ireland and have thorough, honest debate on the best next steps. With the attendance of our coalition members and representatives from health, social development and energy spheres, this conference can be a real catalyst for further, effective action.”

Fuel poverty refers to a situation where a household's energy bills account for more than 10% of its income. In Northern Ireland 42% of households are deemed to be in fuel poverty (Northern Ireland House Condition Survey).

To book a place at the conference please contact Stephanie Ward on 028 9023 9909 or email Stephanie.Ward@nea.org.uk.

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