How might citizen engagement impact energy policy design:
An examination of fuel poverty policy in England

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“What if individual behaviour isn’t enough?”
Take home points

1. Social Practices encompass behaviours and technology

2. Engage citizens in policy design to truly understand the problem

3. Identify new sites of intervention to enable meaningful change
Fuel Poverty or Poverty?

1985

2011
SPT factors of fuel poverty

Newcastle

Islington

Leeds

Bristol

Sheffield
Quantifying SPT factors of Fuel Poverty
Conclusions

• Fuel Poverty is a distinct issue
• Existing policy fails to capture all the drivers
• Utilise a social practice perspective
• Fuel Poverty a complex issue
  – Householders trade-off between priorities
• More detail from householders = new sites of intervention ➔ Chance to reduce Fuel Poverty
Questions?
Please share your thoughts!

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