

**Regional Studies Association Research Network:
Acquiring Community Assets, the Role of Social
Capital and the Establishment of Alternative Energy
Resources**

**Second Workshop in the Series: “Community energy
for development: progress and prospects”**

Rhondda Heritage Park, 21st – 22nd March 2013

In this second seminar in the series the focus is on how far small scale energy projects managed and/or owned by local communities might provide a longer term economic development opportunity. We are particularly interested to examine the scope for community ownership of energy resources, the opportunities available with respect to specific energy technologies, and how communities can be empowered to engage with renewable energy technologies as well as the soft and hard outcomes that result from local ownership and/or management of energy resources and infrastructure.

There is no fee for attending the workshop. Brief abstracts for presentations and papers should be sent to either Max Munday (mundaymc@cf.ac.uk) or Geoff Whittam (geoffrey.whittam@uwe.ac.uk) by January 31st. Details on local accommodation will be provided nearer the time.

The conference starts at lunchtime on the 21st March to allow time to reach the destination. Rhondda Heritage Park was developed on an old colliery site. There are a number of innovative energy projects being undertaken in the area. The Heritage Park is about 20 minutes from Cardiff by train. Further details of the Heritage Park can be found at <http://www.rhonddaheritagepark.com/Shared/Home.aspx>. The Park is at the heart of an old mining area.

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