



Heat recovery potential of leisure centres: opportunities, challenges, and risks

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Event description

Climate change poses significant challenges and the global community is not on track to meet sustainable development targets or the Paris Agreement to mitigate climate change. The Covid-19 pandemic and necessary government measures to curb the spread of the virus has put climate action on hold and shut down economies. The need for improved ventilation as an important mitigating factor against the risk of Covid-19 transmission has additional implications for costs and emissions for businesses.

Leisure centres, as large users of water and energy, account for significant emissions and operational costs. However, there is scope for very significant reductions in water and water-related energy demands and associated emissions and costs without impacting service quality and delivery. These reductions can be a promising response to the current challenges of climate change and post-Covid-19 economic recovery.

To discuss energy demands in leisure centres and the important contributions to emissions and cost reductions that can be made through heat recovery, the Dŵr Uisce project (<https://www.dwr-uisce.eu/>) is hosting an expert panel discussion on heat recovery as one of the several ways these reductions can be made.

The panellists will be discussing a range of questions and some of the current opportunities, challenges, and risks associated with installing heat recovery in leisure centres in order to promote resource conservation and ideas on how leisure centres can take climate action and also save costs and improve environmental footprint in the process.

Objectives

The objectives of the panel discussion are:





- To introduce Dŵr Uisce research on heat recovery in leisure centres to key stakeholders and decision-makers
- To discuss some of the ways leisure centres can respond to the challenges of climate change and post Covid-19 economic recovery
- To promote evidence-based actions as solutions to challenges
- To develop partnerships and a network of key stakeholders working on reducing emissions and operational costs associated with leisure centres

Themes Climate change, climate action, heat recovery, post covid-19 recovery, sustainability

Agenda	14:00 – 14:05	Welcome and introductions
	14:05 – 14:15	Opening remarks
	14:15 - 15:55	Panel discussion
	15:55 – 15:20	Live Q&A and interactive session with audience
	15:20 - 15:25	Closing remarks from all speakers
	15:25 – 15:30	Closing and next steps

Date Tuesday 23 February 2021

Time 2 – 3:30pm GMT

Venue Microsoft Teams

