

SmartKlub - ODI Leeds 'Energy Data Infrastructure for Cities'

Within seconds we can book a taxi, order a pizza or start a video chat with someone on the other side of the world - through innovation we have everything at our fingertips. Well almost everything. For centuries the phrase "Scientia potentia est" (knowledge is power) has been uttered, yet we've made it to 2017 and accessing data is still a laborious, exasperating and sometimes nigh on impossible task. Let's be honest, this really isn't good enough. It's about time we get this sorted.

ODI Leeds is therefore very pleased to partner with SmartKlub on an ambitious new project, to create

"The Best Energy Data Infrastructure for a City In the UK."

Our proposition is "to create a centralised, city level data infrastructure, making open sources of energy data easily accessible". Using Leeds as its focus, this innovative platform will help to create more and better energy projects; ones which save carbon, combat air pollution and alleviate fuel poverty - all with a sound business case.

This new project will collate the existing energy data and resources that are freely accessible, producing a data library that is specific to Leeds. That's not all though. In addition to communicating the data that is already available, we will also look to establish what data needs to be made available and, where possible, how we go about achieving this. There's no point in data existing if nobody is able to use it!



Notes, comments, questions, etc:



9 November 2017 - Open Session [provisional date] ODI Leeds, 3rd Floor, Munro House

During the next three months ODI Leeds will be undertaking several defined and exciting endeavours. The first will involve specific **research** into the mechanisms of energy funding, focusing particularly on energy efficiency measures and renewables uptake. In addition, we will be **interviewing stakeholders** who are directly involved in energy projects within Leeds, trying to understand <u>exactly</u> what data they require.

Engagement is a vital part of the process so, in addition to the stakeholder interviews, we will also be holding an **open session** to bring people together to discuss their energy data needs. The interactive session, to be held at ODI Leeds in Munro House, is provisionally set for the **9 November** – although we will be releasing more details regarding this closer to the event.