

Case study Training



Photo by Mccoy Wynne

The first phase of the CheRuB project involved deploying three different types of biomass boilers in the Mickle Trafford area, forming a “hub” of renewable energy in Cheshire. It was hoped that this “hub” would showcase successful biomass techniques in the area and encourage other people, organisations and businesses to switch to biomass fuel.

To keep this momentum going, the project also focussed on training engineers to fit the boilers, so that the systems could be installed by local people.

Biomass training

Around fifty engineers were identified for training, based on their locality in the Cheshire and Warrington area and their ability to install gas or oil heating systems. They were offered a conversion course from HETAS, which qualified them to install biomass systems. Five heating engineers were partially funded to take the course as part of this project.

Training sessions in the use of all three biomass systems in the Cheshire Biomass Hub were also offered as part of this project. Each attendee was encouraged to attend the other sessions, so that a broad knowledge of the biomass systems

could be attained. Finally, an Easy Deployment Training session was held at Trafford Mill. Hosted by The Mersey Forest, it drew on the experiences of CheRuB and previous Mersey Forest biomass projects. Over 25 participants took part in the half-day course. The basis of the training they received can be found in the Easy Deployment of Biomass Heating Systems booklet (see below).

Further reading

Easy Deployment of Biomass Heating systems:
www.merseyforest.org.uk/Biomass_toolkit.pdf

RHI calculator – how to work out whether you would benefit from a biomass heating system:
www.merseyforest.org.uk/rhicalculator

Training courses at HETAS: www.hetas.co.uk

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