

Consumer Focus news and work plan update

Launch of Fuel Poverty Coalition

Forthcoming events:

November 12:
CFW report: *The Cost of Cash*

November 17:
First meeting of Consumer Food Safety Group

November 20:
Logged In or Locked Out?
CFW Report on internet use in Wales

November 26:
Consumer Focus Wales Board meeting, 3rd Floor, Capital Tower, Greyfriars Road, Cardiff

Campaigners across Wales came together on October 20 to end the scourge of fuel poverty in Wales.

Consumer Focus Wales and NEA Cymru launched the Fuel Poverty Coalition, which includes a dozen major campaign groups. The coalition presented a charter for fuel poverty in Wales to Environment Minister Jane Davidson AM. The Charter launch came shortly before the Assembly Government published a new strategy to tackle fuel poverty. Maria Battle, Senior Director of Consumer Focus Wales, added: "Too many people in Wales are having to choose this winter between heating and eating. Too many people,



Maria Battle and Nuria Zolle of NEA Cymru presented the charter to Jane Davidson AM

including children, are suffering the direct and indirect effects of fuel poverty. We believe no-one in Wales should have to live in a cold home. We need to take urgent action, particularly in these difficult economic times, if we are to build a Wales

where fuel poverty is a part of our history – not of our present." Consumer Focus Wales will be responding to the Welsh Assembly Government's strategy on fuel poverty. [The full charter can be seen here](#)

Consumer Focus Wales published our first Domestic Energy Report on October 21, detailing how much consumers could save by switching. [Download the report here](#)

News from Consumer Focus Wales

[Welsh shoppers to be charged for carrier bags](#)

[Welsh shoppers will pay carrier bag charge in 2011](#)

[One-in-five cancer patients living in fuel poverty](#)

[Food group set up after E.coli](#)

[E.coli mum to address food group](#)

South Wales Argus, November 4

Daily Post, November 4

Western Mail, October 27

BBC Wales Online, October 22

South Wales Echo, October 21

Consumer Focus Wales' work plan

Consumer Focus Wales is holding a consultation event on the organisation's work plan for 2010/11 on **November 26** in Cardiff and North Wales. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to examine the work plan for Wales and give their thoughts on individual projects and the overall balance of the proposed work.

A [PDF of the UK-wide consultation](#), including the work of Consumer Focus Wales, is available to download.

*Monthly energy price comparison data will return in December's e-newsletter