



Energy Efficiency in the UK - ELEEP Study Tour

Event

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Date

14 - 19 April 2013

Location

London/Aberdeen, United Kingdom

From 14 until 19 April 2013, a group from the transatlantic Emerging Leaders in Environmental and Energy Policy Network (ELEEP) visited London and Aberdeen (Scotland) as part of a study tour on the topic of "Energy Efficiency in the UK."

On their tour, the ten ELEEP Members investigated the theme of energy efficiency in Great Britain from political, economic, and societal view points, as well as from the perspective of the energy user. The time spent in London dealt primarily with the role of political institutions from the national and international perspective. The participants visited the UK Environment Agency, the Energy Efficiency Deployment Office (EEDO), and the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC). A meeting with members of the Mayor's office and of the London Assembly gave an understanding of the concrete measures being taken on the city-level. Additionally, there were meetings with the non-profit organization E3G, the European Centre for Energy and Resource Security (EUCERS), and the UK Green Building Council. The group gained an international perspective on energy efficiency with a visit to Carbon Trust, which aims to expedite the transition to a low-carbon global economy.

The stop in Aberdeen gave the group an interesting insight into the Scottish perspective, as well as a look at the role played by the private sector in energy efficiency and the UK's energy economy. The group visited the Aberdeen City Council, meeting with City Council members, which gave an overview of the city's energy efficiency policies as an industrial and energy-producing city. A meeting with the public private partnership, Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group, discussed the role of renewables in the energy efficiency discussion and the explored potential conflicts regarding collaboration with the fossil fuel economy in Aberdeen. A presentation at the social enterprise SCARF ("Save cash and reduce fuel") informed the participants about how the group promotes Energy Efficiency measures to a broader public in Aberdeen and the surrounding area. A visit with FES Renewables (a private company that gives guidance to users regarding the use of solar, wind turbines and biomass) completed the program.

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