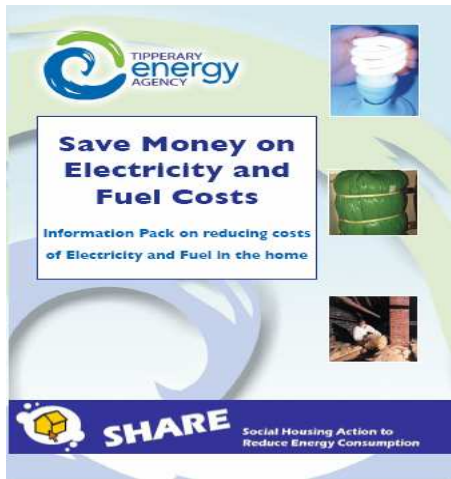


SHARE

Social Housing Action to
Reduce Energy Consumption



Case Study 21



Energy Pack for Pre- Tenancy Training

Through national campaigns such as the Power of One, which has targeted saving energy in the home, families have reduced their electricity consumption by 10-20% offering significant savings of €200-300/year. These same savings can be made by people living in social housing.

To make tenants in social housing more energy aware a home energy pack has been prepared by the Tipperary Energy Agency. This pack will be given to tenants as part of the Pre-Tenancy training undertaken before moving into a social home.

The training carried out as part of the SHARE project identified the following as key areas that tenants have problems with:

- best use of immersion heaters
- understanding electricity bills
- lack of awareness of why it is important to turn appliances off
- understanding how to manage heating, hot water and domestic appliances to reduce energy consumption

The cost of energy for tenants is high, and can account for a significant proportion of their income.

Raising awareness from day one of their tenancy, and helping tenants to understand how they can save energy can make a real difference to their lives, improving comfort as well as affordability of energy needed for the home. This helps to alleviate the risk of fuel poverty.

SHARE is an Intelligent Energy Europe Project working in Eight European areas to develop energy efficiency and low carbon technologies in social housing. For more information about the SHARE project and for other case studies see the project website:

www.socialhousingaction.com

The pack will contain the following items:

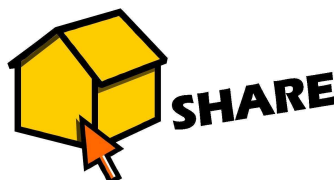
- Home Energy Management Leaflet providing a range of tips on how to save energy around the house.
- Leaflet on electricity consumption in the home and an overview of electricity bills.
- Thermometer Card which can be used as a guide to help regulate the temperature



Thermometer Card

These packs will be prepared and provided by the Tipperary Energy Agency.

All the information supplied has the contact details for the Tipperary Energy Agency who offer free advice and information on energy to tenants and the housing authorities.



Pre -Tenancy Training

New tenants moving into social housing under go pre-tenancy training where they are provided a range of information about their house. Currently it does not specifically cover anything on energy consumption and how to minimise energy bills in the home.

Through the SHARE forum meetings and contacts with community housing groups this gap has been identified and it has been agreed that tenants should get training this area.

It has been proposed to run a programme with South Tipperary County Council where a home energy information pack is provided to the tenants before moving in to the house. After they move into the house a training session will be run with them on how to manage energy usage in their homes, as by that time they will be more familiar with the heating systems and appliances in the homes.

The training programme will be developed with Tenant Liaison Officer in South Tipperary County Council and will have similar content to the training programme run for the SHARE project. The programme will be publicised and disseminated through the SHARE forum meetings.

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