



Public engagement and deliberation

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Summary

- Two main strands to the project:
 1. Researching engagement between network operators and publics
 2. Researching and practising deliberative engagement amongst citizens

Part 1: Engagement and education



A. researching how Network Operators conceive publics

- aim to probe conceptualisations of publics that inform engagement practices, both currently and in the future
- interview methods with a sample of 20-30 representatives
- practitioner workshop at Manchester for interviewees
- to commence September 08

Part 1: Engagement and education



B. researching engagement contexts and practices

- aim is to research the dynamics of engagement between NOs and locals publics in various contexts (educational, new technology, upgrade of existing technology etc.)
- use of mixed-method approach tailored to the context
- to commence Spring 10



Part 2: Deliberative engagement

- This project aims is to implement a citizen's panel, with a parallel research exercise
- Members of the public meet on repeated occasions to deliberate on future network scenarios and technologies
- Experts present key information to the panel informing their deliberation
- Collaboration with parallel initiatives led by other Supergen consortia (SHEC and Bioenergy)
- To begin April 09

Collaboration



- All phases of this project require the input of industry stakeholders, either to help inform our choice of case studies or as participants in the research
- Project colleagues may be asked to play an expert role in deliberative panels and these may draw on project scenario work



Outputs

- We plan to hold a major conference on ***public engagement with energy*** in late 2009/early 2010
- We are in the process of planning an edited book on the subject
- Both of these would provide a platform to bring together work on engagement in several Supergen consortia, and disseminate findings to relevant stakeholders in industry, government and civil society



- Thank you
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