



Take Charge! Community Energy Forums

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Salina, Overland Park, Topeka, KS-

Climate and energy topics have been in the news a lot lately. Naturally, Kansans have questions.

To help Kansans sort through frequently confusing facts, the Climate and Energy Project (CEP) is gathering panels of experts to answer citizens' questions. During January, CEP will sponsor community energy forums in Salina, Overland Park, and Topeka.

The forums will offer rare opportunities for Kansans to interact with panelists from diverse fields- wind energy, energy efficiency, climate change, and carbon regulation. They represent industry, utilities, and universities. "We won't sort it all out on one night," said Community Outreach coordinator Eileen Horn. "But we can make a good start. Information isn't the only consideration for decisions about energy, but it is an important piece of the puzzle. So is having a civil, democratic, public discussion."

These forums will offer Kansans more of the information they need to begin envisioning the state's energy future, including possible responses to climate change.

"I am hardly the first to say that there is no silver bullet for this problem. But we've got silver buckshot," said CEP Executive Director Nancy Jackson. "Our job is to give Kansans the ammunition they need to develop long-term climate and energy solutions that are right for their community and their environment."

"We want our children and grandchildren to grow up in a healthy and prosperous Kansas, with plenty of viable natural resources. These forums are a step in that direction."

Dates and locations:

- Salina: Kansas Wesleyan University on Monday, January 21st from 7-9 PM in Peters Science Hall, room 201
- Overland Park: Johnson County Community College on Tuesday, January 22nd from 7-9 PM in the Regnier Center (RC 101)
- Topeka: Washburn University on Wednesday, January 23rd from 7-9 PM in the Washburn Room of Memorial Union

Take Charge! is hosted by each university in collaboration with the Climate & Energy Project, a nonprofit whose mission is to provide balanced information and spur conversations about the impacts of climate change and energy opportunities in Kansas.

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