

University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension

Plugged Into Energy Research lecture series - LECTURE A

Lecture A: Tuesday, October 29 | 6:00 p.m. | URI Welcome Center, Kingston, RI

Lecture B: Tuesday, November 19 | 6:00 p.m. | URI Welcome Center, Kingston, RI

Purpose

To raise awareness about income-eligible weatherization programs, highlight the importance of energy efficiency as a tool for home health, human health and comfort, money savings and climate change mitigation, promote weatherization incentives, address common assumptions and concerns, lift up personal testimonials and empower LMI individuals to participate.

Target Audience

Community-based workers, policymakers, advocates, public health and energy sector professionals, URI faculty, staff and students, weatherization customers and other ratepayers.

Title Options

1. *Drafty No More: Weatherizing Your Home for Little to No-Cost*
2. *Sealing the Deal: Cost-Effective Home Energy Upgrades*
3. *From Assessment to Action: Your Guide to Home Energy Efficiency*
4. *Home Energy Efficiency: Maximize Comfort, Minimize Costs*
5. *Healthy Homes, Lower Bills: Energy Efficiency for Better Living*
6. *Cozy, Healthy, and Cost-Effective: The Power of Home Energy Upgrades*
7. *Comfort and Savings Made Simple: A guide to a Healthier Home*

Brief Description Options

1. Are you curious about weatherization? Do you want to increase comfort and reduce the cost of energy for your home, while also protecting the environment and improving indoor air quality? Join us on Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00 PM at the Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center, URI Kingston Campus for the first *Plugged Into Energy Research lecture*. This free event is intended to help homeowners and renters learn more about taking advantage of free home energy assessments and weatherization upgrades. Featuring speakers from the Comprehensive Community Action Program, CLEARResult and Rhode Island Energy, this lecture will break down what to expect during the weatherization process, from in-home visits to cost and everything in between! Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about low- to no-cost home energy efficiency programs available to everyone in Rhode Island!
2. Are you curious about how weatherization can transform your home environment? Join us for the first lecture of the URI *Plugged Into Energy Research* lecture series on Tuesday, October 29th, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Robert J. Higgins Welcome Center, URI Kingston Campus. This free session will provide a comprehensive overview of weatherization, from auditing and building science to improving indoor air quality and reducing your home energy burden. With a special focus on income-eligible programs, our panel of experts from CLEARResult/PHIUS, Rhode Island Energy, and the Comprehensive Community Action Program will offer valuable insights into the ins and outs of weatherization programs. Whether you're a URI community member, a community-based worker, a health or energy professional, or simply interested in enhancing home health and efficiency, this community-focused discussion will equip you with all the knowledge you need in order to improve your home!

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Key Informants

The following individuals have been consulted to date for input:

- ★ Sue Anderbois *The Nature Conservancy of RI*
 - ★ Toby Ast *RI Energy*
 - ★ Lara Auclair *City of Woonsocket Department of Planning and Development*
 - ★ Julie Capobianco *RI Department of Human Services*
 - ★ Brian Ceballos *Comprehensive Community Action*
 - ★ Nancy Chaffee *CCAP weatherization client*
 - ★ Steven Chybowski *RI Office of Energy Resources*
 - ★ Brendan Dagher *RI Energy*
 - ★ Priscilla de la Cruz *City of Providence Office of Sustainability*
 - ★ Morgan Duffney *RI Department of Health*
 - ★ Jon Erickson *CLEAResult*
 - ★ Bryan Evans *Green and Healthy Homes Initiative*
 - ★ Kate Felder *RI Energy*
 - ★ Deb Golding *RI Department of Health*
 - ★ Emily Koo *Acadia Center*
 - ★ Spencer Lawrence *RI Energy*
 - ★ Carinel LeGrand *RI Energy*
 - ★ David MacLellan *CLEAResult*
 - ★ Merredith Plante *Comprehensive Community Action*
 - ★ Dawn Taylor-Church *Westbay Community Action*
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Proposed Agenda

- 6:00 p.m. *Intro to PIER lecture series / Housekeeping*
Kate Hardesty, URI Cooperative Extension
- 6:05 p.m. *Energy efficiency 101 and tonight's panel*
Priscilla de la Cruz, City of Providence Office of Sustainability (Moderator)
- 6:10 p.m. *Cost, comfort, climate and health considerations for building performance*
Jon Erickson, ClearResult and PHIUS
- 6:25 p.m. *From weatherization customer to auditor*
Brian Ceballos, Comprehensive Community Action
- 6:40 p.m. *Incentives and Getting Started with the RI Energy Customer Advocate Service*
Carinel LeGrand, RI Energy
- 6:55 p.m. Q&A
Priscilla de la Cruz, City of Providence Office of Sustainability (Moderator)

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7:25 p.m. *Closing Remarks*

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- ★ RIDOH Health Equity Zone Initiative
 - ★ RI Office of Energy Resources
 - ★ **EHA Community of Practice Network**
 - ★ URI Office of Marketing and Communications
 - ★ Green and Healthy Homes Initiative
 - ★ CAP of Providence Country
 - ★ Statewide Low Income Heating Assistance Program
 - ★ City of Providence Office of Sustainability
 - ★ Association of Community Action Agencies
 - ★ Tri-County Community Action Agency
 - ★ Blackstone Valley Community Action Program
 - ★ Community Care Alliance
 - ★ Westbay Community Action
 - ★ Comprehensive Community Action
 - ★ Eastbay Community Action Program
 - ★ RI Energy
 - ★ CLEAResult
 - ★ ACEEE
 - ★ NEEP
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