



Date | Thursday 01 May 2025

Venue | Usher Enlighten, Usher Building, Edinburgh BioQuarter, Edinburgh, EH16 4UX

12.30 | Refreshments and registration | Usher Foyer

Time	Programme	Speaker
13.00	Welcome and Introduction to Usher Connects Usher Enlighten	Julie Jacko, Chief Academic Officer, Usher Institute
13.10 Introduction and background – What is the issue?		
Chair Olivia Swann, Principal Investigator, Homes, Heat and Healthy Kids Study, Usher Institute		
	Why child health matters	Mairi Stark, RCPCH Officer for Scotland, NHS Lothian, RCPCH
	Housing as a public health emergency	Michael Tornow, Senior Health Improvement Officer, Public Health Scotland
	Fuel poverty in Scotland	Zachary Thompson and Amy Nimegger, Housing and Regeneration Research Team, Scottish Government
	Delivering a just transition to a net zero Scotland	Emily Creamer, Principal Social Researcher, Climate Change Analysis, Scottish Government
13.50 How can housing data help us understand children's health		
Chair Olivia Swann, Principal Investigator, Homes, Heat and Healthy Kids Study, Usher Institute		
	DataLoch – New housing and environmental data opportunities	Stephen Powell, Data Acquisition Manager & Derek O'Sullivan, Developer DataLoch, Usher Institute
	Homes, Heat and Healthy Kids study online: The impact of homes on child health	Olivia Swann, Principal Investigator, Homes, Heat and Healthy Kids Study, Usher Institute

	The Parent Group: Personal videos and co-produced animation	Gloria Odhi, Andrew Anderson & Anwar Arif
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14.25 | 5 min | Comfort break

14.30 | Panel Discussion | Housing | The practicalities and health impacts of energy efficiency measures

Chair | Olivia Swann, Principal Investigator, Homes, Heat and Healthy Kids Study, Usher Institute

Panel Members |

Julio Bros Williamson, Lecturer/ Chancellor's Fellow Net-Zero Buildings, The University of Edinburgh

Megan Brownlie, Fuel Poverty Partnership Officer, Energy Saving Trust

Jenny Danson, CEO, Healthy Homes Hub

Ruth Doherty, Professor of Atmospheric Sciences, The University of Edinburgh

Nile Istephan, CEO, Eildon Housing Association

Abi Whitehouse, Senior Clinical Lecturer, in Children's Environmental Health, Queen Mary University of London

15.10 | Panel Discussion | Data | Linking housing and healthcare data – opportunities and challenges

Chair | Stephen Powell, Data Acquisition Manager, DataLoch, Usher Institute

Panel Members |

Oliver Berry, Research Co-ordinator, Smart Data Foundry

Chris Dibben, Professor of Health Geography, University of Edinburgh

Rochelle Hadley, Customer Success Manager, Switchee

Pamela Linkstead, Information Governance, DataLoch, Usher Institute

Simon Tricker, Co Founder, UrbanTide

15.50 | 10 min | Comfort break

16.00 | Data that drives decisions: How can all of this improve children's health?

Chair | Olivia Swann, Principal Investigator, Homes, Heat and Healthy Kids Study, Usher Institute

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16.20 | Closing comments

	What have we heard today, and what can you expect next?	Olivia Swann, Principal Investigator, Homes, Heat
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16.30 – 18.00 | Networking, exhibitors and buffet | Usher Foyer

Exhibitors |
DataLoch
Energy Saving Trust
Smart Data Foundry
Switchee
The Parent Group
UrbanTide