

# ENCOURAGE – ‘Fit For the Future’ West Midlands



The NRCCE is one of several partners that was involved in the development and delivery of a retrofit pilot programme ‘Fit for the Future’ funded by Advantage West Midlands.

The aim of the pilot was to establish a robust business case for the investment in retrofit skills development and the carbon management agenda. With the project ultimately seeking to reduce carbon emissions and develop the ‘green economy’ within the region by linking the anticipated market growth for low carbon products goods and services with local manufacturing delivered by a skilled local workforce.

The programme is underpinned by three training strands and is targeted at both residents and trade operatives. The three strands include

- Introductory workshop on climate change
- Level 2 Climate Change and Energy Management programme
- Level 3 Retrofit Skills programme

The NRCCE has project managed the pilot programme on behalf of its accountable body the Accord Housing Group and has also lead on the coordination of the training, in particular the development and delivery of the introductory workshop on climate change working closely with Marches Energy to design a comprehensive and interactive training session.

This ambitious training programme has been delivered to over 300 residents across the region and the NRCCE believes this is fundamental in creating the leverage for change and raising awareness that everyone can make difference just by changing their behavior and lifestyle and we see this pilot as a way of mobilising neighbourhood action to respond to climate change.