



Edinburgh Tool Library

Edinburgh Cosy Homes

Edinburgh Tool Library has said the following, after receiving a grant from the SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund in its December 2023 funding round: Communities across Scotland are currently facing urgent, intersecting climate and cost-of-living crises. Right now, 30% of UK energy use is within our homes and we know there's significant wastage of energy through heating - at a time when staggering energy bills are becoming unaffordable for a growing number of residents.

Enter **ETL Retrofixers**, who bring neighbours in North-East Edinburgh together to build knowledge and practical skills about DIY retrofit measures, while fostering collective power for community climate action to save energy, money and the planet all at the same time.

The Retrofixers have just received support from the SafeDeposits Scotland Community Fund to kick-start their **community-led retrofit project**, which will offer practical support for households facing fuel poverty to make their homes more energy efficient, while upskilling groups of volunteers to carry out community-led retrofit projects which will cut carbon, nurture sustainable neighbourhoods and enhance community cohesion.

Activities will encompass **hands-on draught-proofing training sessions for volunteers** to equip them with the expertise to lead further retrofit projects in the community; as well as a series of **draught-proofing sessions in households facing fuel poverty**. The volunteer-led retrofit collective will help vulnerable households by implementing DIY draught-proofing measures. Through connecting skilled people with volunteers and households - and supporting people to negotiate the barriers collectively - the project will not only significantly reduce carbon emissions from home energy use, but will also have a positive impact on health and wellbeing.

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