

Dr. Richard Bull is a social scientist in the Institute of Energy and Sustainable Development at De Montfort University, Leicester, UK. He has a diverse background in energy, behaviour change, waste management and the digital economy and is now a Principal Lecturer and Associate Head of School for Engineering and Sustainable Development. Having completed a BA (Hons) and Masters in Theology at the London School of Theology (affiliated with Middlesex University) Richard moved to Nottingham and worked for six years as a Human Resource Officer and Environmental Manager at a large family owned SME in North Nottinghamshire. During this time he studied part-time for an MBA at Nottingham Business School, focusing on corporate social responsibility and environmental management. Richard went on to study for a PhD at the University of Birmingham under Professor Judith Petts. An ESRC Case award with Veolia, it looked at the role of business in society through an examination of whether public engagement and deliberative processes can generate 'social learning' and environmental citizenship. Over the last 7 years at De Montfort University he has led a range of UK and EU research projects (£500k+) around ICT enabled energy behaviour change and has an ongoing interest in the benefits of public engagement to behaviour change, governance and environmental and corporate citizenship. His research has been published in a range of journals such as Energy Research and Social Science, Energy and Buildings and Journal of Environmental Planning and Management. He is currently leading a team overseeing the design and implementation of an energy dashboard in the EU funded SAVES project with the National of Union of Students to help students in university halls of residence across Europe save energy. He also has a growing interest in the rise of smart cities and the role of citizen engagement.