

WINDSOR CONFERENCE 2014

COUNTING THE COST OF COMFORT

THE WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

WORKSHOP 8: Negotiated Comfort

Invited Chair: Gary Raw

12th April 2014: 17.30 – 18.30 – Greening Room (1 Hour)

The temperatures to which people heat their homes result from a complex, continuous and dynamic negotiation, rather than a simple comfort temperature. This negotiation operates at two levels – between household members (who may desire different temperatures or other ways of feeling comfortable) and between objectives (e.g. being comfortable, keeping healthy, saving money, protecting the environment and avoiding conflict). This results in householders using a greater or lesser palette of possible means of achieving (or compromising on) comfort, depending on a set of competing priorities and the social and economic status of individuals within the household. The workshop aims to draw on participants' research and experience to fill in some of the key parameters in this negotiation.