

EUED Centres Transport Day

26th September 2013, UCL London

Greg Marsden organised a really useful meeting to present and compare 'transport' related projects from three EUED Centres: the Centre for Energy Epidemiology, UCL; Centre for Innovation and Energy Demand, Sussex/Oxford/Manchester and DEMAND. Other participants included Simon Roberts and Liz Halsted from TfL and Dominique Bertin from EDF UK R&D Centre.

Linking the EUED Centres' research together around these themes is particularly important to maximize the impact of engagement with practitioners; to avoid splitting audiences and to capitalize more on shared links

During the course of the day we identified a series of common concepts or issues which would form interesting topics around which to organise future workshops involving people from across the EUED Centres. These might take the form of updates on live research, position papers and think pieces. This wider group will be a useful sounding board for some of the issues we are grappling with (innovation, mobility as a practice, etc..) Events might be organized around:

- Concepts: e.g. synchronization, peaks, life course, unintended consequences, abandonment, diffusion, inequality
- Gaps: Long-distance travel, parenting, u-turns
- Specific policy topics might provide a point of reference around which to compare and set out the differing approaches taken by each of the three Centres.

We commented more generally on different modes of impact and relevance. On certain topics the Centres will be providing evidently useful information to policy as it is currently configured. At other times the aim is to challenge and re-frame the policy agenda. In either case we should be aiming to advance debate. The thematic approach to workshops will allow us to connect more closely to academic and practice impact. When there has been sufficient work on one or more of these themes it may be appropriate to run joint conference sessions or special issues in journals.

Tim Schwanen from the Centre for Innovation and Energy Demand has offered to host/organize the next event some time in 2014, when more of the primary research is underway.