

# PRESS RELEASE

## ***OpenTRV showcasing at Connecting Homes Startup Competition today***

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**“On September 26th, British Gas Connected Homes Group will be hosting a pitch event & showcase for 25 startups from around the world with innovative products or services in the home energy sector.**

**The winner will receive a cash prize of £30,000 and the chance to run a trial with selected British Gas customers.”**

OpenTRV is already planning a trial of its technology this winter with Professor Ruth Rettie's group at Kingston University, and hopes to expand the scope with any winnings from today's event.

### ***About OpenTRV***

OpenTRV sets out to make it easy to save lots of energy by not heating rooms that you're not in, and by no longer trying to use a single thermostat to get your whole house comfortable.

**Heating accounts for around 60% of UK domestic energy use and 60% of people admit to heating unoccupied rooms. [p2 DECC 2012 2323, p33 DECC 2012 6918]**

OpenTRV also allows a simple schedule to be set (no complex displays though) and tries to anticipate when you'll need heating to improve comfort while boosting efficiency.

OpenTRV is designed to be simple to (retro-)fit to existing UK housing stock with radiator central heating.

OpenTRV came about as a practical response to a DECC (Department of Energy and Climate Change) workshop on “smart heating” at the end of 2012 and is a **retrofit completely-open-source reference mechanical/hardware/software design for zoned heating control...**

Team members across Europe include: Bo @BoHerrmannsen (DK), Bruno @brunogirin (UK), Damon @OpenTRV (UK), Mike @mikestir\_uk (UK)

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See also:

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