

## Net Zero Knowledge Exchange: Event Outline

**Details:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2026, 1-4pm, Durham University Business School, Waterside, Riverside Place, Durham, DH1 1SL.

**Purpose:** To bring together senior and emerging academic voices who are leading research on the energy transition and its implications for regional economic growth, in order to share the latest insights from their research with those working across the sector, as well as with regional policy makers. The workshop will facilitate the exchange of cutting-edge research with topical private sector insights and evidence, to promote effective policy making.

### Agenda:

- 1-2pm:** Keynote by **Anna Valero**, Professor in Practice at LSE and Industrial Strategy Advisor to the Chancellor of the Exchequer\*
- 2-2.15pm:** Coffee break
- 2.15-3pm:** Short research presentations by Durham University Business School colleagues, and the wider Durham faculty (10 minutes each).
- **Chien-Yi Chang**, Assistant Professor in Computer Science and Law and JusTNOW: 'Equitable and Sustainable Data Governance for AI Development'
  - **Pia Andres**, Assistant Professor in Economics and Law, CE3 and JusTNOW: 'How Advances in AI Shape Energy Innovation and the "Race" between Clean and Dirty Technologies'
  - **Laura Marsiliani**, Professor in Economics, Faculty of Business Associate Dean for Ethics, Responsibility and Sustainability, CE3 and JusTNOW: 'Economic Lessons from Energy Decarbonisation Projects for the North East of England'
  - **John Moffat**, Associate Professor in Economics: UK R&D Policy and Co-Location
- 3-3.15pm:** Coffee break
- 3.15-4pm:** Panel discussion: Net-Zero-Oriented Industrial Development and Regional Growth in the North of England
- **Anna Valero**, Professor in Practice at LSE and Industrial Strategy Advisor to the Chancellor of the Exchequer
  - **Richard Harris**, Professor in Economics, Durham University
  - **Clare Wildfire**, Global Cities Lead, Mott MacDonald, and Co-Chair of the Northern Powerhouse Partnership's Northern Energy Transition Business Network.
- 4pm:** Refreshments and networking

\* Note: Professor Valero will be speaking in her capacity as Professor in Practice at the London School of Economics. She will not be representing the government.