November - Heating High Tech - Step-By-Step Activity







Step-by-Step Guide

Climate Change Topic	Heating		
High-tech or Low-tech?	High-Tech		
Duration of Activity (in minutes)	25 minutes	Learning Outcome	 Research smart meters and apps Test different apps to help to heat one's home or office Discuss heat pumps and how they function
Materials Required for Activity	 Mobile device with an internet connection 		
Step-by-step instructions	In this activity, you will undertake some research on alternative heating methods for your home, and how you can use technology to track heating usage in your home. Below you can find some suggestions on the different types of heating meters you can get installed into your home to help track your heating usage, as well as cut down on heating costs. Before you can pick out a heating system, you need to first identify the needs of your home: • How many rooms need heating? • Do you need two individual heating zones? • What is the budget for updating the heating systems in your home? • What is the current environmental impact of your heating system? Climote: Climote is an Irish-owned brand that installs a smart device in less than 30 minutes that allows you to control your heating directly from your home. It allows you to set timers for each day for each zone in your house, as well as turn on or off the heating directly from your phone. Take some time to read about the device and whether it suits your heating needs here: https://www.climote.ie/ Nest: Nest is a smart learning thermostat that learns from your heating habits to automatically adjust the temperatures and heating times to save you the most amount of time and money. Take some time to do some independent research about the system here, and whether it suits your		



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needs:

https://store.google.com/ie/product/nest learning thermostat 3rd gen

Heat Pump Installation:

It is also important to do some independent research on the alternative heating systems available to home owners in Ireland. Heat pumps are a heating system alternative that moves away from traditional gas heating. Installation of these systems can be quite expensive, therefore take some time to do some independent research on the different types of heat pump systems available, and the grants available for installation in Ireland.

Link: https://heatpumpsireland.ie/

Infrared Heating Panel Installation:

Infrared heating is another alternative heating system that is much more environmentally friendly and cost effective. Infrared heating uses electromagnetic energy generated by electricity to heat our homes. Installation, much like heat pumps, can have a high upfront cost, that is why it is important to do some independent research to understand the installation process, the types of systems available, as well as grants available. You can find some start-off points below:

SEAI: https://www.seai.ie/

Infrared Heating Ireland: https://infraredheat.ie/







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