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Student wants to track your energy use

May 21, 2012

A researcher at The University of Reading wants people to record how often they boil the kettle and watch TV as part of a study into energy use.

PhD student David Lim, from the School of Construction Management and Engineering, is offering a free appliance energy-saving device to families willing to participate in the experiment.

The three-year Great Appliance Survey 2012 asks people to complete an online or postal questionnaire, recording the use of appliances in their homes for one week in the summer and winter.

Mr Lim, 36, said: "This is a chance to be part of one of the first large-scale surveys of its kind which is being carried out over a duration of

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"There is also a feelgood factor with people knowing they can be proud they are helping to tackle climate change through academic research. It's also an opportunity to influence energy research and possible energy supply strategies for the future."

Mr Lim has worked with The Royal Academy of Engineering to develop a mathematical model to see how renewable energy technology can be integrated into the current network.

Mr Lim added: "I started the survey last year and many people who helped out reported that the exercise was extremely helpful in reducing their energy bills."

For details, call 07575 207 686 or visit www.appliancesurvey.org



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