**Round 1 Workshops - 'spoke person' briefing**

For the purposes of the workshop, the participants will be split into three topic groups covering ‘energy supply’, ‘energy demand’ and ’greenhouse gas removal’.

One workshop participant from each of these groups will act as a spokesperson and take part in a ‘spokes council’ process. We are asking you take on the spoke role for the **greenhouse gas removal group**. The spokes will help to communicate ideas between the topic groups, provide oversight and ensure that a holistic approach is taken to the narratives the groups develop. Spokes are selected based on their broad knowledge of the net zero challenge alongside their specific subject knowledge.  
Each spoke will be involved in observing initial group discussion before joining with the other spokes to reflect on overarching issues and to identify where and how they wish to challenge the narrative that the groups develop. The spokes therefore maintain an oversight role whilst helping their topic group to understand and respond to the challenges from the spokes council. Being the spoke carries a lot of responsibility to represent information accurately and to challenge effectively but not to manipulate the process.

The process

There will be two spokes council sessions during the workshop.

You will join the first of these sessions after your group has discussed their top items in relation to reaching net zero to:

* Share initial feedback from your group
* Reflect together on the challenges, uncertainties, restrictions and potential lock-in scenarios coming from the answers that your groups are giving
* Consider aspects relating to overarching systems, governance, ethics, finance, policy and regulation

Your challenges will then be fed back during the following plenary session.

The second spokes council will occur after your group has made an initial exploration of the consensus around the key short and long term items in their narrative. You will:

* Continue reflections on the outputs of the groups in relation to key overarching aspects
* Identify challenges emerging across the groups
* Clarify specific points of feedback to be made in the final plenary and closing sessions

Preparation

There is no official preparation for this role, but it would be beneficial for you to consider key aspects within your work that relate to these overarching aspects of the net zero challenge and arrive prepared to discuss them in relation to the evidence.