CONSENSUS HomeLab
Experiments in Sustainable Living: Water

Interested in sustainable living? Want to find ways of reducing your household water use with the upcoming water charges? Would you like to try out the latest technologies for water efficiency in your home? Want to educate your kids about sustainability in a fun way? Then sign up to the CONSENSUS HomeLab challenge!!

Take part in our water HomeLab research
We are looking for 5 enthusiastic households to participate in a 5 week research project that examines sustainable water consumption. As a chosen household, you will receive a range of supports to help manage your water use in the home including water meters, technologies & informational tools. The experiment is part of the CONSENSUS research project on sustainable consumption, sponsored by the Irish Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Benefits for households:
• **Environment**: decrease your environmental footprint
• **Economic**: learn how to save money on your water bill
• **Community**: build new networks and connections with like-minded people
• **Efficiency**: learn new skills to use your water more efficiently at home
• **Assist cutting-edge research**: assist in this exciting study designed to identify new policy, technologies and education that will improve our wellbeing while helping reduce water use & our environmental impacts.

What is required?
• **Participate** fully in a 5 week trial from 28 July to 29 August 2014
• **Engage** in 5 home visits with a CONSENSUS researcher
• **Experiment with** new water meters and low-flow technologies that will be installed in your home for the experiment by professional plumbers and removed safely afterwards.
• Have no more than 2 showers (ideally both with quite **high pressure / power shower**).
• **Owner-occupied** homes preferred, though not required.
• **Live** in the **Dublin area**
• **Share your experiences** of the Water HomeLab with the research team using a feedback format that suits you (e.g. diaries, texts or online posts).

Sign me up!!
Please contact Dr Ruth Doyle - rdoyle4@tcd.ie if you are interested in participating or have any questions.