

CARES CONFERENCE: SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION

8 - 9 MAY 2019, PERTH RACECOURSE

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Join us at the CARES Conference 2019 at Perth Racecourse, 8th - 9th May 2019 to explore all things local and community energy, and find out how you can get involved in Scotland's low carbon energy transition.

The Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) is managed by Local Energy Scotland and offers grants, loans and advice to help you develop and realise your ideas.

Day one: inspiring sustainability

Day one of the conference focuses on the big picture and inspiring sustainability - how community and local energy projects can help achieve all three pillars of sustainability and create a greener country. Scotland is showing world leadership in our ambition of 1GW of locally owned generation by 2020 and 2GW by 2030. You'll hear about the policy behind the action and learn from inspiring local projects. You'll find out about exciting innovations, see how communities can benefit from partnering with larger scale projects and learn about the challenges facing the sector.

Day two: putting it into action

With more project examples and practical learning sessions to help you take your project idea forward and achieve your own portion of the bigger picture. You'll also hear what funding and support is available from us and other organisations we work with, to help you along the way.

General information

The conference is free to attend and is aimed at communities involved in or looking to explore local energy projects, and those working alongside communities to help make this happen.

We've designed the agenda to be as flexible as possible, you are welcome to attend just one or both days.

Visit www.localenergy.scot for more information about CARES or join the conversation on Twitter! [@localenergysco](https://twitter.com/localenergysco) #CARES19

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8th May 2019

Inspiring sustainability

09.00 – 10.00 Sign in and refreshments

10.00 – 12.00 Opening sessions

Welcome

Chris Morris, Local Energy Scotland Manager

Keynote speech

Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands

Scottish Government's Local Energy and Low Carbon ambitions

Sue Kearns, Deputy Director - Consumers and Low Carbon, Scottish Government

Acting locally, thinking globally

A chance to reflect on the reasons for getting involved in local energy projects and be inspired to take action.

- Video messages: Act now!
Messages from across the country
- **David Edwards** FRGS, FRSGS (Hon), FHEA, MIEEnvSc
The big picture – what are the political, ethical, social and practical considerations that need to be considered as we make crucial decisions that will affect the lives of everyone in the UK, as well as many others around the world.
- **Iona Hodge, Local Energy Scotland**
CARES support to take your ideas forward

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.00 Achieving sustainability goals

Hear from inspiring projects that encompass the three pillars of sustainability.

- **Colin Renfrew, Fyne Energy Ltd**
Fyne Homes Auchadaduie Wind is 6.9MW wind project was developed on the principle that communities in Scotland could and should be able to generate income for wider community benefit from renewables. We'll hear about the project and its planned impact.
- **David MacLeod, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar**
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar have been leading on the innovative Outer Hebrides Local Energy Hub with support from CARES Local Energy Challenge Fund. The project brings a circular economy approach to local energy, turning local waste into local heat and power.
- **Lucy Conway and Bob Wallace, Electric Eigg**
The islanders of Eigg started generating their own energy from renewable sources in 2008. This now integrates hydro, wind and solar sources of renewable energy to households and business via a community-owned island-wide high voltage grid.
- **Angela Williams, Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston Community Company**
The Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston Community Company was established by the Community Council in 2007 as the approved body to receive and distribute community benefit to the Fort Augustus & Glenmoriston area. Since the start of the grant programme in 2009 till 31st March 2018, £473,495 has been awarded in grants. In 2013 they launched an apprenticeship scheme.

14.00 – 15.00 Learning sessions

Choose one from:

Understanding Shared Ownership

Take a look at how Shared Ownership contributes to the Scottish Government's ambitions and global climate change targets.

Including:

Mark Brennan, Local Energy Scotland – What is shared ownership

Lorne Frew, Scottish Government – the Good Practice Principles

Andrew Smith, Force 9 Energy – what this means for a developer

Simon Lee, Consultant and Imogen Sawyer, Sanday Development Trust – what this means for communities

What can Scottish communities learn from sustainable islands?

Hear about the world leading local energy projects from island communities and how lessons learned can be applied to communities across Scotland.

Including:

Mark Hull, Community Energy Scotland – Orkney leading the way in renewables and low carbon innovation.

Simon Morris, Ricardo Energy and Environment – A Scottish and international view of exemplar sustainable island projects and applying learnings to the mainland.

Local Energy Planning

How should you go about developing new energy projects in your community? Local Energy Planning may help you identify and prioritise opportunities. Through our European project COBEN we've developed a guide and toolkit to help communities develop Local Energy Plans. This session will look at how you as a community can go about developing a Local Energy Plan using the approach developed through the project. It will cover examples of good practice and actions now taken forward by the communities involved and the tools and resources available.

Including:

Ross Jones, Local Energy Scotland

Gareth Oakley, Wood

15.00 – 15.15 Break

15.15 – 16.15 Learning sessions

Choose one from:

Creating legacy from Community Benefit

In this session we'll look at how communities have created a lasting legacy from the community income flowing from renewable energy projects.

We'll also get an update on the changes made in the revised Good Practice Principles.

Including:

Lorne Frew, Scottish Government

Foundation Scotland

What can Scottish communities learn from sustainable islands?

Repeat session

Local Energy Planning

Repeat session

16.15 – 16.45 Wrap up session

Join us back in the main room for the final session of the day.

17.00 Drinks and nibbles

9th May 2019

Putting it into action

09.30 – 10.00 Sign in and refreshments

10.00 – 11.15 Opening sessions

- **CARES support**
Chris Morris, Local Energy Scotland Manager
- **Community and Local Energy – what next?**
Our expert panel will consider the new opportunities for renewables brought about by the move to a subsidy-free environment.
 - Andrew Morton, Local Energy Scotland
 - Jodie Giles, Regen
 - Gillian Wilson, Community Energy Scotland
 - Simon Morris, Ricardo Energy & Environment

11.15 – 11.30 Grab a cuppa on the way to your learning session

11.30 – 12.30 Learning sessions

Choose one from:

Taking shared ownership projects forward	This session will focus on the practicalities of taking forward Shared Ownership projects. We'll take a look at the tools and support that can help make a project successful. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark Brennan, Local Energy Scotland – Starter for Ten!• Kirstin Ejsmont, Mackinnons Solicitors – Venture into that Venture• Harper Macleod – Shared revenue Guidance• Craig Waterson, Energy Investment Fund – support from EIF• Simon Lee, Consultant and Imogen Sawyer, Sanday Development Trust – issues for communities
Developing solar projects	This session will look at the rise of and potential for building scale solar projects. We'll explore how these are developed and delivered, and what partners might be involved. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ben Whittle, Energy Saving Trust – assessing buildings for solar PV• Richard Witney, Edinburgh Community Solar Coop – developing and delivering projects• Zia Hussain, IQRA Learning Centre Glasgow – ambitions for a low carbon community building• Monica Lee-Macpherson MBE, Scottish Highlands & Islands and Moray Chinese Association – ambitions for a low carbon community building
Community Heat	Find out more about the challenges, opportunities and lessons learnt from pioneering community heat projects. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Linsley-Hood, Locogen - experiences of taking forward shared ground loop systems.• Matthew Black, Fintry Development Trust – engaging the community in heat projects• Ken Brady, Energy Saving Trust – key points to address before embarking on a community heat project.
Pre-accredited hydro	This session is targeted at those communities that have a pre-accredited hydro scheme. This session will look at approaches to project delivery, funding and explore options for cost reduction through working together. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carol Thomas, Awesome Energy• Richard O'Brien, Triodos• Toby Sandison, Community Shares Scotland• Amanda Swan, Ricardo Energy and Environment

Local Energy Marketplace	Would you like more time to network with the organisations that can help you to take forward renewable and low carbon projects? Our Local Energy Marketplace is the place! Select this as one of your workshop options to talk directly to potential funders, partners and support agencies.
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12.30 – 13.30 Lunch & Local Energy Marketplace

13.30 – 14.30 Learning sessions

Choose one from:

Delivering community benefit funds	This session will focus on the practicalities of delivering Community Benefit funds. We'll take a look at the tools and support that can help with successful delivery and partnerships. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Campbell, Local Energy Scotland – resources and support from CARES • Foundation Scotland - Examples from across the country
New opportunities in local energy	This workshop builds on the introductory session, exploring in more detail the models and opportunities likely to be key in the future for community and local energy. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Morton, Local Energy Scotland • Jodie Giles, Regen • Gillian Wilson, Community Energy Scotland • Simon Morris, Ricardo Energy & Environment
Local Energy Policy Statement	In this consultative session the Scottish Government will set out their early vision for, and seek views on, a Local Energy Policy Statement. Sign up to be among the first to contribute to this exciting new policy area. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Kynaston, Scottish Government • Christine McKay, Scottish Government
Pre-registered solar	A number of charities and communities have recently pre-registered small scale solar PV projects. This session will help those communities to plan to deliver their projects over the next 12 months to go from pre-reg to PV.
Local Energy Marketplace	Repeat session

14.30 – 14.35 Grab a cuppa on the way to your learning session

14.35 – 15.35 Learning sessions

Choose one from:

Developing solar projects	New opportunities in local energy	Local Energy Policy Statement	Local Energy Marketplace
Repeat session	Repeat session	Repeat session	Repeat session

15.35 Close