

CARES Conference 2018

EMPOWERING THE LOCAL ENERGY TRANSITION

18th and 19th April

The Corinthian, 191 Ingram St, Glasgow, G1 1DA

It's an exciting time for the local energy sector. The Scottish Government's Energy Strategy has been published giving a clear direction on the whole system approach (power, heat and transport) needed to meet Scotland's ambitious targets, and the pivotal role communities will play in the development of innovative local energy systems.

Join us in Glasgow on 18 and 19 April at the CARES Conference 2018 to explore the big opportunities for community and local energy in this new energy landscape.

On day one we'll focus on new approaches to the challenges posed in meeting the 2030 targets. On the second day you'll have the opportunity to find out more about the range of funds and support available to help you get your local energy project up and running. Come along to be the first to hear about the new package of CARES support that we'll be launching during the conference.

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

Day one: 2030 approaches to local energy projects

We are delighted to be joined by **Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy**, who will be delivering our keynote speech, and we will hear from a number of successful energy projects.

Over the last few years, funding targeted at innovation and partnership working and changes to the way we will generate and use energy is enabling new opportunities for community energy. We'll explore these exciting new models in detail.

At our learning sessions you will be able to find out more about and discuss the new models for community energy, the local energy planning process being trialled by the Local Energy Plans project and the opportunities to get involved in projects being taken forward by energy developers in your area.

We hope you can join us for the networking reception, sponsored by SSEN, where you can mull over the day's discussions in an informal environment.

Day two: Ideas into action

Day two is focused on giving you all the information you need to take a project forward. The Scottish Government will give an overview of the opportunities for communities to get involved in innovative local energy systems and we'll be launching a new package of support through CARES that enables projects to develop that work within the evolving energy system and new energy markets.

You'll hear about current funding opportunities and the support available to help you whatever stage you are at in your project development. You can find out more about the options for using reused and refurbished turbines to help financial viability and about how communities are being empowered to take projects forward.

We'll also be discussing the Scottish Government's Good Practice Principles on community benefits from onshore renewable energy developments and shared ownership of onshore renewables energy developments. We'll be looking for your input in the consultation sessions.

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.

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18th April 2018

2030 approaches to local energy projects

09.00 – 10.00 Sign in and refreshments

10.00 – 11.30 Opening sessions

Welcome

Chris Morris, Local Energy Scotland Manager

Keynote speech

Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy

Project stories

Hear about some of the project successes from the last year in quick-fire updates from:

- **Garth wind** – A five turbine community windfarm in Yell – Andrew Nisbet
- **Arrochar community hydro** - community hydro scheme in Arrochar, on Luss Estates' land – Duncan MacLachlan
- **Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust** – making the most of community benefits - Helen Houston
- **Smart Fintry** – engaging the community in a smart approach – Matthew Black
- **Outer Hebrides Local Energy Hub** – a circular economy approach – Kirsten MacDonald
- **Glasgow Housing Association** – A large scale air source heat pump for affordable, low carbon heat – Colin Reid
- **Falkirk Low Carbon Hub** – An approach from a Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund project – Steve Revell
- **Local Energy Plans** – a new approach to understand energy in your community – Ross Jones

11.30 – 11.45 Break

11.45 – 13.00 Emerging models for local energy

Delivering the ambitions in the Scottish Energy Strategy will require smart thinking and new models for project delivery. We'll explore the opportunity for local energy projects to innovate and develop in this new space.

Presentations include:

- Global opportunities in the new energy transition – Jenny Carson, Delta Energy
- Valuing flexibility in community energy – Alastair Martin, Flexitricity
- Building the capacity of communities to partner in the delivery of the smart energy revolution – Gillian Wilson, Community Energy Scotland
- New delivery models for community energy – Nigel Cornwall, Cornwall Energy

There will be an opportunity for the audience to pose questions to our expert panel at the end of the session.

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13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 Learning sessions

Choose one from:

Main room 1	Breakout 1	Breakout 2
<p>Planning for success</p> <p>Local Energy Scotland is working with four Scottish communities to develop Local Energy Plans as part of the European project COBEN.</p> <p>Local Energy Plans will help communities develop a long term approach to energy projects.</p> <p>Find out more about what a Local Energy Plan is and how it is being carried out.</p>	<p>New delivery models for community energy</p> <p>Changes to the energy system means there are opportunities for communities to get involved in innovative and integrated local energy systems and networks.</p> <p>Local Energy Scotland has commissioned Cornwall Energy to develop new delivery models for community energy projects. These will apply learning from successful UK and international models to help communities in Scotland to develop projects locally.</p> <p>In this session we'll take a walk through the shortlisted models and discuss the potential to pilot them in your community.</p>	<p>Shared Ownership</p> <p>Shared Ownership presents an opportunity for communities to invest in privately owned renewable energy projects and is a top priority for CARES support.</p> <p>Local Energy Scotland will present the latest status of Shared Ownership across the industry, focusing on the early stage engagement between communities and renewable energy developers.</p> <p>We will look to the future of shared ownership and the opportunities that there are as well as learning the lessons of past partnerships.</p>

15.00 – 15.15 Break

15.15 – 16.15 Learning sessions

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<p>Community benefit funds – getting the governance right</p> <p>Foundation Scotland will lead a session covering good governance and accountability in the management of community benefit funds.</p> <p>We will explore governance issues, what needs to be in place to ensure good governance, and further support available to communities including the CARES Community Benefit Toolkit.</p>	<p>New delivery models for community energy</p> <p>Changes to the energy system means there are opportunities for communities to get involved in innovative and integrated local energy systems and networks.</p> <p>Local Energy Scotland has commissioned Cornwall Energy to develop new delivery models for community energy projects. These will apply learning from successful UK and international models to help communities in Scotland to develop projects locally.</p> <p>In this session we'll take a walk through the shortlisted models and discuss the potential to pilot them in your community.</p>	<p>Shared Ownership</p> <p>Shared Ownership presents an opportunity for communities to invest in privately owned renewable energy projects and is a top priority for CARES support.</p> <p>Local Energy Scotland will present the latest status of Shared Ownership across the industry, focusing on the early stage engagement between communities and renewable energy developers.</p> <p>We will look to the future of shared ownership and the opportunities that there are as well as learning the lessons of past partnerships.</p>

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16.30 Networking reception

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Ideas into action

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Local Energy Marketplace

Throughout the day there will be opportunities to browse our Local Energy Marketplace. This will include stallholders of organisations that can help you to develop your local energy project idea.

10.00 – 11.30 Supporting Local Energy Projects

Welcome

Chris Morris, Local Energy Scotland Manager

Opportunities for communities to be involved in innovative local energy systems and networks

We'll delve into the Scottish Energy Strategy and Onshore Wind Policy and explore the opportunities for communities in the future energy system.

Anna Kynaston, Head of Low Carbon Support Unit, Scottish Government

CARES funding and support

Find out more about the new package of CARES funding and support

Iona Hodge, Local Energy Scotland

Quick-fire funding updates

Hear from the funders, such as LCITP and HIE, that are supporting communities to take forward renewable and low carbon projects to help you understand the support available.

11.15 – 11.45 Break and browse the Local Energy Marketplace

11.45 - 12.45 Learning and consultation sessions

Choose one from:

Main room 1

Developing local energy projects

Come along and find out about the new package of support and funding from CARES and how to make this work in your community.

We'll look at developing a project from scratch and the support available to help your community to do this.

Breakout 1

Good practice principles - Community benefit Consultation event

The Scottish Government are reviewing the Good Practice Principles for Community Benefit.

This consultation session will be used to capture views from communities, developers and other stakeholders. This will include thoughts on:

- What works
- What doesn't work
- The future

Breakout 2

Refurbished turbines

With the reduction and removal of UK Government support for onshore wind projects, it has become more difficult for schemes to be commercially viable. One way to improve the economics of a project is to reduce the capital cost by using a refurbished or remanufactured wind turbine.

We'll explore this option for reducing project costs and look at some of the challenges and benefits involved.

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14.15 – 15.15 Learning and consultation sessions

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Breakout 2

Community Empowerment

Find out more about the support available to empower communities across Scotland to take ownership of land and buildings, how this can lead to the development of local energy projects and how communities can take more control to do things for themselves.

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