

CARES Conference 2017



FROM STRATEGY TO DELIVERY

Join us for the annual Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) Conference

26th and 27th April
Golden Lion Hotel
8-10 King Street
Stirling
FK8 1BD

Our two day event explores the Scottish Government's aims and ambitions in the current draft Energy Strategy, and how we can help achieve these at a local level. *We've designed the agenda to be as flexible as possible; you are welcome to attend both days or just one.*

Day one: Focusing on the Strategy.

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 successful energy projects.

Our breakout sessions will give you the chance to consider issues, questions, challenges and opportunities laid out in the Strategy. The breakout sessions will be supported by innovative local energy projects so we can hear from those who've learned by doing.

The day will close with our expert panel discussion, featuring a presentation from Chris Stark, the Scottish Government's Director of Energy and Climate Change.

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

Day two: Delivering projects with Scottish Government support

Day two focuses on the nitty gritty of projects, discussing topics in depth. We've split workshops into three suggested streams, but you can select your workshops as you wish.

The first stream explores shared ownership; the support available to deliver a project, alignment with the planning system and how to make the most of funds received from revenue-generating community energy projects. This workshop will be valuable to any community or developer looking to maximise the impact from community benefit.

The second and third streams start with a session on Scottish Government support for local energy projects. You can then attend either -

- Starting a project – design and commercialisation, or
- Delivering a project already underway – managing contractors and communications.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Our thanks go to the Scottish Government and our sponsors for kindly supporting the CARES conference – SSEN and Friends of the Earth Scotland.



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DAY ONE – 26th APRIL



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9:30	Registration Tea and coffee		
10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Chris Morris, Local Energy Scotland• Keynote speech<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy		
	Project successes Hear about the project journey from those who have delivered successful schemes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donich Water Hydro – Sinclair Lang		
11:15	Coffee break		
	BREAKOUT SESSIONS <i>Your chance to explore the Scottish Government's Draft Energy Strategy and consultation documents in detail. We will explore policy perspective, hear from live projects, and give you the chance to input. Local Energy Scotland will write a report of each breakout session to feed into the relevant consultations.</i>		
11:30	Shared Ownership <i>How industry and communities can work together on large scale projects to maximise mutual benefit.</i> We look at the challenges in mainstreaming the shared ownership approach.	Smart local energy systems <i>The Energy Strategy approach: a strategic, holistic energy system?</i> We explore how to design and deliver these complex systems, and what this looks like in practice.	1GW by 2020 <i>Scottish Government target for 1GW of community and locally owned energy by 2020.</i> We ask how this will be achieved and what support you seek through CARES to deliver.
13:00	Lunch		
14:00	Shared Ownership	Smart local energy systems	1GW by 2020
15:15	Coffee break		
	Expert Panel Discussion: Local Energy in 2030 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chris Stark, the Scottish Government's Director of Energy and Climate Change, will share the Scottish Government aims and ambitions for our energy future.		
15:30	Our expert panel will respond and discuss this vision, with opportunity for audience questions. The expert panel will feature: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jenny Hogan, Director of Policy, Scottish Renewables- Viv Cockburn, Director of Corporate Services and Low Carbon, Scottish Futures Trust- Emma Bridge, Chief Executive, Community Energy England- Rachel Searle-Mbulu, Head of Community Investment, Foundation Scotland		
17:00	Close and networking		
18:00	Conference dinner held in the Golden Lion Hotel To continue the day's discussions, delegates are invited to join us for a conference dinner, sponsored by SSE.		

DAY TWO – 27th APRIL

Day two is centred on workshop sessions looking at how to deliver projects with Scottish Government support.

09:00	Registration		
09:30	Support to meet targets in 2020 and beyond: We will explore the support available to assist local energy project delivery and hear a review of sector status. Sue Kearns, Scottish Government Chris Morris, Local Energy Scotland Simon Robinson, Snell Bridge		
10:15	Supporting local energy projects: Scottish Government support to achieve The Scottish Government wishes to empower communities and local areas to strategically consider opportunities for energy, as we move towards a secure, low carbon energy future. Find out about the support and funding available for energy systems and discuss the sector's funding needs. We want to hear from delegates to understand what the sector needs to achieve this transformation. - CARES - LCITP		
11:30	Coffee break		
11:45	Starting a local energy project I: Strategic design The first step in considering a local energy project – taking a strategic approach to design and including the right components and partners - Ian Stewart, Local Energy Scotland	Managing contracts and partners: Ensuring professional delivery Sound procurement, contracts and supplier relationships are the backbone to successful delivery.	Shared ownership and planning: Achieving net economic benefit The planning system recognises net economic benefit from shared ownership schemes as material consideration. We will discuss preparing successful planning applications for shared ownership projects.
13:00	Lunch		
14:00	Starting a local energy project II: Finance and technical Successful projects must be technically and financially sound. We explore pitfalls and top tips to ensuring a strong project.	Sharing success: Project communications and promotions After all the hard work, it's time to celebrate successes! We explore how to share your message, engage with press and media, and inspire others. - Rachelle Money, Scottish Renewables - Sunamp	Community Benefits: Taking the Temperature We explore how community benefit funds are being delivered in practice and the relationship with Scottish Government policy - Foundation Scotland
15:15	Conference close		