



**Community Energy Scotland**  
Cumhachd Coimhearsnachd na h-Alba

## **Renewable Energy for Communities**

*The main purpose of this event is to provide community group representatives with an introduction to renewable energy and the opportunities it might bring for their community. Community Energy Scotland staff will be on hand throughout to run sessions and answer any questions. The programme has been designed to be flexible to allow further topics to be introduced if required.*

### **Day 1 Wednesday 26 August**

**0830** Registration

**0900** Welcome

*'The Dingwall Declaration – the Potential for Community Energy Development in Scotland'*

*Alan Hobbett, Chair, Community Energy Scotland*

**0930** The Context (Part 1)

*'Community Renewables and The Scottish Government's Renewables Action Plan'*

*Sue Kearns, Scottish Government Head of Renewables Strategy & Onshore Renewables*

**1000** The Context (Part 2)

*'The Bigger Picture – Why Bother?'*

*Alex Walker, Chair Development Trusts Association Scotland*

**1030** Community Energy in Practice (part 1) - Overview

*'Community Energy Projects – Scope, Achievements and Support Available'*

*Nicholas Gubbins, Chief Executive, Community Energy Scotland*

**1100** COFFEE

**1130** Community Energy in Practice (part 2) – Our Stories

*Averon Leisure Centre, Alness*

*Guildtown Hall, Perthshire*

*Horshader Community Wind Project – Lewis*

*Westray Renewable Energy Limited*

**1230** Technical Topic Choices

Introduction to afternoon sessions and an opportunity to identify other topics (not on programme) for discussion.

**1245** LUNCH (Cafeteria)

**1400** Technical Sessions (choose 1 - to be run simultaneously)

- Renewable Energy and Community Buildings (Eric Dodd, CES)
- Generating income for your community – community wind projects. (Mo Cloonan CES)
- Community company structures and governance (Stephen Phillips, Burness Solicitors)

**1445** Technical Sessions (choose 1- to be run simultaneously)

- Renewable heat with a focus on district heating (Steven Watson, CES)
- Electricity transmission and distribution (Jon Priddy / Rona MacKay, CES)
- Monitoring and evaluating actual performance of installations ( Daniel Portsmouth, CES)

**1530** TEA

**1630** Marine Renewables (Richard Morris, European Marine Energy Centre, Orkney)

**1700** The Sandy Macaulay Annual Lecture

Introduction – *Jon Priddy, CES*

Ian Macaulay will say a few words about his brother Sandy

‘Promoting Unst Renewable Energy – the PURE Story’ *Ross Gazey (PURE)*

**1815** DINNER

**2000** Ceilidh – *The Skelpit Lug Ceilidh Band*

### **Day 2 Thursday 27 August**

**0900** Reflections, Questions and Answers

*An opportunity to reflect on Day 1 and deal with any further topics or questions*

**1030** Forward Look (Part 1)

- Community Powerdown : Communities Reducing their Dependence on Fossil Fuels  
(*Helen Houston, CES, Neilston Development Trust, Galson Estate Trust*)

**1030** COFFEE

**1100** Forward Look (Part 2)

- Powering Transport through Renewable Energy  
(*Patrick Ross-Smith, CES*)

**1200** Summing up

**1230** Conference concludes and LUNCH