

EDF power solutions in *your* community

UK and Ireland 2026



EDF power solutions UK and Ireland is one of the leading developers of renewable energy and we are committed to tackling climate change, improving energy security and maximising the benefits for communities through our developments.

Across the UK and Ireland, we have more than 700 people bringing a diverse mix of renewable energy technologies to operation including onshore and offshore wind, solar, battery and private wire.

We have offices in various locations, including London, Durham, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Dublin alongside a number of service centres and satellite offices, such as in Stornoway in the Western Isles of Scotland.



How we work with communities

EDF power solutions UK and Ireland prides itself on working closely with communities during every step of a project; building lasting relationships from the early stages through to operation and beyond.

Communities are at the forefront of our work. Local jobs created for local people, community investment, education and skills programmes and community benefit funds are just some of the many ways we support communities in a meaningful way.

This document showcases the tangible benefits that our renewable energy developments bring to people, businesses and the environment across the UK and Ireland. Find out more within the following sections:

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Maximising Benefits to our Communities

A community benefit fund is a voluntary annual payment we give to the communities surrounding our developments to invest in local initiatives, projects and people.

We understand that renewable energy projects can sometimes impact on those living nearby, whether that's through construction or during their operational life. The fund provides a way of giving something back in acknowledgement of our impact, and a reinvestment into projects and initiatives that matter to those communities.

The funds allocated are proportional to the size of the development, the type of technology and the amount of energy generated.

The positive impact that community benefit funds make to those around our projects also continues to grow.

Good practice guidelines are followed as part of every EDF power solutions UK and Ireland's project.



**NEARLY
£10 MILLION**
GIVEN OUT OVER THE LAST
4 YEARS
THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY
BENEFIT FUNDS

Our funds are:



CPI-linked, the amount rising each year in line with inflation.



In place from the start of projects becoming operational, and last the lifetime of the project.



Managed by an independent third party and delivered in partnership with local communities to be adapted to suit the demographic and needs of local people.



Directed towards initiatives, groups and projects that are a priority to the people in the local area – often advised by a panel of local people.



To ensure communities get maximum benefit from our funds, we pay all administration costs and work with independent third party organisations which engage directly with our communities as to how the fund is administered, and the money is spent.



Read on for some of the ways communities around our developments across the UK and Ireland are benefitting from funds donated to them.



In Scotland...

In 2025, we celebrated a major milestone at our Dorenell wind farm in Moray in Scotland, marking five years since the wind farm and its community benefit fund became operational.

This also coincided with the fund having now awarded more than £2 million in funding to local projects and initiatives across the area in that time.

Some of those include:



Supporting youth charity work in Speyside

Dufftown-based youth work charity Speyside Youth has received ongoing support since 2021. An initial three-year award was extended for a further three years in 2024, and provides a regular youth cafe and activity programme, allowing over 45 teenagers per week to access opportunities that wouldn't otherwise be available and complementing other funding the group receives.

"I started Speyside Youth at 11 and was very shy and quiet. Now I am more confident, much more sociable and developed a lot more skills through training within youth work. I don't think younger me would ever be able to comprehend how I became chair of the youth committee."

Speyside Youth member feedback.



£2 MILLION
 DISTRIBUTED THROUGH
FALLAGO
 ENVIRONMENT FUND &
DORENELL
 WIND FARM COMMUNITY
 BENEFIT FUND



Linking communities and improving paths

One of the largest donations of £270,000 was awarded to develop an extensive local footpath network, linking small communities together and encouraging more people to get outside.



Supporting affordable housing

A repayable award of £60,000 to Tomintoul and Glenlivet Development Trust in 2020 went towards an affordable housing project, providing cash flow and assisting in the overall financial management of the project, while being repaid back into the fund over 10 years to enable further grant-making.

Unlocking the potential of local groups

A three-year award of £97,106 to fund a community development officer in Glenlivet and Inveravon. Employed by Tomintoul and Glenlivet Development Trust, they play a key role in supporting local groups and helping to deliver major local projects such as hall improvements.

In Scotland...



Berwickshire social enterprise, Eat Sleep Ride, uses horses and nature as therapy for disadvantaged and vulnerable people in the Scottish Borders. It received a three-year grant of £15,000 to support its therapeutic, educational and community initiatives.



West Benhar Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

West Benhar Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund has supported the finishing stages of a barista training partnership for three young people from Burnhouse School, a local skills centre in Fauldhouse, North Lanarkshire. As well as keeping people in education, the funding from West Benhar Wind Farm has also created opportunities for young people to enter the workforce and also ensured that the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Community Development Trust's community café is adequately stocked, providing greater reassurance to the trainees to complete the programme.

Making a difference in the Scottish Borders

We marked £2million of funding to local communities in 2025 through the Fallago Rig wind farm fund – a partnership between EDF power solutions UK, Roxburghe Estates and Hermes.



Border Ice Rink

A donation to Borders Ice Rink of £75,000 from the Fallago Rig fund has helped to secure the future of the facility. The money was used to significantly cut its costs and to buy equipment to bring down its energy bills. In return it has allowed for consistent curling by the local community and increased its users.

[Click here to hear more.](#)

Creating sporting opportunities in rural areas

Having received an £8,000 grant from the EDF power solutions Longpark Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund for feasibility work in 2020, the community of Stow in the Scottish Borders then received another award of £40,000 capital funding to construct a pump track. The track, alongside other community activity developments, offers sporting opportunities that local children can access, with the potential to also attract visitors and associated spend into Stow.



In Ireland...

Since 2023, schools, community groups and youth organisations in Wexford and Kilkenny have benefitted from almost €100,000 of funding from our three solar farms in the area.

This funding has been used to create sensory gardens, refurbish sports facilities, and rejuvenate local amenities. Community Benefit Funds, independently administered by SECAD Partnership CLG, have been established for each of the solar farms, providing funding for the next 15 years and worth around €750,000 over the lifetime of the funds.

Combatting social isolation

Funding from our Blusheens Solar Farm, Wexford has helped St Mary's Day Care Centre to upgrade its electrical system, supporting its work in providing day care and meals on wheels services to the elderly, those with limited mobility and those living alone in Tagoat and surrounding rural areas.



Promoting cultural enrichment

Carrigeen National School, a community-focused school received funding to enhance educational resources and promote cultural enrichment through collaborative initiatives with its Foróige Youth Club.

Sinead Murphy, Principal of Carrigeen National School said: "This funding will significantly impact our pupils and the broader community by providing access to quality arts, music, and drama programmes, as well as renewable energy solutions."



Kilkenny initiatives benefit in 2025

In 2025, €50,000 of funds from our Curraghmartin Solar Farm, Kilkenny were split between three different community groups. As a result, Mooncoin Men's Shed purchased a polytunnel 'welfare unit'; Mooncoin Tidy Towns and Mooncoin Parish Committee restored the walls and gates of the local cemetery; and Kilnaspic People's Shed have installed wall insulation for increased energy efficiency and greater comfort during the winter months.

Brightening up local communities

Funding from Coolroe Solar Farm has enabled Ballycullane Tidy Towns to landscape the roadside around the Tintern Sports Complex, as well as to create a colourful mural in the heart of the village.



In England...



Supporting the RNLI to save lives at sea

EDF power solutions UK and Ireland has a 20-year commitment to support Blyth RNLI Lifeboat Station with £10,000 per annum to run its two inshore lifeboats.

Support for the lifeboat station comes from the Blyth Offshore Demonstrator Wind Farm site which was established in 2017, 5.7km off the coast of Blyth in the north-east of England. The funding for the RNLI conveys the appreciation felt by all who work at EDF power solutions for the work the charity does to save lives and keep people safe at sea.

You can find out more information about the difference this money is making here.

 [Click here to watch RNLI video](#)

"As a charity we rely on donations to enable us to continue to save lives at sea. When a company such as EDF power solutions sees the work the local station carries out and wishes to support it long term, it proves that our volunteer crew provide a vital role in the local community."

Catherine Kaye, Corporate Partnerships Manager for RNLI

New play equipment for local children

Money from Roade Wind Farm, south of Northampton, has funded new equipment for a local play park. The village pump, a feature deemed an important landmark locally, was also refurbished.



Therapeutic garden days for the Northumbria communities

Boundary Lane Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund, located near Whittonstall, Northumbria supported Minsteracres community garden with £5,000 towards 40 therapeutic garden days. The garden provides a space for people to find safety, support, calmness and friendship, all whilst learning and growing as they do so.

Ross from the community garden said: "Our particular approach of mixing gardening with gentle support, space to talk and valuing people for who they are and what they bring to the group, really does make a difference. It helps to build social confidence and develop many life skills."

Some of the vegetables grown by community members go home with those who visit; the garden also runs a small vegetable box scheme selling some produce to local businesses.



Dorenell Ranger Service

Set up in July 2019 as part of Dorenell Wind Farm, the Ranger Service is based at Dorenell Visitor Centre in the Cabrach, Moray.

We were one of the first renewable energy developers to introduce a ranger service with a dedicated visitor centre near to our wind farm.

We have two dedicated rangers at Dorenell and an environmental and a conservation apprentice who do everything from looking after our wildlife to leading school groups.

The rangers portfolio of activities is wide, and skilled - from monitoring local biodiversity and the environment on and around the wind farm itself, to managing the restoration of blanket bog during the wind farm construction.

The Ranger Service also goes beyond the boundary of the wind farm. Rangers run health walks and guided bike rides as well as engage with local schools and groups to educate the local community on all things renewable and environment.



Learning about our landscape

Throughout the school holidays the rangers organise family guided walks and crafts in the visitor centre.

They offer a rich events programme, giving people of all ages the opportunity to learn about the natural and cultural heritage in and around Moray. Last year the Ranger Service engaged with over 500 adults and children across the area.

Cairnie Primary School visited Dorenell Wind Farm to learn about the North East Golden Eagle satellite tagging project which the Dorenell Rangers are involved in.

Grantown Grammar visited Dorenell Wind Farm as part of their junior ranger programme. Senior Ranger Stephen Reeves took pupils down to an area of blanket bog that was restored during construction, demonstrating the restoration of water levels in over 3,000 peat dams, and outlining the environmental importance of the bog.



In Wales...

Enabling young people to strengthen Welsh

A £5,000 grant from the Porth Wen Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund — managed locally by Menter Môn — enabled Cemaes Primary School to strengthen Welsh through Urdd sports, and launch a singing course to boost confidence and performance opportunities.

It also creates opportunity to bridge generations through its fruit and vegetable garden and encouraging the community to work with pupils on planting.

The fund helped to buy resources such as magnifying glasses, desks, nets and rain measuring pots, all helping the children to get outside and learn about the natural environment.

In the village of Amlwch located near Porth Wen Solar Farm in Anglesey, Hwyl Môn held a Community Fun Day with thanks to a grant from the Porth Wen Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund.

Amlwch Carnival was also awarded funding towards its day of merriment in Anglesey.

The village of Cemaes made path and flower bed improvements with thanks to funding from the Porth Wen Community Benefit Fund.

“The Urdd has a really great resource where they come to the school to hold sports activities through the Welsh language. This helps the pupils to reinforce their spoken Welsh and also promotes health and well-being.”



Cemaes flower beds



Getting out and about to learn about the natural environment in Cemaes.



Amlwch Community Fun Day

Sponsorship

Across the UK and Ireland, EDF power solutions recognises that during construction, our projects can be disruptive to communities, whether through road network upgrades or increased traffic and abnormal load deliveries.

That is why we offer sponsorship funding on many projects, through to the point of operation when it is superseded by the dedicated community benefit funds.

From electric blankets for the elderly on Stornoway to school garden renovations and sponsorships for football teams and local events, the grants are making a real difference in communities.

Wicklow GAA club funding aids expansion

St Patrick's GAA Club in Wicklow has a long-standing connection with the local area – there's been a GAA club in existence in Wicklow Town since 1886. The club boasts teams from nursery to adult level for men's and ladies football and hurling/camogie and is on a fundraising mission to expand its playing facilities to meet growing demand from all ages. Recognising the importance of this club to the local community, our Codling Wind Park in Ireland awarded €10,000 which will support the club its expansion to meet growing demand.



Pictured is Codling Wind Park's Pat Sammon and Pamela McCann presenting John Smith and Don Griffin from St. Patrick's GAA Club Wicklow with a cheque for €10,000 to contribute towards the new development.

Lewis Wind Power sponsorship fund

Lewis Wind Power – a 50:50 joint venture between EDF power solutions UK and ESB – has made an impact for local groups and initiatives in Stornoway for over 10 years through its sponsorship fund. The fund, worth over £12,000 annually, has supported a vast range of projects in the community – including projects at local primary schools, measures to help the elderly and vulnerable, and support for sporting projects. In addition, we are proud to have sponsored the iconic HebCelt Music Festival for 10 years running, supporting the rich culture and musical heritage of the island.



Neart na Gaoithe sponsorship fund supports local projects

Our long-running Neart na Gaoithe offshore wind sponsorship fund has provided dozens of worthwhile projects in Fife, East Lothian, Scottish Borders and the surrounding areas with grants worth over £60,000 over the last two years. This has ranged from £2,000 to fund a new defibrillator for Thorntonloch Caravan Park, to money for new strips for Dunbar Rugby Club, funds for the Men's Shed in St Andrew's, a community garden in Fife and the gala days in Eyemouth.



Environment and Biodiversity

At EDF power solutions UK and Ireland, we are committed to ensuring that when we spend time in a community, we leave the local environment around our development just as we found it, if not better.

This includes ensuring measurable improvements in the biodiversity of the land is achieved through several enhancements that vary from project to project.



Burwell Solar Farm, Cambridgeshire

At Burwell Solar Farm in Cambridgeshire, a landscape plan was developed during early planning to introduce several different habitats to the site. Alongside this, the team worked stringently towards retaining and protecting the existing trees and hedgerows within and surrounding the solar farm. Some of the enhancements that have been carried out included:

- 72 hectares of pasture native grass and wildflower mix beneath the solar panels.
- 3.36 hectares of proposed species rich grass and wildflower mix along verges within the solar farm.
- 2.73 kilometres of mixed native species hedgerow.
- 272 native species hedgerow trees planted.
- 25 mammal gates integrated on-site to help maintain wildlife corridors, mitigate habitat disruption and promote biodiversity.

As a result of the work carried out, diversity of species on the site increased with a range of wildflowers and grasses on land which was initially only suitable for monoculture. Native species-rich grass planting was completed to encourage a diverse range of invertebrates, creating increased foraging opportunities for bats and reptiles. Areas with longer grass verges allow cover for sheltering reptiles and small mammals such as water voles, field mice, hares and rabbits. The shrub and hedge planting will deliver a diverse range of pollen, nectar, berries and shelter resources throughout the year, benefiting multiple protected species such as bats, birds, and reptiles and small mammals.

Overall, these enhancements create lasting and impactful ecological features and habitats that will complement those that already exist within the site.

Preserving the Capon Tree

In some areas, we have worked with communities to ringfence a portion of their community benefit fund specifically for environmental purposes.

Arborist Kirsty Smith with a £7,000 cheque from the Fallago Environment Fund which is part-funding preservation work on ancient Jed Forest oak, the Capon Tree in the Scottish Borders.

Estimated to be between 700 and 1,000 years old, the sessile oak is recognised as one of Britain's 50 Greatest Trees by The Tree Council and has played an important part in the lives of local people for centuries. The work aims to help prolong the tree's life.





Award-winning Reef Cubes project enhances biodiversity

In 2024, Gwynt Glas Floating Offshore Wind Farm collaborated with Sea-Change, Our Only World, and Arc Marine to install 14 Reef Cubes at Falmouth Harbour.

The award-winning concept was installed and very quickly began providing a habitat for a wide variety of marine species, enhancing biodiversity in harbour waters and engaging the community on environmental impact and floating offshore wind developments. The Gwynt Glas project team's aim is to maximise benefits where possible and align with the purpose of these biodiversity-enhancing Reef Cubes. The design provides living spaces for fish, crabs, and lobsters, while the porous surface allows marine plants to flourish.



STRIX environmental monitoring at NnG

For a number of years now, Nearth na Gaoithe (NnG) offshore wind farm off the east coast of Scotland has been delivering extensive research and monitoring studies focused on the interactions between the wind farm and marine mammals and breeding seabirds; all with the aim of better informing the offshore industry in the future.

One of the main elements of the research entails studying collision and avoidance behaviour of key seabird species around operational turbines over two breeding seasons. International environmental consultancy, STRIX has now been commissioned to install its innovative monitoring equipment at nine locations across the windfarm. The data collection will take place over breeding seasons in 2026 and 2027.

The study forms part of a collaboration between NnG and two other offshore wind farms in the Forth and Tay region; Seagreen 1 and Berwick Bank.

To date there is no other offshore wind related seabird monitoring programme of this scale being implemented in the UK. The research has largely been delivered through collaborations with other interested developers in the region.

To find out more visit: <https://nngoffshorewind.com/scotlands-newest-offshore-wind-farm-launches-the-countrys-largest-seabird-monitoring-studies/>

Codling Wind Park's ground-breaking research partnership

Nature-inclusive design is a big topic of discussion in offshore wind and Codling Wind Park – the offshore wind farm project in Ireland we co-own with Fred Olsen-Seawind has teamed up with a local university to take this a step further.

In 2024 we launched a ground-breaking research project with University College Dublin to promote and enhance marine biodiversity along the Irish coast. The research partnership will explore the potential for restoring native oyster reefs and seagrass beds, in the Dublin Bay area and at selected sites along the coastline.

The team will also investigate how eco-engineering approaches – a form of nature-inclusive design – can increase habitats for native species.

Beckburn Wind Farm five-year goose monitoring programme

At Beckburn Wind Farm near Carlisle, a five-year study was conducted on goose flight activities and also refuge area preferences around the wind farm area.

Key findings included differentiations between pink-footed geese and barnacle geese flight activities, with no records of collisions with turbines. There was extensive evidence that migrating geese were able to successfully avoid flight paths through wind farms. Key findings from monitoring of refuge areas showed that pink-footed geese expressed preferences to certain areas compared with barnacle geese, and that patterns changed slightly over the years with both geese types latterly preferring saltmarsh areas.

Supply Chain Spotlight: Neart na Gaoithe offshore wind farm

Local jobs for local people and businesses

Planning, building and operating our developments creates jobs and new business opportunities throughout their lifetime.

We strive to use the local workforce as much as possible and our supply chain within Scotland includes many small family-run companies to large civil engineering specialists.

Communities surrounding our developments also benefit from investment in the local economy, particularly during construction. This might come from using local contractors, developing businesses to build technology, and supporting our workforce with food, welfare, accommodation and amenities.

Economic Highlights from NnG



£1.8 billion invested

in infrastructure, significantly contributing to the Scottish economy.

£40 million invested

by the Port of Dundee to transform its facilities into the first purpose-built offshore wind port in Scotland.

£9 million invested

in the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) base in Eyemouth, creating over 50 high-skilled jobs in the local area.

£65,000 contributed

to various community projects within the vicinity over the past two years, enhancing local social initiatives.

£6.5 million available

through the Community Benefit Fund to support local projects during NnG's 25-year operational life.

These figures reflect the substantial economic impact and commitment of the NnG offshore wind farm project to the local economy and surrounding communities in Scotland.

The Old Library

The Old Library guest house in the Scottish Borders has been created by husband and wife duo Gary and Brogan Henderson.



Following the announcement that the operations and maintenance base for the Neart na Gaoithe Wind Farm would be situated in Eyemouth, the couple connected with the project team to provide accommodation for construction workers.

The Old Library continues to be popular with renewables workers in the area.

I&H Brown

EDF power solutions has worked with Perth-based civil engineering and construction specialists I&H Brown to deliver an array of projects across Scotland.

To date, I&H Brown has completed four wind farm projects to date including at Pearie Law Wind Farm in West Lothian and on the Neart na Gaoithe offshore wind farm substation.

I&H Brown is also our main civils contractor on our Stranoch Wind Farm construction, which started in May 2024.

I&H Brown, founded in 1964, now has more than 200 staff working across Scotland and the North of England since 2014.



Port of Dundee's Transformation

The Port of Dundee underwent a significant transformation to accommodate the NnG wind farm, investing over £40 million to develop the first purpose-built offshore wind port in Scotland. This investment involved creating 140,000 m² of new marshalling land and modernising facilities to handle offshore wind components. As a result, the port has not only met the logistical needs of NnG but has also positioned itself as a competitive hub for future offshore wind projects, attracting new business opportunities and demonstrating a positive long-term economic shift in the region.

Eyemouth Operations and Maintenance Base

NnG established its Operations and Maintenance (O&M) base in Eyemouth, investing over £9 million. This investment generated over 50 high-skilled jobs, providing reliable income for the local workforce and fostering economic stability in the area. The O&M base's presence has also stimulated local businesses through increased demand for services and collaborative community engagements, marking a significant boost to Eyemouth's economy.

Local Supply Chain Engagement

Through competitive procurement practices, NnG actively engaged local suppliers, fostering a robust supply chain that nurtured regional businesses. For example, the involvement of local companies like Briggs Marine not only created jobs but also enhanced their capabilities within the offshore wind sector. This approach to local sourcing has resulted in long-term economic benefits, as it enabled the transition of established suppliers from oil and gas to renewable energy, creating a sustainable future for local industry.



Skilled Workforce Development

NnG has prioritised the training and development of a diverse workforce, transitioning individuals from traditional sectors, such as oil and gas, into renewable energy roles. The project facilitated the hiring of at least 11 employees from these industries, leveraging their skills to enhance the operational foundation of the wind farm. This workforce transition not only filled immediate skill gaps but also prepared the local economy for future growth in the renewable sector, empowering individuals with new career opportunities.



Siemens Gamesa's Investment in Local Talent

Siemens Gamesa, the turbine contractor for NnG, has significantly invested in local talent through its apprenticeship programs. With over 130 active apprenticeships, including several assigned to NnG, the initiative has nurtured a skilled workforce that supports the project's long-term operational needs. This investment not only enhances local employment prospects but also contributes to the broader renewable energy workforce, ensuring that the region is prepared for future industry demands.

Eyemouth Harbour Trust Collaboration

NnG's collaboration with Eyemouth Harbour Trust (EHT) has generated additional revenue streams for the Trust while fostering local employment opportunities. By appointing EHT to provide various services, including snow clearance and spill response, NnG has enabled the Trust to support community initiatives and hire local apprentices. This partnership exemplifies how offshore wind projects can create value for local organisations while enhancing operational efficiencies.

Fisheries Engagement and Community Relations

NnG's proactive engagement with the local fishing community has fostered positive relationships and economic sustainability. By conducting outreach and participating in the Forth and Tay Commercial Fisheries Working Group, NnG has established clear communication channels with local fishermen, ensuring mutual understanding and cooperation. This engagement has minimised conflicts while validating the role of fishing in the local economy, promoting shared economic interests between the offshore wind and fisheries sectors.

Localised Supply Chain Benefits from JDR Cables

NnG's decision to utilize JDR Cables for inter-array cables not only supported localised manufacturing but also bolstered the regional economy. By subcontracting aspects of cable design and production to JDR's facility in Hartlepool, the project underscored the importance of investing in local capabilities. This strategy resulted in job creation and strengthened the supply chain, demonstrating how offshore wind projects can fuel economic activity in related sectors and enhance local manufacturing expertise.

These case studies further highlight the multifaceted economic contributions of the NnG offshore wind farm to the local economy, emphasising community engagement, workforce development, and the strengthening of local industries.

Education and skills

We were the first renewable energy company to set up a dedicated Education and Training Fund (E&T) Fund as part of our Community Benefit Fund make-up. This has paved the way for many other developers to do similar.

The E&T Funds support individuals and organisations with the costs of education and training plus other initiatives that help to create job opportunities in the fund area and is made up of 20 per cent of the Community Fund.

The impacts are wide-ranging, and the success of the funds becoming more evident.



Funding for young apprentices on Stornoway

Through our joint-venture Stornoway Wind Farm project with ESB in the Western Isles, Lewis Wind Power has funded two apprenticeships on the island.

This has allowed two local young people to take up roles with local businesses on three-year placements learning the skills needed as part of the build out of renewable energy in the west of Scotland.

Creating job opportunities



We work closely with Careers Wales to support their activities and promote career opportunities within the renewable energy sector in the communities in which we operate.

This has included going to primary and secondary schools and colleges neighbouring our development sites. This is part of our commitment to being good neighbours, supporting local communities and highlighting the future work opportunities that could be on their doorstep.

Careers Wales presented its Valued Partner Award to EDF power solutions UK and also nominated EDF power solutions UK as Best Supporter of the Net Zero Agenda award. The team were recognised for the content created for school resources, highlighting the role of science and technology to help net zero goals, and encouraging learners to discuss job roles in solar, wind, and hydro energy.

EDF power solutions' learning materials for 8-11 and 12-14 year olds are available to download in Welsh and English, online. Click the following links to access the learning materials:

A fun way to learn about renewable energy for 8-11 year olds

Ffordd hwyliog o ddysgu am ynni adnewyddadwy ar gyfer plant 8-11 oed

A fun way to learn about renewable energy for 12-14 year olds

Ffordd hwyl o ddysgu am ynni adnewyddadwy i bobl ifanc 12-14 oed



Destination Renewables is an award-winning programme that showcases industry and academia co-delivery and co-design.

The programme is making strides towards bridging the skills gap in the renewable energy sector and inspiring the next generation of workers.

In 2022, EDF power solutions UK and Ireland, DP Energy, Pembrokeshire College and Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum joined forces to develop Destination Renewables. Its aim is to inspire and transfer real-world sector knowledge to 16–18-year-olds while providing meaningful employer-to-learner engagement.

With the transition to net zero already underway, the demand for skilled workers is increasing. Between 135,000 and 725,000 net new jobs could be created by 2030 in low-carbon sectors in the UK.

Destination Renewables is raising awareness about the opportunities in renewable energy, helping to build projects at pace and combat climate change.



Following the success of the pilot programme delivered at Pembrokeshire College and in response to demand, lead partners packaged the programme in 2024 in order to be rolled-out at other colleges.



Comprehensive materials, including a tailored learner handbook, session plans, and delivery sessions, have been prepared and quality controlled to ensure a seamless experience for learners.

In Autumn 2024, Neath Port Talbot, Falmouth, Chelmsford and Colchester Colleges offered the programme for the first time to their students further extending its reach and impact as well as inspiring more young learners.

Destination Renewables has engaged over 300 young learners and over 40 industry partners have come forward to be involved in session delivery. Sessions have spanned across various technologies including Onshore Wind, Offshore Wind (Fixed and Floating), Onshore Solar, Tidal Stream Tidal Range Wave Battery and Hydrogen.

It is helping to ensure that individuals in Wales and England are aware, ready and able to maximise the benefits renewable energy projects.



EDF power solutions UK and Ireland recognises that investing in skills and education for young people is a vital step to reaching net zero targets and ensuring the industry thrives for generations to come. It is essential that we encourage the next generation to take up a career in renewables. Here's some of the work we do in this area across the UK and Ireland.



Meet Jamie, a wind turbine technician who works in the clean energy sector in Aberystwyth.

Name: Jamie Jones

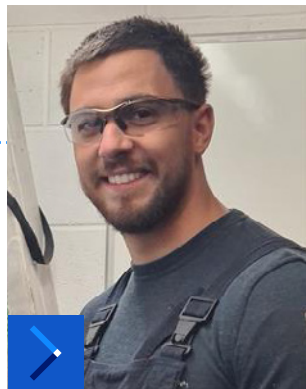
Location: Aberystwyth, Wales

Working alongside a team of experienced engineers, Jamie helps to service and maintain the turbines at his local operational wind farms. Jamie started his career in renewables through our Wind Turbine Technician apprenticeship. Here's what Jamie has to say on his experience:

"It was a three-year apprenticeship with the first two years in the northeast in college and the last year based here in Aberystwyth on site on our two wind farms. It's everything you can imagine, electrical, mechanical and hydraulic works really hands on. I massively enjoy it. Like every turbine technician says, you've got the best view from the office!

"It's really nice to be able to come back to Aberystwyth where I'm from. It's nice that I don't have to move really far away just for the job and it can be offered in such a local place, being a part of the community."

"It's really good to have that support from EDF power solutions UK and knowing that we get our supplies from as local as we can. It's nice to have that community feel, and I definitely feel I'm making a difference in the job that I'm doing."



Apprenticeships

Our apprenticeship scheme first launched in 2020, with the first cohort now completing their time with the business.

Many have gone on to secure permanent roles in a variety of technologies. The programme provides young adults with the opportunity to get onto the renewable energy career ladder, blending academic and practical learning. They are placed all over the country and in Scotland we have apprentices based at our wind farms in Dorenell in Moray and Fallago Rig in the Scottish Borders in addition to our service centre in Livingston helping the teams to manage the central Scotland wind farm portfolio.





Meet Camilla, a wind turbine technician who works in the clean energy sector in the Borders.

Name: Camilla Home

Location: Westruther, Borders, Scotland

Camilla Home from Westruther in the Scottish Borders said: “I started out with EDF power solutions UK as part of the wind turbine apprenticeship programme. I am now a fully qualified technician playing a key role within the team at Fallago Rig wind farm. It’s a very interesting job and has provided me with many opportunities to make a real difference to the energy sector.

“Knowing I’m contributing towards tackling climate change at my local wind farm is hugely rewarding.”

Camilla concludes: “Without this opportunity it’s likely I would have had to have moved out of the local area to work within the industry.”



Powering Futures in Scottish schools

EDF power solutions UK is partnering with a leading workplace skills provider to address worker shortages in the renewable energy industry and accelerate Scotland’s transition to a net zero future.

The partnership will see employees from EDF power solutions UK volunteer in classrooms across Scotland as part of the Powering Futures Challenge Programme. This is a pioneering initiative which brings together S5 and S6 school pupils with businesses to collaborate on a solution to a real-life challenge that has been set by industry.

“Through this partnership, we are creating real opportunities for young people across Scotland to shape a cleaner, brighter future.”

Jennifer Tempny, Co-Founder of Powering Futures



Graduate scheme

Our two year graduate programme provides hands-on, real-life learning experiences, putting theory into practice.

It covers a number of business areas, including engineering, commercial strategy and analytics. Each graduate rotates around the business to get a more wholesome picture of the industry, gaining experience in various areas throughout their programme. Many go on to secure permanent roles within the business.



For more information about the work EDF Power Solutions does across the UK and Ireland visit www.edf-powersolutions.uk/working-with-communities/

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