

CARES Conference 2023



Community Action on Renewable Energy

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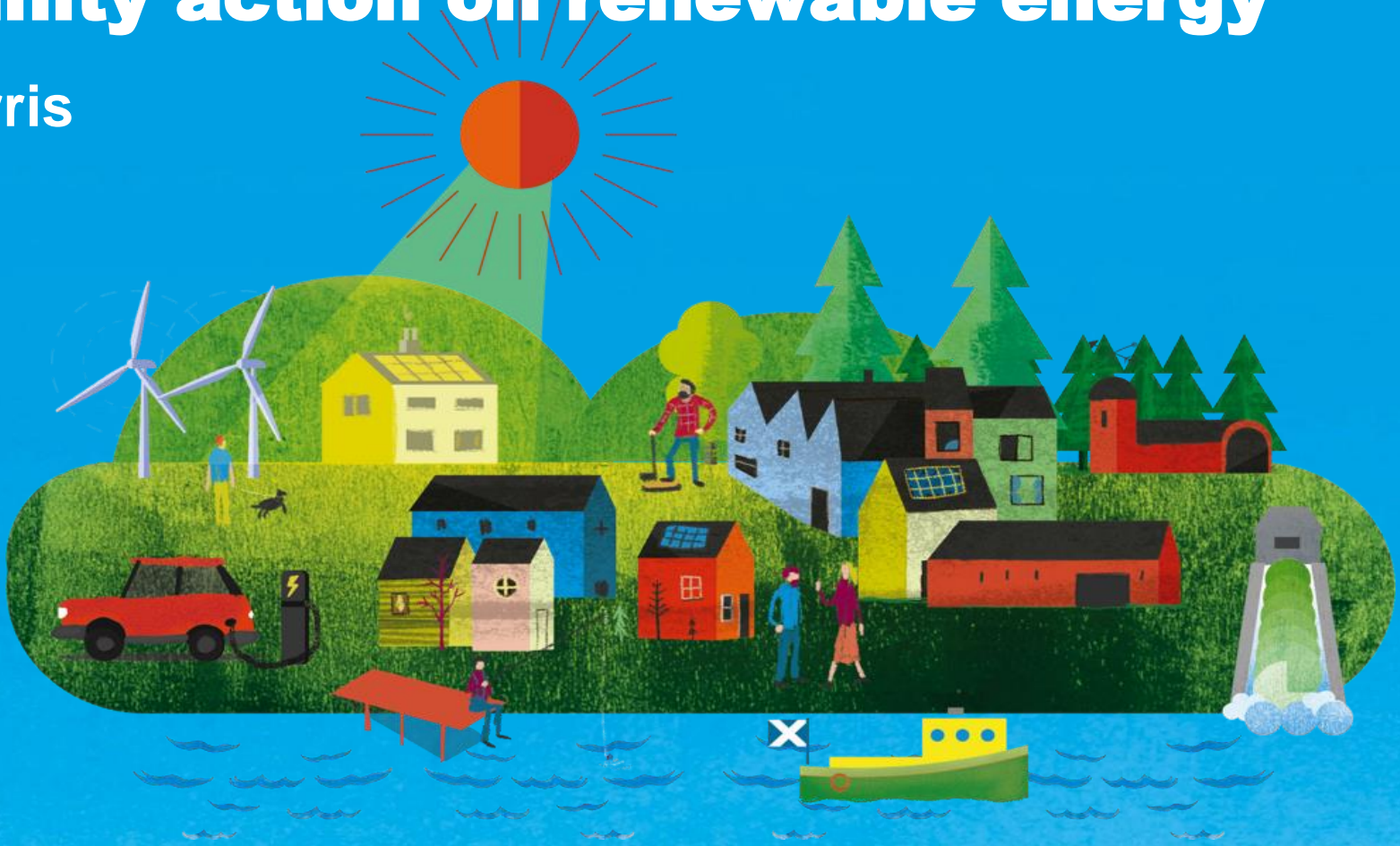




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CARES Conference 2023: Welcome



- **Housekeeping** – phones, presentations, fire alarm.
- **Social media:** Join in the conference conversations on X, formally known as Twitter, using [@localenergysco#CARES2023](https://twitter.com/localenergysco#CARES2023)
- **Slido** – Join via Slido - Slido.com, #9526246. QR codes on tables & the agenda.
- **Conference filming** short interviews throughout the day.
- **Feedback** – Evaluation Forms online after. Equalities Survey hand in at reception.
- **Locations** – This room Cambridge Suite. Two breakout rooms- Ellisland and Alloway. Coffee breaks and sponsored drinks in the Foyer. Lunch next-door.

Slido Question 1

Have you downloaded and worked out how to use Slido yet?

1. Yes, I've used it before, no problem.
2. Yes, it looks okay.
3. Not sure, fingers crossed.

CARES supports communities to engage with, participate in and benefit from the energy transition to net zero emissions.



Local Energy Scotland is a consortium comprising:

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energy saving trust



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Morning session – *engage with*

- Inspiring Community engagement and action
– 10.10 – 11.20
- Developing and rolling out low carbon heat solutions
– 11.35 – 12.45
- Coffee break – 11:20 – 11:35
- Lunch break – 12.45 -13.45

Workshops – *participate in and benefit from*



Workshop session 1 – 13.45-14.45

- Introduction to community shared ownership of windfarms.
- Innovation – What’s next for community energy?
- Community buildings and place-based climate action

Workshop session 2 – 15.00-16.00

- Preparing for community shared ownership of windfarms
- Community benefits – from community action plans to net zero
- Heat pumps – heating for net zero

Conference close and networking



Keynote speech - 16.05 – 16.25

- Ms Gillian Martin, Minister for Energy and the Environment

Sponsored drinks – 16:30 – 17:30



- Breaks, lunch, drinks and conversations
- Local Energy Scotland Team

Slido Question 2

In what capacity are you here at the conference?

1. Volunteer for a community group or charity.
2. Development Officer/employee for a community group or charity.
3. I work with communities i.e. developer, consultant.
4. Interested and want to learn more.
5. Other.

The Scottish Government's **Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES)** supports communities to **engage** with, **participate** in and **benefit** from the energy transition to net zero emissions.



Since its inception, **CARES** has advised over

 **900 organisations**

offered funding of over

 **£60 million**

to over

 **680 projects**

supported innovation, awareness raising, community planning and decarbonisation, and helped support the installation of

 **58MW**
of renewable energy.





CARES priorities

- Community buildings
- Community heat
- Community electricity generation
- Community shared ownership
- Community benefit
- Community energy planning



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Community led energy projects



Energy systems



Energy generating



Community buildings

Collaborative energy projects



Community benefit & shared ownership

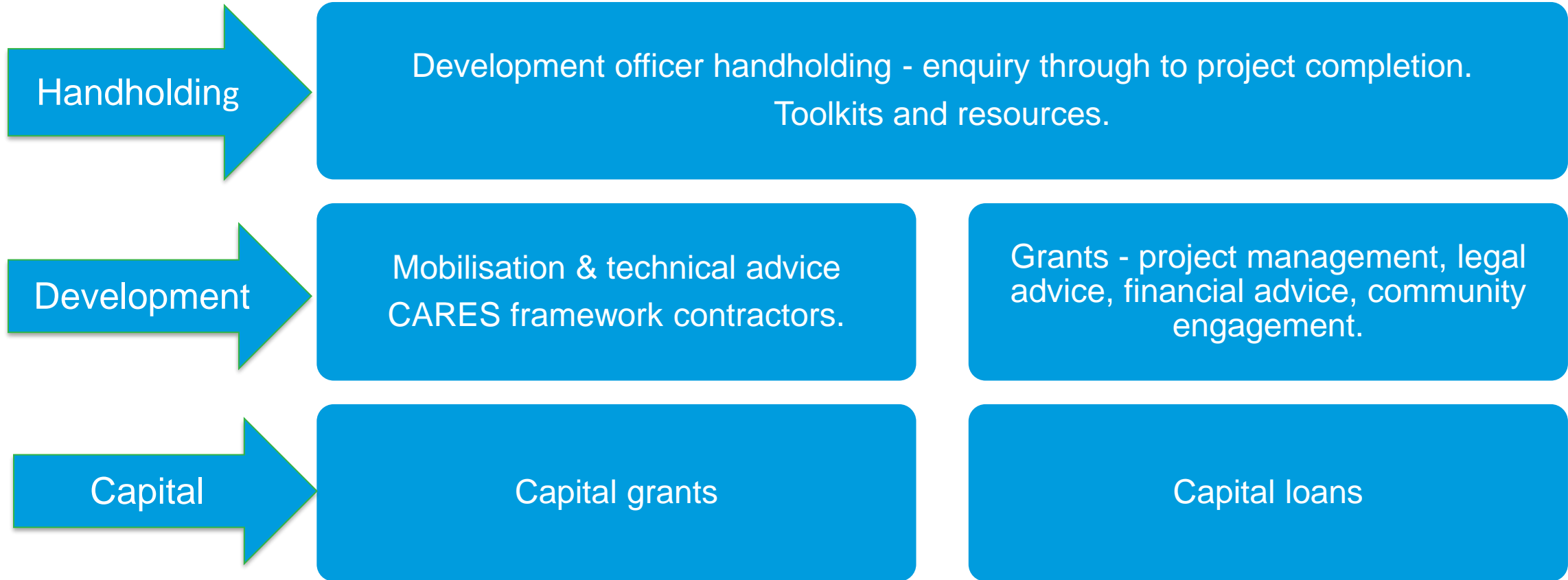


Partnering



Collective action

CARES funding package



Feedback



As a volunteer led organisation, committing to a challenging project, we needed to know that we trusted the advice of those we were working with. We have had great service from our local development officer.

“Users of the centre have commented on how much better it feels throughout and there has been an increase in the number of people using the centre”

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Community Centre**



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Slido Question 3

Have you been supported by CARES?

1. Yes, we've delivered and finished a project.
2. We're working on a project.
3. We're applying / about to apply.
4. Not yet.
5. Not applicable.



Community action on renewable energy

- The theme of our conference is community action on renewable energy.
- Communities are key to achieving a fairer and greener future.
- To meet net zero and just transition ambitions we need to make it easier to do much more, much quicker.
- During the conference we should celebrate achievements whilst challenging ourselves to see what else we could do.

Thank you for listening and enjoy CARES 2023



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