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Our conference today

10:30 – 10:40 Welcome and introduction

10:40 – 10:45 Stephen Gethins, Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Energy

10:45 – 11:15 People creating lasting impact

11:15 – 12:00 Celebrating the people behind community energy

12:00 – 12:30 Meet the exhibitors

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch and networking

13:30 – 14:30 Afternoon session 1

14:30 – 15:00 Networking break

15:00 – 16:00 Afternoon session 2

16:00 – 16:20 Break

16:20 – 18:00 National Emergency Briefing film (optional)

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Session 1: 13:30 – 14:30

Block 1 – choose one	Location
Community buildings: from idea to consent (runs once)	Auditorium B
Facilitating shared ownership (runs once)	Auditorium C
Community-public sector partnerships - Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative	Room 6&7
Keeping energy value local	Room 4&5
Heat in Buildings workshop	Room 1

Session 2: 15:00 – 16:00

Block 2 – choose one	Location
Community buildings: operations and maintenance (runs once)	Auditorium B
Unlocking energy opportunities on public land (runs once)	Auditorium C
Community-public sector partnerships - Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative	Room 6&7
Keeping energy value local	Room 4&5
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16:20 – 18:00

National Emergency Briefing film (optional)

An opportunity to watch and reflect on the National Emergency Briefing.



Hosted by Professor Stuart Galloway,
University of Strathclyde

Auditorium B

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CARES

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CARES Impact

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

2,200 organisations

offered funding of over

£87 million

to over

1,300 projects

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

75MW

of renewable energy.

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Project Locations





What we do

We help communities across Scotland to engage with, participate in and benefit from the energy transition to net zero emissions.

- Support and advice
- Online tools and resources
- Access to grants and loans

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Current funding

The Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) offers a range of financial support to local energy projects

Community Buildings Fund

- Help to decarbonise community and faith buildings
- Grants up to £80k
- Allocated on a first come first served basis
- Supports renewable technologies including heat pumps, battery storage and solar PV
- Jointly funded by the Scottish Government and The National Lottery Community Fund



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Community Energy Growth Fund

- Support for community organisations to install renewable energy systems and generate clean, local energy
- Grants and loans awarded through competitive funding rounds
- Supports technologies including solar PV, wind, hydro, battery storage, flexibility and local energy systems
- Funding available to help cover project development and installation costs for eligible communities

New capital funding round in partnership with Great British Energy to support projects through to March 2028. Opens today!



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Shared ownership support

- For communities to access legal advice and financial advice, for example on early-stage documents, like a Memorandum of Understanding or a Non-disclosure agreement, and later stage agreements.
- Grants of up to 100% of eligible costs are available to pay for legal, financial, technical, and some project management support.
- Apply for the support when you need it – applications should be for an element of the project that is required now and can be completed within the funding timescales.



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Thank you & enjoy the conference

