

# Engaging with Communities in Renewable Energy:

## A Business Forum

*Friday March 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2012, 09:30 – 16:00*

*Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation*



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**What?** *An opportunity to learn how your business can operate effectively in the fast growing market of community renewable energy, through understanding the need for and the implementation of good engagement practices.*

**When?** *Friday March 30th, 2012*

**Where?** *Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation, 15 South College Street, Edinburgh EH8 9AA  
[see map on last page]*

**Why?**

- Explore examples of community engagement as a key factor in renewable project success
- Spread ideas of best-practice models for community engagement by the private sector
- Highlight issues and opportunities in community renewable technologies:
  - Wind
  - Hydro
  - Heat

**Who?** *The event is sponsored by the UK Energy Research Council and organised by Sustainable Community Energy Network (SCENE), The University of Edinburgh and The Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation (ECCI).*

**For more information**

- Visit: [scenetwork.co.uk/CommunityEngagementForum-2012.html](http://scenetwork.co.uk/CommunityEngagementForum-2012.html)
- Email: [CEForum@scenetwork.co.uk](mailto:CEForum@scenetwork.co.uk)
- Phone: Vijay Bhopal on 077 9529 2872

## Forum schedule

**Chair:** Paul Phillip Bruner (SCENE, ECCI)

### Session 1: 10:00 – 11:30

Presentations on trends and developments in community renewable energy with group discussions and interactive Q & A

*Presentations: 'What is happening in community renewables' (**TWO** talks, 2x 10mins)*

- A delegate from the Fraser of Allander Institute (The University of Strathclyde)
- Elizabeth Bomberg and Nicola McEwan (University of Edinburgh)

*(Coffee break)*

### Session 2: 11:45 – 12:45

Hearing from those who have successfully bridged the commercial – community gap

*Presentations: 'How effective engagement brings business' (**ONE** talk, 1x 15min)*

- Alex Schlicke (Geddes Consulting)  
*'Why communities need allies in business' (**ONE** talk, 1x 15min)*
- Nick Lyth (Director, IRRI)

*(Lunch break)*

### Session 3: 13:45 – 14:45

Facilitated table discussions on challenges faced on a technology specific basis

- (1) *Wind – facilitated by Jim Shanks (Farmer and Independent developer)*
- (2) *Hydro – facilitated by Dave Gunn (Business Manager, ECCI)*
- (3) *Heat – facilitated by Jim Hart (Business Manager, ECCI)*

*(Coffee break)*

### Session 4: 15:00 – 16:00

Facilitated table discussions on other challenges faced across a range of technologies

- (1) *Project finance – facilitator to be confirmed*
- (2) *Working with the local authority – facilitated by Alex Schlicke (Geddes Consulting)*
- (3) *Trust or bribery, balancing business with social responsibility – facilitated by Martin Turner (Frost-Free)*

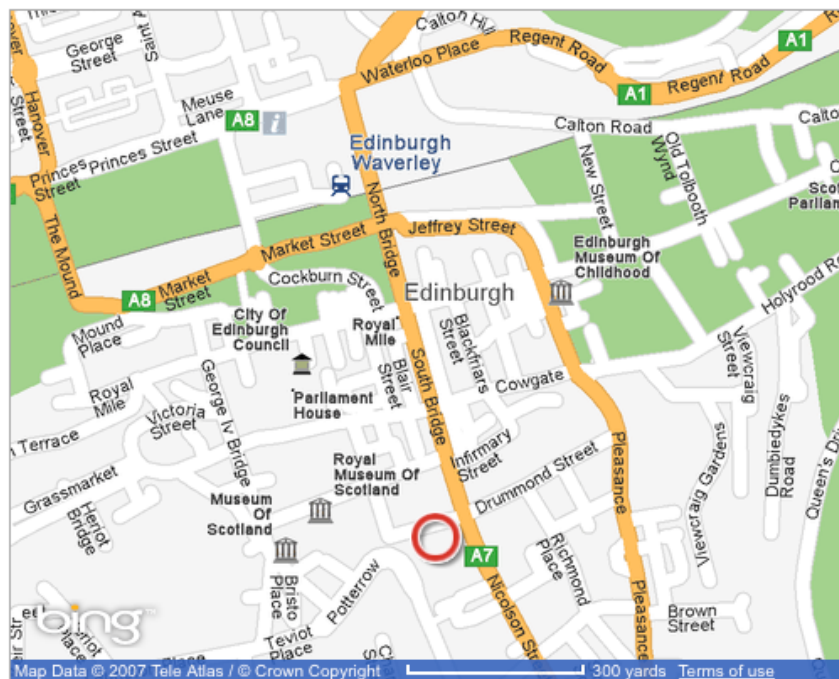
## Fees

Forum space will be limited to a maximum of 30 attendees, and costs £50. Lunch and coffee/tea will be provided.

- **Cheques.** Please make cheques payable to Sustainable Community Energy Enterprise, Ltd.
- **Direct Deposit.** Sort code: 089299 Account number: 69508747

## Getting here

*The Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation is located at 15 South College Street, Edinburgh EH8 9AA; Tel: 0131 650 5326*



- **Access**  
The Edinburgh Centre is handicap-accessible.
- **Buses**  
Lothian Region Transport: 0131 555 6363 First Edinburgh: 0870 608 2608
- **Taxis**  
City Cabs: 0131 228 1211 Central Radio Taxis: 0131 229 2468  
Capital Castle Taxis: 0131 228 2555 or 0131 220 0604
- **Trains**  
National Rail Enquiries: 0845 748 4950
- **Local bus and rail information for Edinburgh, East Lothian & Midlothian**  
Traveline: 0870 608 2608

## Community Engagement Forum

### Registration Form

Fill out & e-mail to: [CEForum@scenetwork.co.uk](mailto:CEForum@scenetwork.co.uk)

Or print, fill out & mail to: SCEE, 51/2 Lothian Rd., EH1 2DJ, Edinburgh

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific interests: ☐ Wind ☐ Hydro ☐ Heat  
☐ Project Finance ☐ Local Authorities ☐ Building Trust  
☐ All

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Options: ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Non-vegetarian

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

