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Workshop: Community-energy – Empowering local authorities and their communities to guide local sustainable energy roll-out

Local decision-makers, Council planners, local government associations / networks and energy agencies are invited to participate in this free workshop.

- How can a local government invest in community energy? Why?
- What are the barriers and how can they be overcome?
- How does one access funding for local climate and energy action? What models work?
- How can local authorities and community groups work together in renewable energy?

Where? Edinburgh

When? Thursday 25 September 2014

What? 1 full day workshop, providing an insight into opportunities to plan, set up, and finance community energy

Who? Open to local decision-makers, local authority staff and representatives of local government associations / networks and energy agencies, community organizations

PROGRAMME:

VENUE: *The Merchants' Hall, 22 Hanover Street, Edinburgh*

September 2014

Event moderator: *Giorgia Rambelli, ICLEI Europe*

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:00	CO-POWER in Edinburgh: Edinburgh Community Solar Cooperative (ECSC) <i>Presentation by: Paul Phare, ENERGY4ALL</i>
10:00 – 10:15	CHP schemes to fight fuel poverty: the case of Aberdeen <i>Presentation by: Ian Booth, Aberdeen Heat and Power</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Question time and discussions Identify key issues to be explored and answered during the workshop
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break & mingling
11:00 – 12:45	Power communities to support driving green economies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Achieving local low-carbon economy in Scotland and the EU <i>Presentation by: George Eckton, COSLA</i>• Scottish Government Support for Community Energy <i>Presentation by: Chris Morris, Local Energy Scotland</i>• Involving stakeholders: partnerships and joint-ventures <i>Presentation by: Vijay Bhopal, Scene Consulting</i>• Best practices from Scotland : what are the options and how can they be brought forward <i>Presentation by: Audrey Martin, Argyll and Bute Council</i> Followed by discussion <p>Are communities interested in contributing to the sustainable energy transition? How can local actors pool efforts to support financing of local action? What role do local governments play in facilitating access to financing for community projects? What local authorities need to enable support to community energy?</p>

12:45 – 13:45	Networking lunch
13:45 – 15:00	<p>Roundtables – World Café</p> <p><i>Exploring key issues identified by participants (e.g. how plan and implement community energy, needs, barriers, etc)</i></p> <p>Participants divided in small groups will engage in 2 sessions of discussion (20 minutes each) on challenges, solutions and best practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N.1 financing community energy – gathering EU funds, public and private investments – lead by Paul Phare, ENERGY4ALL • N.2 setting up community energy projects – policy framework – lead by Felix Wight, Community Energy Scotland • N.3 community energy and social impacts – the role of local councils – lead by Barbara Atterson, Energy Action Scotland
15:00 – 16:00	<p>Wrap-up & food for thoughts</p> <p>Presentation by each group, wrap-up and discussion</p>

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