

Share Offer launches this Saturday!

We are pleased to announce two special guest speakers at our Launch this Saturday. Firstly, Simon Tilley from Sustainable Hockerton will be speaking about their community owned renewable energy scheme, which was also funded by a community share offer. Their wind turbine started generating power in 2010 and in its first year had generated as much power as the village consumed! Simon is also involved in Hockerton Housing Project which is the UK's first earth sheltered, self-sufficient ecological housing development.

Our second speaker is Emily MacKay, founder of the new Microgenius website. Microgenius is a national not-for-profit website that links people with an interest in sustainable energy with communities that are developing micro-generation projects. Emily's interest in community generated energy started when she was told that she couldn't put solar panels on her own roof, so she set out to invest in a community energy microgeneration project instead. Her enthusiasm grew as she saw the potential for a new service that would help others do the same and Microgenius was born. Microgenius soft launches in beta mode this weekend with our share offer!

The Share Offer Launch is taking place from 3pm – 4.30pm in the Central United Reform Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield city centre. The full programme is now available on our website: <http://www.sheffieldrenewables.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Share-Offer-Launch-Programme.pdf>

Please come along for a chance to hear more about what we have been up to and our Share Offer. If you are unable to attend the full event, then please still pop along to chat to one of us or to pick up a hard copy of the Share Offer document. Homemade cake will be available!

Share Offer document now on-line

You may now also access the Share Offer document on our website: <http://www.sheffieldrenewables.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/ShareOfferDoc.pdf>. From next week we are also hoping to have an electronic registration form that you will be able to complete. In the meantime, if you would like to invest then please make a pledge via the website, email us or print and return the application form at the back of the Share Offer document.

New project manager

James Duffy started with us this week as the Jordan Dam hydro scheme Project Manager. James and our new General Manager, Emma Bridge, will introduce themselves in more detail in the next newsletter.

Events

Climate Bust-Up: Campaign Day in City Centre with Greenpeace, Saturday 15th September. In the words of "38 Degrees":-"Right now, there's a big political fight raging about the government's plans on climate change. George Osborne is trying to tear up vital climate targets. Nick Clegg could speak up and stop this happening." Click on this link to find out more send a message to him now :<https://secure.38degrees.org.uk/stop-osborne>

Members of SCACC and other local groups are supporting a Greenpeace activity in the city centre on Saturday 15 September, 10am. Why not join them at Zoobies coffee bar in the Winter Gardens to ask members of the public to send a similar message to Nick Clegg before coming along to our Launch in the afternoon. If you can, e-mail chris1broome@yahoo.co.uk to give us an idea of numbers (and with any queries)

Down by the Riverside, Saturday & Sunday, September 22nd/23rd. It is less than two weeks now until this exciting festival at Kelham Island. As well as hosting a stall on both days, we have entered a raft race on the Sunday morning. This is definitely not going to be the most conventional race with flour bombs, water fights between rafts and prizes for the driest raft and singing songs! Good luck to our hardy crew Julia, Rowan and Chris and Emma! Please come along to show your support, it promises to be an interesting weekend. Or if anyone is available to help out on the stall then please get in touch. You will be teamed with an experienced volunteer, so you don't need to know all the facts about Sheffield Renewables.

Sharrow Vale Market Day, Sunday 7th October. Sheffield Renewables will be at the next Market Day on Sharrow Vale Road, alongside local business stalls, entertainment and live music. You will easily spot us as we will be the ones in the large orange gazebo!

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