



The latest news from Sheffield Renewables

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Welcome to the first edition of our new look newsletter. You can sign up to receive our newsletter by email via the homepage of our website. If you haven't already, why don't you follow us on Twitter and Facebook to be kept up to date on the latest renewable energy news? A great way of keeping up to date with what is happening with us is to check out our blogs:

<http://www.sheffieldrenewables.org.uk/news-blog/>

We've reached the £100,000 mark, well done everybody!

The last month or so has been a busy time for Sheffield Renewables. We have now broken the £100,000 mark for our Share Offer, having received **£105,600** towards our £250,000 target (thank you to all those of you who have invested so far!). Our volunteers have run a series of Share Offer talks in different parts of the city for people to find out more about investing in Sheffield Renewables, given a tour of the Jordan Dam site and have talked to people at the Peace and Craft Fair, Sheffield Hallam University Environment Society, Sheffield Campaign Against Climate Change and the Green Party. We were also pleased to support our friends at Regather Trading Co-operative at the open day of their newly refurbished building (more details at <http://www.regather.net/>).

In terms of the Jordan Dam Hydro scheme itself, the invitation to tender is about to be issued to a shortlist of contractors to design and build the Hydro scheme. We will then be looking to appoint a contractor early next year with the scheme scheduled to be up and running by the end of 2013. It won't be long now until we start to see the results of all the hard work of our volunteers, supporters and investors! However, we still need your help to make sure it happens, please read on for further details...



Would you like to find out more?

Our General Manager, Emma Bridge, will be holding drop-in sessions every **Monday** from **12pm-2pm** at **Scotia Works**, Leadmill Road, Sheffield (next door to the Leadmill nightclub) for anyone who would like to find out more about Sheffield Renewables, our Share Offer or would like to pick up a Share Offer document, postcards or poster.

We have also arranged a further informal **Share Offer** talk for **6.30pm** on **Tuesday 4 December** at **Scotia Works** where a presentation will be given outlining the Jordan Dam Hydro scheme and Share Offer and there will be the opportunity to chat to investors and volunteers over coffee and biscuits. This **Monday 26th November**, there is also a social evening for our volunteers from 7.30pm in the Red Deer pub, Pitt Street, Sheffield city centre. If you are interested in helping to support our work, shape future projects or just to meet us, then come along. We will also be having a Christmas social, please get in touch if you would like to celebrate with us

Give your loved ones a very green Christmas...

Shares in Sheffield Renewables can now be given as presents, so why treat your special someone to an alternative, ethical and green Christmas present this year? A form will soon be available on our website on to which you can enter their details. We will then send out a Christmassy certificate for you to put under the Christmas tree



Sheffield Renewables Needs You!

We are asking all our supporters to be advocate of Sheffield Renewables, as a community and volunteer led organisation we rely heavily on the community to help us achieve our goals. Do your friends know about Sheffield Renewables? Could you put up a poster at work or around your local area? As a community organisation we like to actively engage with the community and are looking for community groups and organisations that we could talk to; if you know of any please contact us. We have also designed some Sheffield Renewables peeps that you can put at the bottom of your emails etc to show that you have either invested or support Sheffield Renewables (see opposite, male peeps also available). Please contact us if you would like us to send you one.

Transition Awards

We are pleased to announce that we have been nominated for one of Sheffield's 2012 Transition Awards. The Awards evening celebrates sustainability in action and takes place on Thursday 29th November from 7pm-11pm. More details can be found at:

<http://www.transitionssheffield.org.uk/sites/default/files/A5%20transition%20awards%20posters.pdf>

Researching Sheffield's energy use

As part of a European project, researchers at the University of Sheffield are looking into local opinions on energy efficiency and the usage of renewable energy sources in the home. The project is specifically looking into how local government can help local communities become more energy conscious.

Local community members are being asked to fill in a short questionnaire. It should take 10 mins and you only need to know roughly how much you spend on your gas and electricity every year. The University really welcomes everyone's views, so that the survey takes the whole of Sheffield into account. The survey will be anonymous, but the resulting report will be made publicly available.

To take part, click here:

<<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9NDWL7V>>



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News from our supporting groups

Grow Sheffield are providing some great free courses. Have a look at: www.growsheffield.com/organic-gardening-how-to-grow-your-own-fruit-and-veg/ for more info.

Global Climate Campaign Day 1st December: If you would like to go along and support SCACC more info is available on their website: www.sites.google.com/site/scaccweb/Home/What%20you%20can%20do!

Coal Action Network: Cowley Residents Action Group (CRAG) is setting up opposition to reclamation of coal from a former coking plant slag heap. If you're interested in supporting them please visit: www.coalaction.org.uk/hesley-wood-tip/

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