

Community energy and supply security

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Together we do this



- 100% renewable fuel mix
- 35,000 electricity customers
- 55,000 small-scale FIT generators across the UK
- Supply model based on contracted small/medium-sized independent generation
- Power purchased from largest
 500 generators = ~ 80% of supply need



Community investment: Westmill Wind & Solar Farms

Westmill Wind Farm Co-operative:

- 6.3MW wind farm , commissioned in 2008.
- 2,374 members. Priority given to people within 50 miles of site.
- Initial investment of between £250 £20,000.
- Annual interest payment from Co-operative trading surplus.
- 2010 (after first full year of operation): Gross return of 2.7% (3.3% if EIS claimed) for shareholders.

Westmill Solar Farm Co-operative

- 5MW solar farm, commissioned in 2011.
- Acquired by community from a private developers via public share offer. World's largest community solar site.
- Offer raised £5.8m, initial offer 50% oversubscribed.
- First payment due in autumn 2013.





Generating community revenue: Isle of Gigha's 'Dancing Ladies'

- Isle of Gigha owned by community through Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust
- Off the west coast of Kintyre in Scotland, population c. 160.
- 3 x wind turbines known as "The Dancing Ladies". 675 KW in total.
- Scotland's first community-owned, gridconnected wind farm.
- 2002: Argyll & Bute Council 75% of housing stock owned by Heritage Trust in 'serious disrepair'.
- First 8 years, generated c. £75,000 of revenue per annum. Reinvested in community projects through Gigha Heritage Trust.





Providing resilient supply: Isle of Eigg

- Not connected to the mainland electricity supply. First received 24 hr. power in 2008.
- Mixture of different technologies to meet 95% of electricity demand:
 - 100kW Hydro electric generator
 - 10KW & 9KW Hydro electric generators
 - 4 x 6kW wind turbines
 - 30kW of solar electric cells
- Community effort to minimize consumption when renewable generation is low, halving installation cost:
 - 5kW max demand per household
 - Energy monitors show consumption & warnings
 - Homes installed with efficiency measures and micro generation
- Household electricity use is half the UK average.





Tackling fuel poverty: Wrexham Council

Social housing microgen projects helping to tackle fuel poverty:

a) through behavioural change

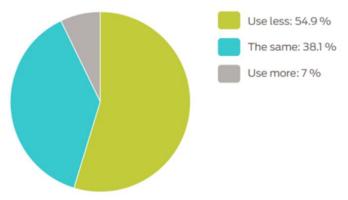
b) bill control

c) FIT providing new revenue streams for energy efficiency investment

Wrexham Council

- 5MW. 3,000 solar arrays across Wrexham
- One of the largest council-led solar schemes in the UK, and in Europe
- Tenants, who pay on average around £70 a week to rent their homes, can expect £200-300 a year off their bills from electricity generated.
- Revenue generated will increase Wrexham's housing budget by nearly 10%, and will be invested back in public housing

Have you changed your energy usage to match your consumption?



Good Energy generator survey 2011



Solar PV on houses in Wrexham





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