

Planning and Renewable Energy Forum

B+B Edinburgh, 3 Rothesay Terrace, Edinburgh - 28 January 2014, 9.30 – 12.30



Do you struggle to reach communities and open effective dialogue with communities on your renewable projects?

Do you welcome the opportunity to speak with the industry and share your vision for your community

Do you want to be part of a network of like minded professionals who want to work more effectively with communities?

This forum will encourage you to think differently about planning for renewables in an open dialogue forum.

The Forum

Planning Aid Scotland (PAS) is set to host this first ever Renewables Forum. The forum will focus on the role of communities and renewable energy within the planning system and will bring together key renewable energy companies, planning practitioners and community representatives from across Scotland.

It is vital that communities are involved in the decisions that are made about their physical environment. This conference will focus not only on the importance of involving people in decision-making on renewables, but will also encourage renewable energy providers and professionals to think differently about how they engage with communities affected by renewable energy projects.

Who will be attending

- Community Councils
- Renewable Energy Companies / Organisations
- Development Trusts
- Planning Professionals

Register Your Free Place

To register your free place, e-mail Laura MacDonald at events@planningaidscotland.org.uk or call 0131 220 9730.

Agenda

Morning session 1: 9.30-10.15

The planning system and renewables

- Opening remarks from Chair, Petra Biberbach
- Derek Mackay MSP, Minister for Local Government & Planning, Scottish Government (invited)
- The view from the renewable energy sector (private sector)

Morning session 2: 10.15-11.15

Engaging communities about renewables

- The view from Community Councils and young people. Stephanie Simpson, PAS Youth Ambassador
- Chris Whitehead – Facilitating Change. A consultant and PAS volunteer with experience in using PAS' SP=EED approach when engaging with communities about renewable energy
- Julia Frost / David McAllister – PAS. Introducing 'IMBY looks out to sea'.

Morning session 3: 11.30-12.30

Open Dialogue Forum

- Chaired by Peter Marshall, PAS Chair
- Panel session with representatives from a Community Council, PAS Youth Ambassador, renewable energy companies and the planning profession

think *differently* about planning